

*UDO Virtual Conversation 3 – Tree Protection Article
December 9, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.*

Question as Submitted in Zoom Chat	Staff Answer
15% subdivision treesave seems mathematically insufficient given tree loss trends. Cities analogous to CLT (San Antonio) require 35%...why so little?	Answered verbally at [26:54]
Has the City done a survey of roughly how many Heritage Trees exist on private property? Or a case study showing how the Heritage Tree mitigation requirements would impact housing costs on a particular project?	Answered verbally at [29:25]
Why is the city requiring a tree survey prior to rezoning? This is costly and time-consuming process that should be reserved for the land development process, after rezoning has been approved.	a tree survey would only be required for a conditional rezoning. Currently the Tree Ordinance requires a survey for these rezonings. The UDO makes updates to this requirement to only require a survey of those items available at the rezoning phase of a project
What about tracts that are managed for forestry?	Answered verbally at [34:02]
I love the heritage tree preservation but I think it will become an issue on some sites, are there more guidelines on when removal will be allowed based on site layout? Is it a case by case basis?	Answered verbally at [36:03]
Will the city accept deeds to all parcels restricted for tree canopy? Would this include parcels with ponds and dams?	Answered verbally at [39:45]
Mitigation formula allows trees to be removed from where they are growing "naturally" to somewhere else at a one to one ratio. Planted trees take decades equal the value of existing. When we mitigate wetlands, a constructed wetlands do not function as well as natural, and often must be replaced at a 4X rate: 4 acres constructed for 1 natural removed. Why is the tree formula not 1:4? If it is too easy to mitigate, the forest will become scarce where people are, and move out to the periphery of the city. I suggest using a multiplier of at least 3 or 4	Answered verbally at [42:21]
Could you explain some more about the triggers on Heritage trees on private property including the CRZ critical root zone triggers. Ex. how would any existing situations be handled? Would it be at time of building permitting for a redevelopment or remodel occurs? Would residents be fined for	Answered verbally at [49:35]

conditions that have been present for years/decades on private property?	
It is hard for me to appraise how adequate the fee-in-lieu cost is given the formula. Could you run us through a typical case so we could understand if the fee would be any barrier to just taking trees out and passing the cost to the buyer?	Answered verbally at [53:38]
Greenways need to be allowed in Tree Save areas or they not be able to connect. We would end up with a very segmentalized trail system.	In both the current tree ordinance and the proposed UDO, Meck. Co Park and Recreation greenway trails are permitted in the tree save and green area.
How will the City "police" the removal of heritage trees by single family homeowners or instances where no other permit is required? How will the general public outside of the development community be educated on the requirement of a permit required before removing a 30" heritage tree?	Answered verbally at [58:25]

Useful Links from the Zoom Chat

Link to UDO supporting documents	https://publicinput.com/cltudo_supportingdocuments
Link to general public input website	https://publicinput.com/charlotteudo
Heritage tree guidelines	https://charlotteudo.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Heritage-Tree-UDO-REVISED-10252021.pdf