

Landscape Maintenance TA

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Why are we doing this?

- City Council driven – 3 phased approach
- Addresses longstanding policy goals / initiatives

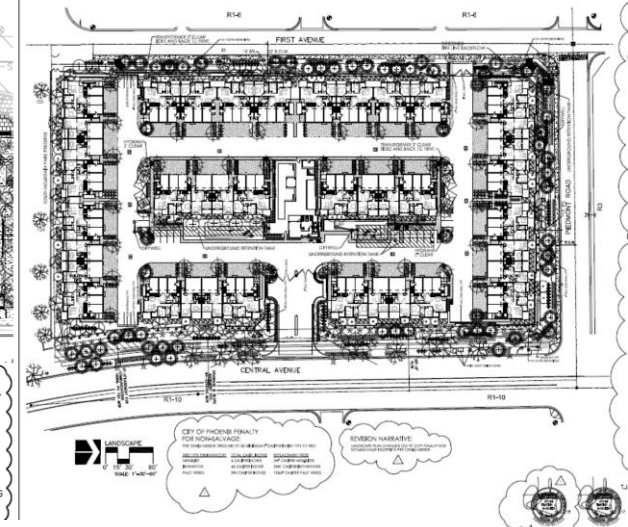
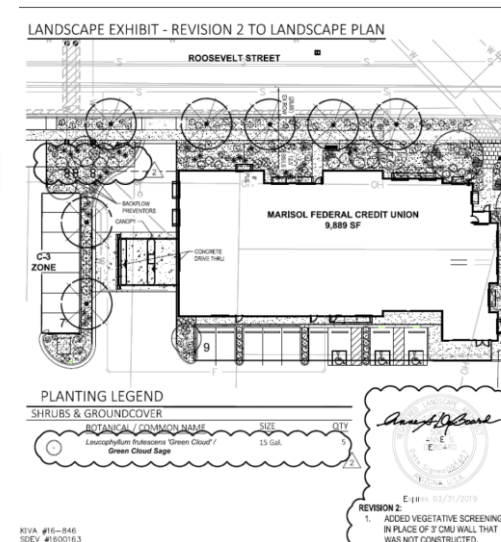
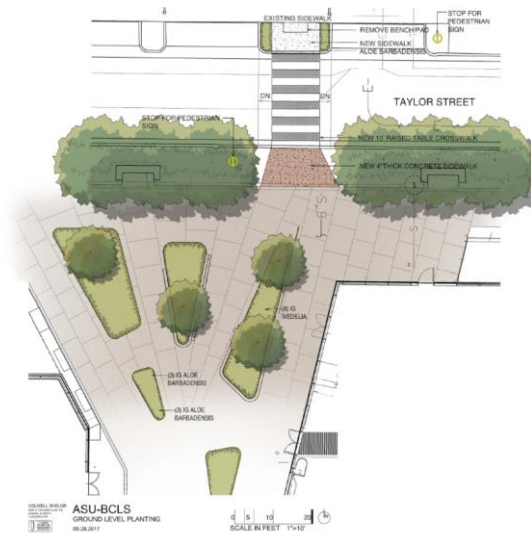


City of Phoenix
Tree and Shade
Master Plan



What do we already do?

- Zoning Ordinance Tres & Shade Requirements
- Inventory and Salvage Requirements
- Rezoning Stipulations for enhanced landscaping
- New Principal Landscape Architect



What does the Text Amendment do?

3 Core Concepts

- Trees are Infrastructure
- Trees provide benefits when appropriately planted
- Trees should be kept in place in a healthy and living condition

TA **vs.** Subcommittee Rec.

Subcommittee Recommendation

3.1: No tree planted in City owned and managed lands shall be removed or topped without prior authorization from the Tree and Shade Administrator. Removal, topping or damage that necessitates removal of a tree planted in a City owned and managed lands without prior authorization shall be deemed a violation subject to civil penalties in the amount of \$100 per DBH inch of the injured tree. Wherever feasible, the tree shall be relocated at or near its original site.

Draft Text Amendment Language

- City ordinance already requires and approved inventory / salvage plan for redevelopment and new development
- Text Amendment would further clarify requirements related to removal of trees for properties (except single-family lots) after construction

Subcommittee Recommendation

3.2: No tree planted in a non-residential or multi-family property shall be removed or topped without prior authorization from the Tree and Shade Administrator. Removal of, topping or damage that necessitates removal of a tree planted in a non-residential or multi-family property as specified in an approved building permit shall be deemed a violation subject to civil penalties in the amount of \$100 per DBH inch of the injured tree. This provision does not apply to tree trimming or removal by authorized public utilities where necessary for safety or other valid business reasons

Draft Text Amendment Language

- City ordinance already requires and approved inventory / salvage plan for redevelopment and new development
- Establishes new standards and procedures related to:
 - Criteria for removal and replacement
 - Tree maintenance

Subcommittee Recommendation

3.3: Unless otherwise authorized by the Tree and Shade Administrator, whenever a tree is removed from a City owned or managed land or a non-residential or multi-family development, a replacement tree shall be planted on the same property within six months of the removal or the tree shall be salvaged and relocated.

Draft Text Amendment Language

- Text Amendment will have provisions that address replacement of trees that have been removed.

Subcommittee Recommendation

3.5: As of 2020, unless otherwise authorized by the Tree and Shade Administrator, trees specified in non-residential and multi-family residential site plans shall be maintained in conformance with the Urban Forest Design Standards and Best Practices.

Draft Text Amendment Language

- Text Amendment will have provisions regarding submittal of a maintenance plan. Text Amendment will also have design guidelines that will help avoid putting trees certain trees in locations that will leave them susceptible to poor maintenance practices.

Subcommittee Recommendation

- **3.4:** As of 2020, site plans for new development shall conform to the Urban Forest Design Standards and Best Practices.
- **3.6:** The Urban Forest Design Standards and Best Practices shall be incorporated into the City's zoning ordinances.
- **3.7:** GSI Design Standards and Best Management Practices or equivalent best practices shall be incorporated into the City's zoning ordinances.

Draft Text Amendment Language

- Zoning Ordinance currently has design standards that address shade and the provision of trees
- Text Amendment enhances provisions regarding site design and tree placement along with requirements for maintenance plan (right tree, right place).

Schedule

The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of a city street. It shows modern multi-story buildings, lush green trees lining the sidewalks, and several cars parked or driving on the road. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day.

October – November

- Review Text (Other City Depts., Tech Leads, Stakeholders)

December

- Finalize text and follow up reviews (EQSC)

January

- EQSC: Request for Action
- VPCs: Info Presentations

Schedule

February

- **VPCs: Request for action**
- **Planning Commission: Info presentation**

March

- **Planning Commission: Request for action**
- **City Council: Briefings**

April

- **City Council: Request for action**