

6.1.C Existing Vegetation

1. Existing plant materials may be used to meet all or part of the landscape regulations.
2. To the maximum extent possible, all trees on site shall be preserved and the loss or damage to trees on site which are to remain shall be minimized.
3. All significant and heritage trees, as defined herein, shall be indicated on the site plan and any significant or heritage tree proposed for removal shall be clearly designated on the site plan. Unless clearly designated for removal, significant and heritage trees shall be considered to be designated for preservation.
Significant Tree: A deciduous tree 14 inches or greater in diameter measured at DBH (Diameter at Breast Height, normally a point 4.5 feet above ground). An evergreen tree 10 inches or greater in diameter measured at DBH.
Heritage Tree: Any tree, single or multi-leader, having a cumulative diameter of 44 inches or greater measured at DBH, and of significant age, health and quality deemed valuable by a Town approved certified arborist and/or has an intangible, historic or cultural value to the surrounding neighborhood or overall Town.
4. Unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, any significant or heritage tree designated for preservation shall;
 - a. have no construction or site work operations carried on within the drip-line of the tree;
 - b. have no material stored within the drip-line of the tree;
 - c. if at risk of damage from construction or site work operations, be protected by a four-foot high fence offset ten (10) feet from the tree's trunk(s) or installed at the tree's drip-line whichever is the greater distance from the tree's trunk(s).
 - d. have tree protection installed in advance prior to any construction or site work activity occurring within sixty (60) feet of the effected tree(s); and remain in place and be maintained in good repair until all construction and site work is fully completed.

5. Damage to any significant or heritage tree shall be repaired by a licensed arborist.
6. Any significant or heritage tree designated for preservation which is removed or damaged beyond satisfactory repair shall be replaced with sufficient trees on site as approved by the Commission or its agent so that the combined caliper measurements of the replacement trees shall equal or exceed the Caliper measurement at DBH of the significant or heritage tree which was removed or damaged. The replacement tree(s) to the maximum extent possible shall be tree(s) native to the Town.
7. If a suitable tree replacement location is not available on site, the replacement tree(s) shall be planted at a location within the Town designated by the Commission or its agent.
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