



Town of Walden

RESIDENTIAL TREE PERMIT APPLICATION

Remit application and fee to:

Town of Walden

1836 Taft Highway

Walden, Tennessee 37377

A TREE PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ANY TREE WORK ON TOWN PROPERTY OR IN RIGHT OF WAY.

Town Right-Of-Way: Property offered for dedication and used or accepted as public right-of-way. The town right-of-way extends 20 feet from the center of town roads into the adjoining property.

Tree Work: The act of planting, pruning, trimming, fertilizing, treating, removing, or any other action upon or affecting a tree.

Maintenance Standards: Any pruning, and other tree maintenance practices performed on a public tree shall conform to the current edition of American National Standards Institute ANSI A-300 and the current ISA Companion booklet: Best Management Practices — Tree Pruning

ANSI A-300 Standards: <https://treecareindustryassociation.org/business-support/ansi-a300-standards/>

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Site Address	Parcel ID
Current Zoning for the Location	Lot Number

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant is: Owner ☐ Contractor ☐ Landscape Architect ☐ Other (explain)					
Name	Phone Number	Email Address			
Company or Partnership	Address	State	City	Zip Code	

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION

Name	Phone Number	Email Address			
Company or Partnership	Address	City	State	Zip Code	

CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Name	Phone Number	Email Address			
Company or Partnership	Address	City	State	Zip Code	

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT INFORMATION

Name	Phone Number	Email Address			
Company or Partnership	Address	City	State	Zip Code	

TREE PERMIT INFORMATION

Number of Trees and Reason for Removal

Glossary of Terms:

Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) means this is a diameter measurement for existing trees. This standard of measure is made at four and one-half (4.5) feet.

Heritage Tree means any tree thirty-six (36) inches DBH and larger and/or possesses historical or cultural significance as recommended by the Town Administrator or their designee and approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Protected Tree means any public tree 8-inch DBH or greater.

Tree 1	Tree Species	Is Tree Heritage or Protected?		Tree Size (DBH in Inches)
	Location of Tree	Distance from Structures/Utilities	Type of Work (Removal/Pruning/Other)	
	Reason for Work	Is This Emergency Work?	Replacement Planting Details	
Tree 2	Tree Species	Is Tree Heritage or Protected?		Tree Size (DBH in Inches)
	Location of Tree	Distance from Structures/Utilities	Type of Work (Removal/Pruning/Other)	
	Reason for Work	Is This Emergency Work?	Replacement Planting Details	
Tree 3	Tree Species	Is Tree Heritage or Protected?		Tree Size (DBH in Inches)
	Location of Tree	Distance from Structures/Utilities	Type of Work (Removal/Pruning/Other)	
	Reason for Work	Is This Emergency Work?	Replacement Planting Details	
Tree 4	Tree Species	Is Tree Heritage or Protected?		Tree Size (DBH in Inches)
	Location of Tree	Distance from Structures/Utilities	Type of Work (Removal/Pruning/Other)	
	Reason for Work	Is This Emergency Work?	Replacement Planting Details	
Tree 5	Tree Species	Is Tree Heritage or Protected?		Tree Size (DBH in Inches)
	Location of Tree	Distance from Structures/Utilities	Type of Work (Removal/Pruning/Other)	
	Reason for Work	Is This Emergency Work?	Replacement Planting Details	

SITE PLAN MUST BE INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION

Site Plan Must Including the Following:

- Name of the owner of the property
- Address of the property.
- Current zoning for the location.
- Location of property lines.
- Front, rear, and side setback lines.
- Footprint and dimensions of existing structures and their uses
- Distance from property lines of existing structures
- Location of easements or rights-of-way
- Location of existing driveways
- Location of existing streams
- Location of each tree labeled with the corresponding number (1–5) as listed n the application form

I hereby certify that the information given is true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Owner (If Applicant is not Owner)

Date

APPLICATION MUST BE LEGIBLE AND FILLED OUT COMPLETELY. FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

Permit Fee: Up to five trees \$100.00 Every additional tree \$50.00

Make check payable to Town of Walden

Permits are valid for two calendar years from date of issuance.

For questions email info@waldentn.gov or call (423) 886-4362

BELOW FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by Town Administrator

Date

Total Fees	Date Paid	Check No	Staff

ORDINANCE 2025-380

THE LINDA T. COLLINS TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE DEFINING AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC TREES

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of the Town of Walden is enhanced by a healthy and green tree canopy; and

WHEREAS, the public properties and rights of way of the Town have abundant tree growth which should be preserved, maintained and enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the Walden Town Charter at T.C.A. §6-2-201(8), (15), (22) and (32) empowers the Board of Mayor and Alderman to adopt regulations pertaining to the Town's tree cover;

Now, therefore, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the Town of Walden as follows:

SECTION 1: That a new Chapter 5 be added to Title 13 of the Walden Municipal Code as follows:

13-502. Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms, phrases and words shall have the meanings given herein:

- a. ***ANSI A300 Tree Care Standards*** are standards for tree care practices developed by the Tree Care Industry Association and published by the American National Standards Institute. The ANSI A300 Tree Care Standards are available from the Tree Care Industry Association at www.tcia.org or ANSI at www.ansi.org.
- b. ***Caliper*** means a diameter measurement for nursery stock. For trees less than four (4) inches in diameter this measurement is made at six (6) inches above grade. For trees with a diameter above (4) inches in diameter the measurement is equal to DBH. See DBH below.
- c. ***Critical Root Zone*** means the soil area below ground and the space above ground defined by the tree canopy's dripline.
- d. ***Diameter at Breast Height (DBH)*** means this is a diameter measurement for existing trees. This standard of measure is made at four and one-half (4.5) feet.
- e. ***Drip Line*** means the outer edge of the canopy of each individual tree.
- f. ***Heritage Tree*** means any tree thirty-six (36) inches DBH and larger and/or possesses historical or cultural significance as recommended by the Town Administrator or their designee and approved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

- g. **Highway or Street** means the entire width of every public way or right-of-way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for purposes of vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- h. **Landscape plan** means a scaled drawing depicting all materials, specifications, and any other reasonable information required by the landscape specialist to evaluate permit applications.
- i. **Landscape Specialist** means a certified arborist or other certified professional. The Town Administrator may appoint a Landscape Specialist for the purposes of this Chapter.
- j. **Maintenance Standards** means all landscaping must be installed according to sound horticultural practices, including soil volume and consistency, in a manner designed to encourage quick establishment and healthy growth, and per the ANSI A300 Tree Care Standards, most current edition and parts, and American Standard for Nursery Stock, current edition.
- k. ~~**Open Space** means intentionally undeveloped land not occupied by a structure or other impervious surface. See "Town of Walden Design Review Standards" for Open Space requirements.~~
- l. **Park** means all Town public parks.
- m. **Planting Strip** shall mean a continuous area composed of turf, grass, low shrubs, perennials, or ground cover plantings.
- n. **Private Trees** shall include all proposed or existing shade and ornamental trees now or hereafter growing on private property used to meet any Town of Walden Landscape or Zoning ordinance or condition.
- o. **Property Line** shall mean the outer edge of the right-of-way of a highway or street.
- p. **Property Owner** means the owner of record or any person owning an interest in property including a lienholder.
- q. **Protected Tree** means any public tree 8-inch DBH or greater.
- r. **Public Trees** shall include all shade and ornamental trees now or hereafter growing on any street, park, or other public property.
- s. **Street Trees** means trees on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues, or ways within the Town.
- t. **Topping** means the severe cutting back of limbs or trunks within the canopy of a tree to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree.
- u. **Town property** means all real property owned or leased by the Town.
- v. **Town right-of-way** means property offered for dedication and used or accepted as public right-of-way.

w. **Tree** means a woody plant with a single trunk or multiple trunks that grow to a height of 15 feet or more.

i. **Shade Trees** shall have a minimum expected mature height of at least 35 feet and a minimum canopy spread of 20 feet. Evergreen trees can be treated as shade trees, provided they meet the minimum maturity height and canopy spread criteria.

ii. **Understory Trees** shall have a maximum expected mature height of 25 feet and a minimum canopy spread of 10 feet.

iii. **Evergreen Trees** shall have a minimum expected mature height of 15 feet and spread of 8 feet.

x. **Tree work** — The act of planting, pruning, trimming, fertilizing, treating, removing, or any other action upon or affecting a tree.

Sec. 13-513. Public Tree Care.

(1) **Town authority on public grounds and Town right-of-way.** The Town has the right to plant, prune, maintain, and remove trees, plants, branches, and shrubs and supervise the same on all Town property and Town rights-of-way, as it may deem necessary or desirable, to promote public safety or to prevent interference with the use of the Town rights-of-way. The Town may delegate such authority as deemed necessary.

(2) **Private planting on Town property and Town right-of-way.** The planting of trees on Town property by persons other than Town personnel may be permitted if in compliance with Sec. 15.04 of the Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Street Trees. These trees are then property of the Town.

(3) **Damage.** Unless specifically authorized by the Town Administrator or their designee, no person shall:

(a) Damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any Town-owned street tree.

(b) Attach advertising posters or other material that may be harmful to any public tree.

(4) **Topping.** It shall be unlawful for any person to top any public tree on Town property. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or trees under or around utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical are exempted from this provision.

(5) **Maintenance Standards.** Any pruning, and other tree maintenance practices performed on a public tree shall conform to the current edition of American National Standards Institute ANSI A-300 and the current ISA Companion booklet: Best Management Practices — Tree Pruning.

(6) **Construction Protection.**

(a) Trees shall be protected from damage by any excavation or construction of any building, structure, ditches, tunnels or street work. Tree protection shall be installed for the following:

Any protected tree located in town right-of-way or other publicly owned property near any excavation or construction of any building, structure, or street work and/or;

All private trees used to meet any ordinance or code condition near any excavation or construction of any building, structure, or street work.

(b) Tree protection shall consist of a fence, frame or box not less than four feet high; see Appendix A, Figure 1 “Tree Protection Detail”. All equipment and building material, dirt or other debris shall be kept outside the barrier, provided that upon good cause shown the landscape specialist may alter or waive the requirements set forth in this subsection at their discretion.

(c) Tree protection shall be installed in accordance with the following measures (see Appendix A, Figure 1 “Tree Protection Detail”):

i) Heritage Trees 36 inch DBH and above shall be protected at the dripline.

ii) Protected trees under 36 inch DBH shall be protected at the critical root zone.

(d) No person shall deposit, place, store or maintain upon any Town property any stone, brick sand, concrete or other materials which will impede the free passage of water, air and fertilizer to the roots of any public tree growing therein, without first notifying the landscape specialist and receiving approval.

(e) All work performed by public and private utilities or by their contractors, agents, or employees, which install or maintain overhead and underground utilities (including, but not limited to, cable television installations, telephone service, gas service, water and septic service) shall be performed in accordance with maintenance standards set out herein.

(7) Minimum clearances.

(a) Where trees are present, it shall be the duty of any person owning or occupying real property to prune such trees in a manner that they do not obstruct or shade streetlights, obstruct the view of traffic signs or signals, obstruct the view of any street intersection, or otherwise create a hazard within the public right-of-way or other publicly-owned property.

(b) Where overhead power or an electrical hazard is present, it shall be the duty of the person owning or occupying said property to contact the appropriate utility supplier to request the pruning required herein.

(c) The minimum clearance of any overhanging tree shall be eight (8) vertical feet over a sidewalk and fourteen (14) vertical feet over any street.

(d) No street trees shall be planted closer than twenty (20) feet to any overhead electrical or telephone wires unless specifically approved by the landscape specialist and utility provider as a low growth variety suitable for such location. Property owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees, or broken or decayed limbs which constitute a menace to the safety of the public.

(e) No public tree shall be planted closer than ten linear feet to any fire hydrant. All public trees shall be planted in a manner consistent with the policies and requirements of all utility providers and in accordance with any duly recorded utility easements.

Sec. 13-514. Public Tree Planting.

The Town Administrator or their designee will review the landscape plans of new developments subdivisions, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, multi-family developments and shall require the planting of trees in conformity with Section 15.04 relative to Street Trees for any of the Town properties and/or right(s)-of-way directly abutting the subject property. The developer shall be responsible for the cost of installation and for the maintenance of required public tree plantings in perpetuity. Maintenance costs include irrigation and/or water supply as needed for tree(s) survival and the replacement of dead and dying trees. If the developer sells the property, then the new owner will be deemed to have assumed responsibility for maintaining all plantings.

Sec. 13-515. Private Tree Care.

(1) Maintenance and Removal

(a) In accordance with Section 13-513, the Town Administrator or their designee shall have the right to order or cause the removal or pruning of any tree and/or shrub on private property that constitutes any hazard to the safety of pedestrians or vehicular traffic on public property or right of way.

(b) Unless such tree poses an immediate hazard to safety on public property or right of way, the property owner and any party in interest may be ordered in writing by the Town Administrator or their designee to remove the tree. In the case of immediate hazard, the Town Administrator or their designee may remove the tree to the extent it constitutes a hazard as provided in subsection (1)(a) above.

(c) All required trees and shrubs per Town ordinances, codes, and/or conditions shall be maintained and replaced as necessary if removed, damaged or dead.

(2) Construction Protection.

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Sec. 13-517. General.

(1) Except as provided herein, no person or entity shall perform any tree work, construction, and/or land disturbing activities within the drip line of any tree on any Town property or Town right-of-way, or remove any tree on any Town property or Town right-of-way, without first filing an application and procuring a written permit from the Town.

(2) An application for a permit must be filed with the Town not less than 30 days in advance of the time the work is to be performed. A permit fee may be established by resolution of the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

(3) Any permit granted shall be issued by the Town, and contain a definite date of expiration, and the work shall be completed in the time allowed on the permit and in the manner as therein described. Any permit shall be void if its terms are violated.

(4) Within five days of completion of the permitted work, the permittee shall notify the Town of the completion.

(5) A permit application may be waived in the event of any emergency that could endanger public safety or cause damage or loss of property.

(6) Tree work permits may be denied if the application for tree work is not complete, or if it is found that the tree work would conflict with any part of this article, or that the proposed tree work would endanger public safety, or interfere with the use of the Town property by the Town.

SECTION II: It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

SECTION III: This ordinance shall become effective upon final reading and passage by the Walden Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Tennessee, and after its publication, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading and Public Hearing 8/12/2025

Yea: 3

Nay: 0

Final Reading 9/9/2025

Yea: 3

Nay: 0



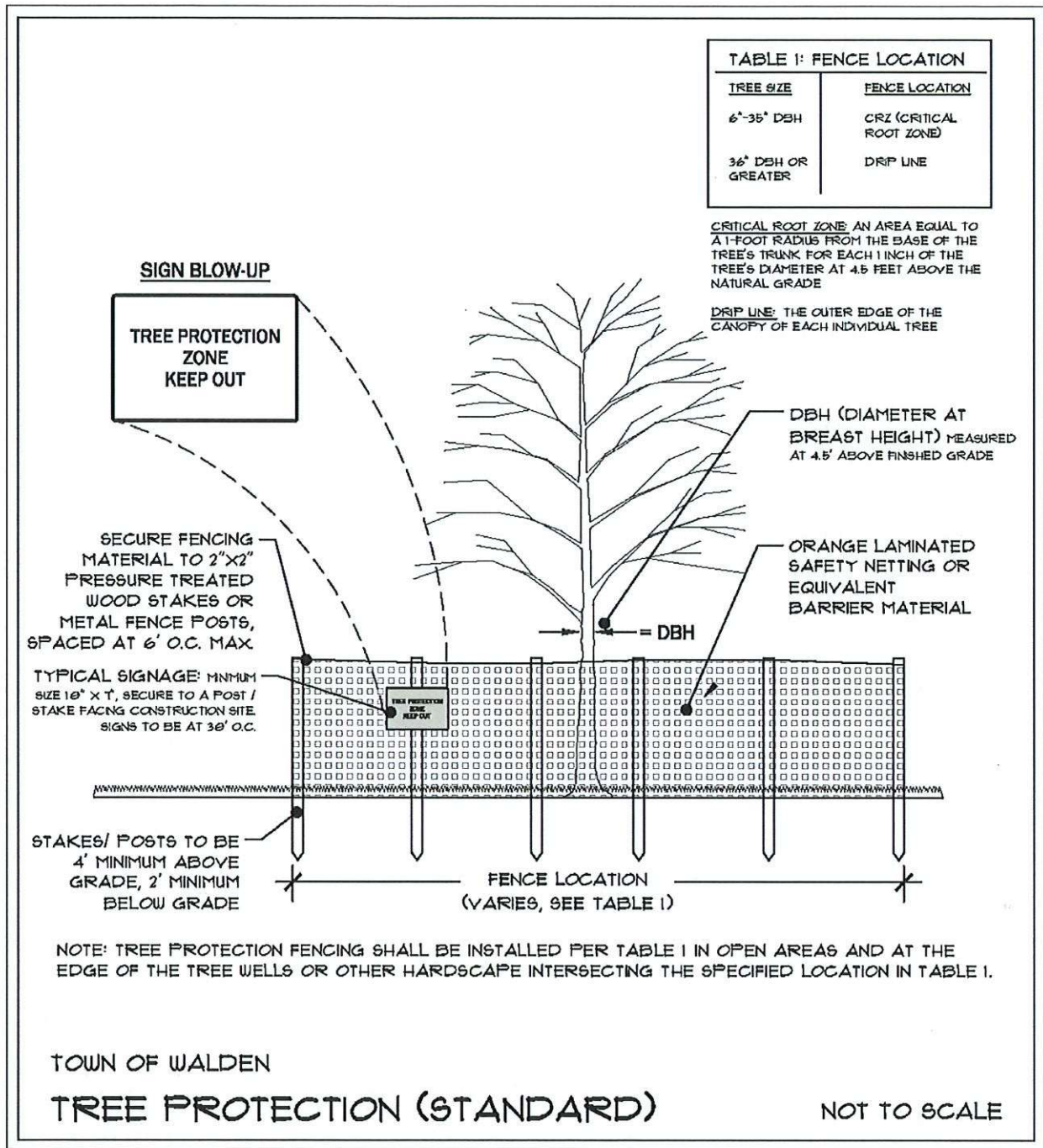
Mayor Lee Davis



Recorder Stacy Stewart

APPENDIX A. STANDARD DETAILS

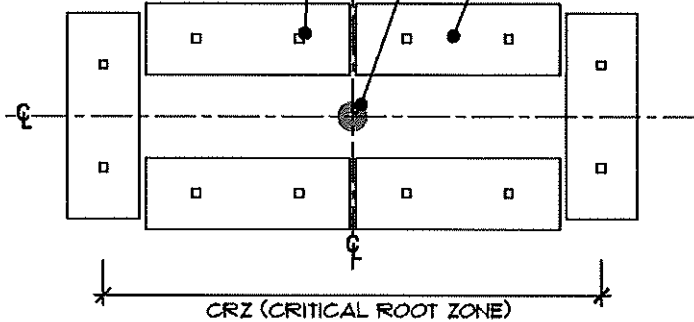
Figure 1: Tree Protection Detail



TWO (2) 24" WOODEN
STAKES PER HAY BALE,
DRIVE STAKES MIN. 12"
INTO SOIL

CENTER OF EXISTING TREE

HAY BALES (TYP)



PLAN VIEW

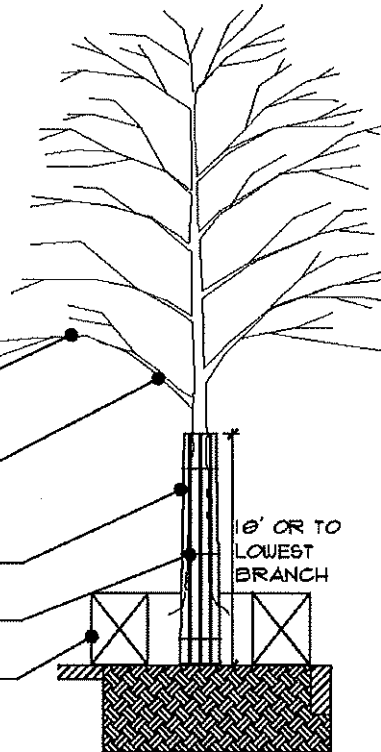
NO PRUNING UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY
AND UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE
LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST

BUNDLE BRANCHES AS NECESSARY FOR
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UNDER THE
DIRECTION OF THE LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST

1X4 WOODEN BOARDS

12 GAUGE GALVANIZED WIRE

HAY BALES TO BE LOCATED
AT PERIMETER OF TREE PIT /
PLANTING STRIP



ELEVATION VIEW

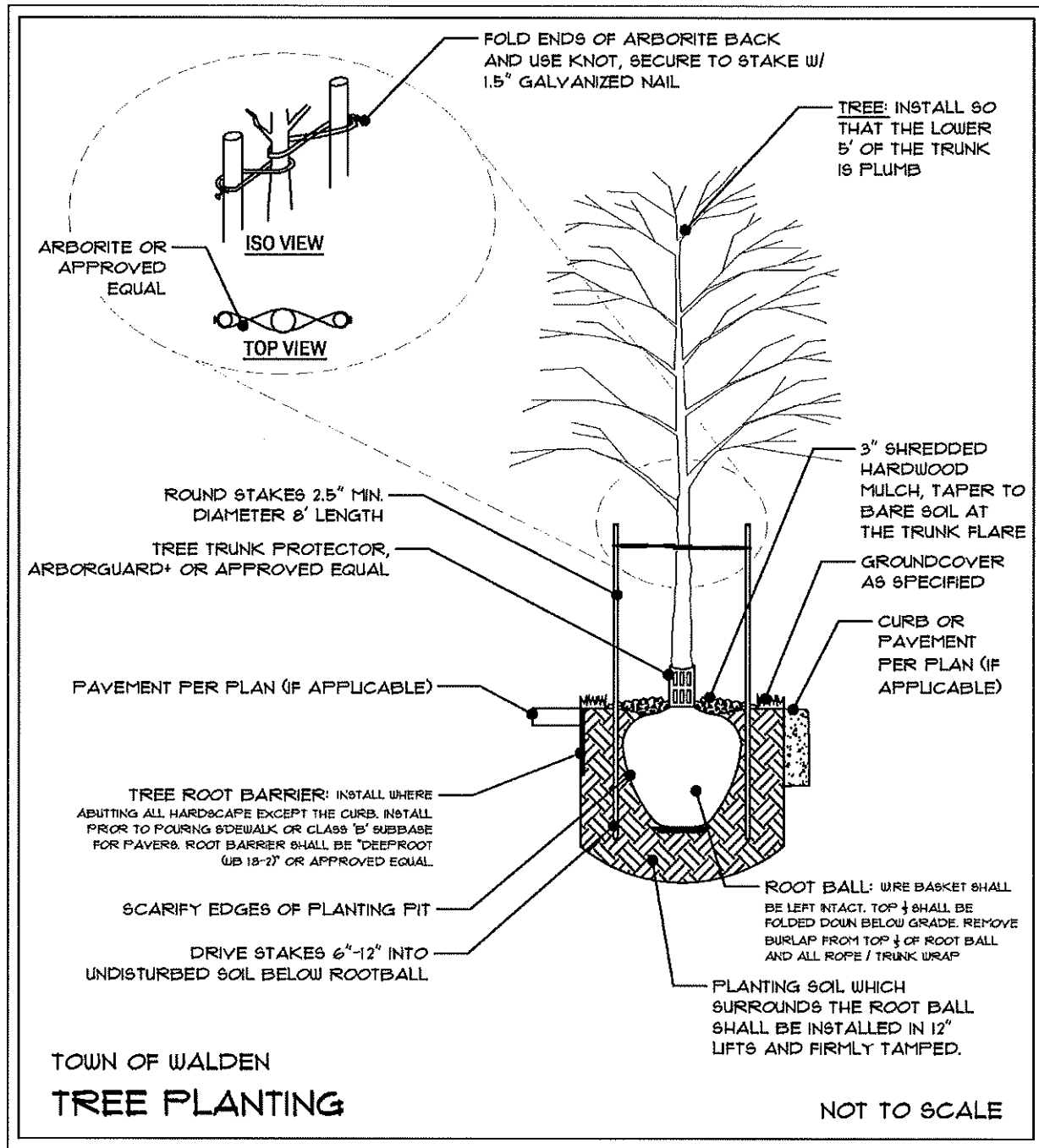
NOTE: TREE PROTECTION ALTERNATE SHALL NOT BE USED UNLESS WRITTEN APPROVAL
PROVIDED BY TOWN OF WALDEN LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST

TOWN OF WALDEN

TREE PROTECTION (ALTERNATE)

NOT TO SCALE

Figure 2: Tree Planting Detail



APPENDIX B. RECOMMENDED PLANT LIST

Shade Trees:

Recommend Species

<i>Common Name</i>	<i>Scientific Name</i>
Southern Sugar Maple	<i>Acer barbatum</i>
Princeton American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
Red Maple	<i>Acer rubrum (and cultivars)</i>
Allee Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
Sugar Maple	<i>Acer saccharum (and cultivars)</i>
Athena Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
River Birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>
Drake Elm	<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>
European Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus (and cultivars)</i>
Japanese Zelkova	<i>Zelkova serrata</i>
American Hornbeam	<i>Caprinus caroliniana</i>
White Oak	<i>Quercus alba</i>
Katsura Tree	<i>Cercidophyllum japonicam</i>
Sawtooth Oak	<i>Quercus acutissima</i>
Yellowwood	<i>Cladrastis kentukea</i>
Swamp White Oak	<i>Quercus bicolor</i>
Ginkgo	<i>Ginkgo biloba (male)</i>
Scarlet Oak	<i>Quercus coccinea</i>
Seedless Honey Locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos (and cultivars)</i>
Overcup Oak	<i>Quercus lyrata</i>
Water Oak	<i>Quercus nigra</i>
Sweetgum	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>
Willow Oak	<i>Quercus phellos</i>
Black Gum	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>
Northern Red Oak	<i>Quercus borealis</i>
American Hophornbeam	<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>
English Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>
Chinese Pistache	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>
Shumard Oak	<i>Quercus shumardii</i>
Aristocrat Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Aristocrat'</i>
Pin Oak	<i>Quercus palustris</i>
Cleveland Select Pear	<i>Pyrus calleryana 'Cleveland Select'</i>
Red Oak	<i>Quercus rubra</i>
Japanese Pogodatree	<i>Sophora japonica</i>
Littleleaf Linden	<i>Tilia cordata</i>
Dawn Redwood	<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>
Silver Linden	<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>

Understory Trees

Trident Maple	Acer buergeranum
Hedge Maple	Acer campestre
Amur Maple	Acer ginnala
Serviceberry	Amelanchier species
Flowering Dogwood	Cornus florida (<i>and cultivars</i>)
Kousa Dogwood	Cornus kousa (<i>and cultivars</i>)
Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	Crataegus crusgalli var. inermis
Winter King Hawthorn	Crataegus viridis 'Winter King'
Sweetbay Magnolia	Magnolia virginiana
Okame Cherry	Prunus campanulata
Autumn Flowering Cherry	Prunus subhirtella var. autumnalis
Yoshino Cherry	Prunus yedoensis
Eastern Redbud	Cercis canadensis

Evergreen Trees

American Holly	Ilex opaca
Foster Holly	Illex attenuata 'Fosteri' leylandii
Southern Magnolia	Magnolia grandiflora
Carolina Hemlock	Tsuga caroliniana
Eastern Red Cedar	Juniperus virginiana
Canadian Hemlock	Tsuga canadensis
Atlas Cedar	Cedrus atlantica
White Pine	Pinus strobus
Deodar Cedar	Cedrus deodara
Loblolly Pine	Pinus taeda
Virginiana Pine	Pinus virginiana
Arborvitae	Thuja occidentalis