



# City of Carmel

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

## **TREE PRESERVATION AREA GUIDELINES**

### **Best management practices for a tree preservation area**

- A. Removal of exotic and invasive species, e.g., bush honeysuckle.  
(See the Indiana Exotic and Invasive Plant List provided by the City of Carmel. If you are not able to identify exotic and invasive species, seek professional assistance. Application of herbicide should be completed with professional oversight.)
- B. Removal of dead, hazardous, and at-risk trees.
- C. Removal of vines growing on and up a tree.
- D. Removal of an overabundance of fallen and cut trees.
- E. Planting of native trees. (See the Indiana Native Tree List provided by the City of Carmel.)
- F. Direct discharge of surface drainage of storm water from the rear half of any lot that is adjacent to a tree preservation area.
- G. Establishment of access easements, unpaved trails, utility, and drainage improvements. This provision is intended to permit the crossing of the tree preservation area and not one easement to fully occupy the area.
- H. Complete maintenance activities by following industry standard using the current American National Safety Institute (ANSI) Z-133 and A-300 approved practices and methods.

### **Unacceptable activities for a tree preservation area**

- A. Removal of native vegetation.
- B. Mowing and clearing any portion of a tree preservation area.
- C. Dumping of leaves and debris from outside locations into a tree preservation area.
- D. Seeding; including grass seed, prairie mix seed, sod, and the planting of any type of garden unless approved by the Urban Forester.
- E. The construction of pools, sheds, garages, decks, fences, playground equipment, tree houses, fire pits and other permanent or semi-permanent structures unless approved by the City of Carmel.
- F. Recreational activities that adversely impact the health, structure, and integrity of a tree preservation area, including, playground equipment, basketball or tennis courts and pools.