

Hamlet Tree Policy

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Tree Survey

Every three years the Hamlet will hire a certified arborist to review the common ground trees throughout Hamlet Cluster. Trees identified as requiring our attention will be graded based on their condition and the urgency of recommended actions. The survey should clearly identify the trees by their location and variety, in a manner by which Hamlet tree contractors can easily identify the trees.

Annual Tree Maintenance

Each year the board of directors will consult the tree survey conducted by the Hamlet's arborist to determine which trees, if any, on common ground property require removal, trimming, or other work. At least every three years the list of trees requiring maintenance or removal will be competitively bid to three licensed and bonded landscaping or tree removal companies. The board will select a contractor based on price, past performance or referrals, and the professionalism of their proposals.

The board may, at any time, modify or expand the list of tree work based on the professional advice of the contractors.

Tree Trimming Near Private Property

Homeowners are responsible for trimming tree limbs and branches extending over their property line. The Hamlet Cluster will consider trimming trees or other flora for the following reasons:

- Branches or limbs which are taller than the roofline and present a danger to life or property as determined by a certified arborist or board approved tree professional.
- Branches, limbs or other growth that impedes access to backyards via common ground.

All tree work initiated by the Hamlet Cluster will be conducted under the professional guidance of a certified arborist or tree contractor, in a manner that will preserve common ground trees.