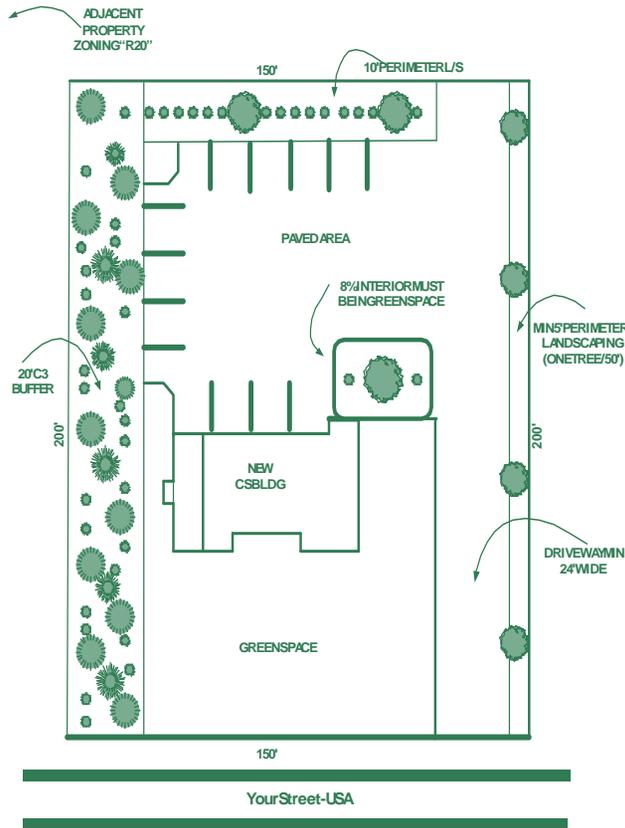


# Urban Forestry

## EXAMPLE LANDSCAPE PLAN



ALL TREES MUST BE AT LEAST 6' TALL AND 2" CALIPER AT PLANTING.

-  CANOPY TREE
-  UNDERSTORY TREE
-  SHRUBS

The above Landscape Plan is a diagram which shows perimeter and interior landscaping and a buffer yard.

A diagram such as this will be required when requesting issuance of a permit.

### TREE REMOVAL PERMITS



A tree removal permit is required whenever a tree or trees are to be removed, and are greater than six (6") inches in diameter.

This may be waived if the property is zoned for Single Family Residence or Duplex Residence, or a valid Building Permit has been issued.

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The **URBAN FORESTRY** Division of Codes Administration is responsible for review of landscape plans and enforcement of the Tree and Landscape Ordinance. The division's focus is the protection of existing trees and the continued planting of quality trees in Nashville and Davidson County.



In developments other than single-family or duplex residential properties, an approved landscape plan is required prior to issuance of the building permit. After construction has been

completed, an Urban Forestry inspection will be performed to insure compliance and coordination with the original landscape plan. If inspection is satisfactory, the urban forestry phase of development will be complete.

The following items are basic guidelines to follow when developing a landscape plan for approval. Some of these may not apply to every site.

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**Worksheet for Urban Forestry**

- Prior to grading, make sure that tree protection fencing is installed at drip lines of trees to remain.
- Protected trees must be individually indicated with DBH measurements to earn TDU credit.
- Provide 3 sets of plans: 1 for the Map/Parcel file, 1 for scanning, and 1 to be picked up with issued permit.
- Provide completed Tree Density Worksheet, preferably on plans.
- Provide a plant list with common and scientific names, quantities and sizes. All trees must be at least 2" caliper and 6' tall at planting.
- Provide an overlay or include on plans all utilities, easements, parking spaces, and topo lines.
- If the property is in a Planned Unit Development (PUD), provide approved plan from the Planning Commission.
- Show how perimeter landscaping around parking areas will be satisfied. *(See code Sec.17.24.150 for variations on this requirement).*

Perimeter strip adjacent to public streets with four or more lanes must be 10' wide. Perimeter strip adjacent to public streets, with less than four lanes must be 5' wide.

1. Where the site parking area is level with street, install a minimum of one tree per every 50' and one continuous row of evergreen shrubs, not to exceed 2½ feet at maturity.
2. Where the site parking area is elevated **above** street by a minimum of at least 30", install trees at one per every 100' and two continuous rows of shrubs.
3. Where the site parking area is depressed **below** street by a minimum of 30" or more, install one tree per every 25' and eliminate the shrub requirement.



Perimeter strip adjacent to side property lines – install one tree per every 50' minimum in 5' wide strips.

- Show how interior planting will be satisfied. 8% of the interior paved area should be landscaped.
- 1. Square footage of interior-paved area is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Square footage if interior-planting area is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Irrigation: State how irrigation will be installed or show hose-bibs location not more than 100' from any planting.
- Indicate the property and surrounding property's zoning classification on plan.
- Does this project require a buffer yard? If so circle: A B C D

One half of all required trees and shrubs planted in the buffer yard are to be natural evergreen species.

One half of all evergreen shrubs planted to meet buffer yard requirements must reach a height of 5' or more within 5 years of planting.

***Please see our  
brochure on Topping  
Trees...  
A very informative  
pamphlet provided  
by the Urban  
Forestry Division of  
Metro Codes.***

