

*UDO Virtual Conversation 8 – Parking, Landscaping & Screening, and Open Space
January 6, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.*

Question as Submitted in Zoom Chat	Staff Answer
<p>Are there bike parking requirements for parks? Beyond scope of this presentation, but how do you arrive at that ratio?</p>	<p>The current draft requires 2 bike spaces per acre Generally, we looked at a number of sources: the current requirements, standards we have seen in similar cities, and how bike parking works with the district standards and parking requirements. We are open to feedback on these standards.</p>
<p>Will chain-link fences count as screening, specifically around collision repair/body shops?</p>	<p>Generally chain link without slats is a permitted fence material. Some of the required landscape yards in Article 21 require a fence; in those cases, fences must be solid, which means that chain link does not qualify. For major vehicle repair, landscape yards would be required that include a solid fence.</p>
<p>Have we considered allowing landscape yards (or buffers between zones or property uses) to include “stands of trees” or “mini-forested areas” or “natural areas”?</p>	<p>Per the landscape article: Existing plantings within the required landscape areas, such as the landscape yard, may be counted toward planting requirements of this Article with the approval of the Zoning Administrator in consultation with the Chief Urban Forester.</p>
<p>Does planning work with Duke to ensure perimeter trees aren’t planted underneath power lines and will then get hacksawed as trees grow and start to interact with lines?</p>	<p>trees are mostly dealt with in the Tree Article. And yes, the type of trees (large vs small maturing) planted takes into account the location under power lines.</p>