

# TREES & LANDSCAPING



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LAND DEVELOPMENT  
REGULATIONS UPDATE

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## OVERVIEW

A thriving tree canopy, natural areas, and thoughtful landscaping are essential for improving quality of life and delivering economic, environmental, and social benefits. To support the City's commitment to being a Tree City USA, regulations are needed to ensure adequate buffering, screening, and shading of parking lots, service areas, and similar infrastructure during the design and review process.

## TIES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, 2050 VISION PLAN & STRATEGIC PLAN

The City's Comprehensive Plan, Vision Plan, and Strategic Plan reinforces its commitment to trees and landscaping through goals, objectives, and policies that ensure proposals contribute positively to the community character. Considerations are evaluated to minimize or reduce impacts of more intense land uses or sites on surrounding properties.

## HOW THE UPDATED CODE COULD ADDRESS TREES AND LANDSCAPING

The City recognizes the importance of thoughtful landscaping in shaping community character, reducing impacts on neighboring properties, and supporting a healthy tree canopy.

As part of the update, the new regulations will consider:

- Exploring alternative design options while preserving the City's established landscape buffers and tree protection standards.
- Modernizing standards based on latest trends and industry best practices including Low Impact Development (LID) standards.
- Incorporating flexible design standards to allow for more clustering of Tree Protection Areas, open space, and natural areas by including options for reducing on-lot landscaping and tree requirements in residential developments.
- Exploring options to modernize and streamline the Gateway Standards.
- Consolidating related code requirements and standards into easy-to-read tables and charts for increased ease-of-use.
- Providing diagrams and illustrations for better understanding.
- Ensure plan selections guided by the "right plant, right place" Florida Friendly landscaping principles.



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