

## CHAPTER IV. Glossary

The following words and phrases may be used in the Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP) and are defined for purposes of this document as follows:

- 1) **“Adopt-a-Park”** is a program run by the Parks and Community Services Department which trains and monitors community volunteers to help in parks and with other community projects.
- 2) **“Arborist”** means an individual certified as an arborist by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), the California Arborist Association (CAA), or other nationally recognized tree research, care and preservation organization approved by the Director.
- 3) **“Arborist’s report”** means a report prepared by a certified or consulting arborist containing specific information on the location, condition, potential impacts of development, recommended actions and mitigation measures regarding one or more trees on an individual lot or project site with the arborist’s signature and seal.
- 4) **“Building permit”** refers to any permit required by the Planning and Building Department for any construction (above ground or underground).
- 5) **“City Arborist”** means the urban forester/arborist employed by the City, and designated by the Director, responsible for review, evaluation and/or preparation of reports, permits and requests regarding pruning, construction damage, removing and/or relocating City-owned or other protected trees. In performing these duties and responsibility, the City Arborist may conduct field inspections independently as an authorized representative of the City.
- 6) **“City Master Tree List”** refers to the city-adopted tree list for street trees and parking lot trees. It is available by request from the Planning and Building Department and/or the Parks and Community Services Department.
- 7) **“City tree”** means any tree, other than a street tree, planted or maintained by the City within a City easement, right-of-way, park, greenbelt, public place or property owned or leased by the City.
- 8) **“City Tree Planting and Maintenance Specifications”** are the city-adopted standards for care of trees, including but not limited to tree planting, young tree care, pruning, mulching, fertilization, irrigation, pest management and removal and replacement. They are available by request from the Parks and Community Services Department.

- 9) **“Community Forest”** refers to all publicly and privately owned trees within the City, its open space areas and surrounding planning area(s).
- 10) **“Community Forest Management Plan” (CFMP)** is this document, the City’s long-term plan for comprehensive management of the Community Forest. The CFMP is available by request from the Planning and Building Department and/or the Parks and Community Services Department.
- 11) **“Damage”** means any action undertaken which causes injury, death or disfigurement of a tree. This includes, but is not limited to, cutting, poisoning, over-watering, relocating or transplanting a tree, or trenching, excavating or paving within the Tree Protection Zone of a tree.
- 12) **“Diameter at breast height (DBH)”** means the diameter of a tree measured at four feet six inches above ground level. The diameter may be calculated by use of the following formula:  $DBH = \text{circumference at breast height} \div 3.14$ . DBH is one factor used for many forms of tree evaluation, such as determining Trees of Significance, and is a factor in establishing replacement fees, penalties for violations, etc.
- 13) **“Director”** means the Director of the Parks and Community Services Department or his or her designee.
- 14) **“Discretionary project”** means any non-ministerial development project that is subject to the approval of the City Council, the Planning, Historical Resources Management or Tree Commissions, Subdivision Committee, or by city staff through an approved administrative process. Discretionary projects include, but are not limited to, conditional use permits, tentative maps or waivers thereof, rezones, design review, minor modifications, modifications to historic resources, minor improvement, sign permits, variances or planned developments.
- 15) **“Encroachment”** means any activity conducted within the Tree Protection Zone or drip line of a protected tree.
- 16) **“General Plan”** refers to the document adopted by City Council and updated on a regular basis, which provides the long-term policy framework for the community. The CFMP is the specific plan for the management of trees; a supporting document to the most recent General Plan.
- 17) **“Grading”** means the removal, movement or addition of soil or earth material.
- 18) **“Irrigation”** means application of water by artificial means.
- 19) **“Landmark Tree”** means a tree that has been determined by resolution of the City Council to be of high value because of its species, size, age, form, historical significance, or some other professional criterion. The Landmark Tree List, available by

request from the Parks and Community Services Department, designates these identified trees.

- 20) **“Level of Service (LOS) Matrix”** refers to the planning tool used to establish priorities and budget recommendations for tree-related management issues.
- 21) **“Modification”** refers to direct (e.g. pruning) and indirect (e.g. grade changes, trenching) impacts and modifications to trees in the surrounding area that result in physical impacts upon a tree.
- 22) **“Parking Lot Shading Guidelines”** refer to the informational handout for design and shading of new and/or reconstructed parking lots, and available by request from the Planning and Building Department and/or the Parks and Community Services Department.
- 23) **“Private tree”** means any tree privately owned and growing on private property, which may include Landmark Trees and/or Trees of Significance, and may be located within the City landscape easement.
- 24) **“Protected tree”** means trees protected under Tree Planting, Preservation and Protection Ordinance: Landmark Trees, Trees of Significance, city-owned street trees, city trees and trees identified to become city trees.
- 25) **“Prune”** shall apply to both above surface and underground cutting; to cut off or cut back parts to enhance health and structure.
- 26) **“Removal”** means removal of a tree by cutting to the ground, complete extraction, or killing by spraying, girdling, or any other means.
- 27) **“Single family or duplex dwelling”** means up to two buildings on a lot designed for and/or occupied by one family per dwelling.
- 28) **“Street tree”** means any tree planted and/or maintained by the City, or recorded as a street tree, adjacent to a street or within a city easement or right-of-way on private property, within the street tree easement.
- 29) **“Street tree easement”** refers to the ten (10) foot zone behind the sidewalk or between curb and sidewalk (or if no sidewalk exists, behind the street curb, gutter, edge of street or property line at street) within which a street tree may exist or be planted.
- 30) **“Street Tree Planting Requirements”** are the standards and requirements for subdividers to provide and plant street trees and street tree fees for each lot fronting a public street, available from the Planning Department and/or the Parks and Community Services Department.

- 31) **“Subdivider”** means any developer or individual creating new single family, duplex or multi-family lots or developing multi-family or commercial property fronting a public street.
- 32) **“Tree”** means any woody perennial plant having one or several main stems commonly achieving ten or more feet in height and capable of being pruned and shaped to develop a branch-free trunk at least nine feet in height. Reference to any tree indicates the entire plant, including both visible (canopy, trunk) and below grade (roots).
- 33) **“Tree Commission”** refers to the advisory body, appointed by the City Council, to advise the Council and the Director on tree-related matters, including review and approval of tree removal requests and recommendations regarding trees and landscaping materials to be used on city-owned property.
- 34) **“TREE Davis”** refers to the existing community based partner for tree-related issues in Davis and surrounding areas, a non-profit membership organization. Their mission is to enhance the Davis community forest while educating area residents, businesses, and schools on the value of trees within the community, to offer technical advice, tree planting and care workshops, community planting projects and educational literature.
- 35) **“Tree of Significance”** means any tree including but not limited to those listed in the Tree Planting, Preservation and Protection Ordinance as a small tree which measures 5 inches or more in diameter (DBH) or any tree listed as a large tree which measures 10 inches or greater in diameter (DBH).
- 36) **“Tree Preservation, Planting and Protection Ordinance”**, Chapter 37 of the Municipal Code, establishes the Tree Commission and its responsibilities, defines trees protected by the ordinance, provides standards and requirements for tree planting and maintenance, preservation, protection, and removal and authorizes enforcement for violations.
- 37) **“Tree Preservation and Protection Standards”** are the standards for preservation and protection of trees during construction, available from Parks and Community Services Department and/or Planning and Building Department.
- 38) **“Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)”** means the outermost edge of a tree’s canopy (or drip line). In certain instances, the TPZ may extend beyond the drip line, as determined by the Director.

*The wonder is that we can look at these trees and not wonder more.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson