

NEW MARK COMMONS TREE POLICY

Trees are an integral part of the quality of life in New Mark Commons. Their natural beauty enhances our landscape, and their presence encourages beneficial wildlife. Trees contribute to keeping our neighborhood cooler in the hot summer and warmer in winter, and improve both soil and water quality. All NMC trees, whether on private property or in common areas, as well as the street trees maintained by the City of Rockville, are an important part of our community's environment.

Members of the Landscape Committee's Tree Subcommittee will review applications for the removal of trees with the following principles in mind:

- Safety of residents and safeguard of property are the first consideration.
- Addressing an issue by pruning, trimming or other maintenance is preferable to removing a tree.
- Preserve the integrity of the New Mark Commons urban forest.

RULES AND RESOURCES

1. NMC requires a **Tree Modification Application** be submitted before removal of any tree (healthy, diseased or dead). An application form may be found on the NMC website: <http://newmarkcommons.net/forms-and-docs/>.
2. Native trees with a caliber of at least one inch or greater are recommended for replacement of removed trees. Removed trees should be replaced to sustain our community's urban forest.
 - a) Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservation Landscaping (PDF) at www.fws.gov/chesapeakebay.
 - b) The City of Rockville Community Wildlife Habitat at www.rockvillemd.gov/index.asp?nid=839.
 - c) Nurseries with a good supply of native trees include: Behnke's Stadlers, Good Earth, and Potomac Garden Center.
- 3) A homeowner concerned that a tree on Association property may pose a hazard should contract the Administrator.