

# City of Charlotte, NC Tree Ordinance Guidelines

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## Off-site mitigation:

This is an option for the required tree save available to those commercial properties described in section 21.94 of the tree ordinance. Please reference the complete definition in the tree ordinance for more information and follow the following steps for undertaking off-site mitigation.

- 1) Schedule a meeting with the Senior Urban Forestry Specialist to discuss the subject property being developed and the receiving parcel in which you are requesting the mitigation to take place on. If the land is to be placed into a conservation easement held by a local land conservancy then a representative from that agency should be at this initial meeting.
- 2) The receiving site must be approved by the City and the entity taking over the property prior to plan submittal. The entity or agency must confirm this transaction via contract.
- 3) The receiving site must:
  - A) Be placed into a permanent conversation easement with a City approved local land conservancy.
  - B) Be subject to a conservation easement or prohibiting the removal of trees unless trees are deemed hazardous and a permit for removal is issued
  - C) Be conveyed to Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation so long as the receiving property has deed restrictions on its plat or conservation easements in place which specifically prevent the removal of any trees from it.
  - D) Should the receiving site be part of a larger site or for any reason the off-site mitigation not occupy the entire parcel then the applicable acreage being mitigated must be described in meets and bounds and recorded on the final plat of the receiving parcel.
  - E) As a general rule the receiving property should be located in close proximity to the parcel being developed.