

10-6-11: TREE PRESERVATION:

(A) Intent: It is the intent of the city of Farmington to preserve wooded areas throughout the city and with respect to future site development, to retain, as far as practicable, substantial existing tree cover.

(B) Credit For Existing Trees: Credit for the retention of existing trees which are of acceptable species, size and location may be given to satisfy the minimum number requirements set forth in this chapter.

(C) Wooded Area Restrictions: The following restrictions shall apply to all development occurring in wooded areas:

1. Structures shall be located in such a manner that the maximum number of trees shall be preserved.
2. Prior to granting of a final plat, development plan, or building permit, it shall be the duty of the person seeking the permit to demonstrate that there are no feasible or prudent alternatives to the cutting of trees on the site.
3. Forestation, reforestation or landscaping shall utilize a variety of tree species as identified in this chapter.
4. Development including grading and contouring shall take place in such a manner that the root zone aeration stability of existing trees shall not be affected. Trees to be preserved shall be staked as provided in this chapter.

Notwithstanding the above, the removal of trees seriously damaged by storms, or other natural causes, shall not be prohibited. (Ord. 002-469, 2-19-2002)