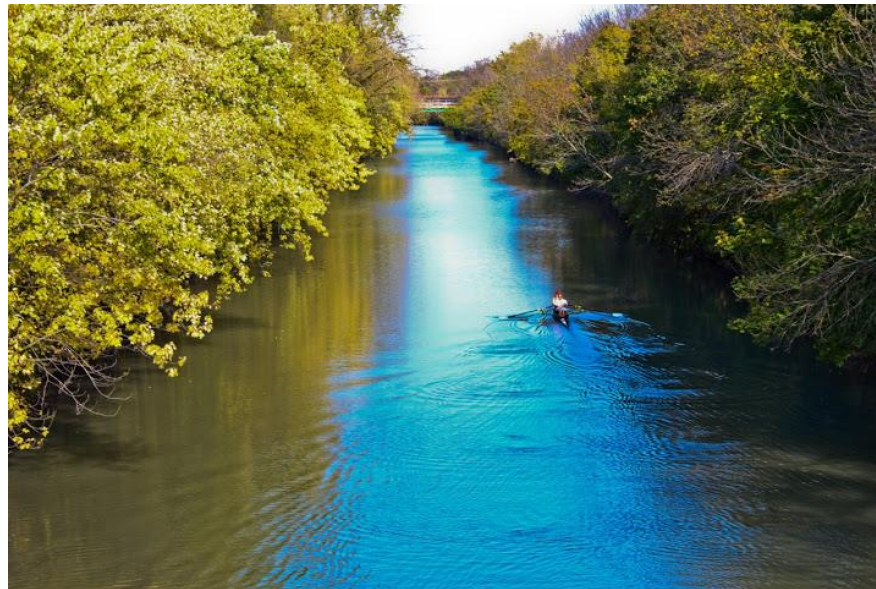


# EVANSTON

## Tree Preservation Ordinance



**Paul D'Agostino, Environmental Services Coordinator**  
**Scott Mangum, Planning and Zoning Manager**

February 10, 2020

## CURRENT TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

- **Provides protection for:**
  - All Public trees unless dead, diseased or dangerous
  - Private trees on parcels 2 acres or larger planned for a subdivision
  - Private trees within any planned development

## PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

- **Additional protection for:**

- All private qualifying trees on properties that propose new construction of a building or the addition of more than 600 sq. ft. of impermeable surface.

- **Qualifying Trees on Private Property:**

- Any tree 25” or larger in diameter, within Species Groups A, B or C in the existing Ordinance

- Any Oak or Hickory tree species 20” or larger in diameter

- 20"/25" thresholds were chosen based on:
  - Estimated number of additional permits generated
  - Ability of current staff to absorb additional enforcement and inspections
  - Other municipalities with similar thresholds
- Adding private trees to existing Ordinance helps to meet a CARP goal to “Adopt a tree preservation ordinance that requires obtaining a permit for tree removal on private property; include exceptions for diseased and nuisance trees; develop a fee structure that does not overburden income-constrained property owners.”

- **Other recommended Ordinance changes:**

- Eliminate the tree replacement exemption for Landmark structures (7-8-8-7 B. 6.)
- Increase the tree replacement rates by 25% for all tree species groups
- Increase the tree replacement mitigation fee from \$150.00 to \$250.00 per caliper inch
- Increase the distance to protect trees on adjacent properties from ten feet to twenty five feet of the proposed construction
- Increase the fines for Ordinance violations from not less than \$100 and no more than \$1,500 to not less than \$500 and no more than \$10,000
- Reclassification of five tree species into different species groups