

Mission: *The Tree and Landscape Board educates and encourages the city and its citizens to use safe and desirable installation, maintenance, and removal practices to promote healthy trees, shrubs and ground cover on private and public lands.*

About the Board

▶The Board consists of nine voting members: five citizens of the City appointed by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, the Chair of the Committee for a Better Environment, the City Forester, the Planning and Community Development Director, and the Public Works Director.

▶The five Board members appointed by the Mayor and Council serve staggered, two-year terms.



Purpose of the Board:

The Board works with the City's Department of Public Works to:

- ▶Enhance the beauty of College Park.
- ▶Plant, maintain, or remove trees, shrubs and ground covers in or upon public ways or public areas within the city limits.
- ▶Ensure that the trees, shrubs, and ground covers located on public property are properly installed, maintained, and removed, if necessary.
- ▶Prevent landscape conditions (e.g., trees weakened by disease, construction, storm damage, etc.) that may result in injury to persons using the public ways and areas or damage to public property.
- ▶Limit the spread of diseases or pests.
- ▶Encourage citizens to adopt practices that promote and protect healthy trees, shrubs and ground covers on private land.

Duties and Responsibilities

On an annual basis, the Board:

- ▶Studies the landscape within the City and reviews city landscape plans.
- ▶Approves plans for the selection, installation, and maintenance of landscape plantings and the removal of questionable trees, shrubs, and ground covers on public ways or public areas within the city limits.



▶Presents its plans to the Mayor and Council, which, when approved, constitute the official comprehensive landscape plan for the city.

▶Oversees the administration of the comprehensive landscape plan.

Planting:

The Board establishes, maintains, and disseminates an official list of trees, shrubs, and ground covers suited for urban planting in the City.

The Landscape Plant Publication for the City, a comprehensive 44-page publication, is available from City Hall and on the College Park website at www.ci.college-park.md.us.

Environmental Protection:

By improving the City's trees and landscapes, we seek to reduce the impacts of development by reducing stormwater and nutrient runoff, increasing air quality, increasing wildlife habitat, and generally improving the quality of the living environment for the citizens of College Park.

Public Education:

The Board sponsors educational activities for the public to:

► Increase appreciation of grand champion trees of aesthetic, historical or ecological value on public and private lands within the city limits.

► Encourage civic associations to develop lists of trees on public or private land in their neighborhoods that may be protected from destruction.

► Encourage residents to include in their landscape plans the varieties of trees, shrubs and ground covers on the official city list.

► Inform residents of safe and desirable installation; maintenance and removal practices to promote healthy trees, shrubs, and ground covers; and provide habitats for wildlife.

The information in this pamphlet is based on chapter 179 of the College Park City Code.

Authority:

The Board has the authority to establish, disseminate, and update guidelines for city property and rights-of-way regarding:

- Proper installation, maintenance, and removal practices.
- Safe and proper spacing of trees and shrubs.
- Preservation of wildlife habitats.

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On the Web:

For more information about the City of College Park Tree and Landscape Board, visit the Board's website at www.collegeparkmd.gov/boards_and_com.htm.

Among the information presented there you'll find:

- Links to sections of the city code pertaining to landscaping and tree maintenance.
- Tips on landscaping, lawn, and tree care.
- Information on pests and pathogens.
- Evaluating tree health, and more.



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