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Standard Tree Canopy Notes

Any shade tree planted to comply with Chapter 55 of the County Code must conform to the following:

- 1. Each shade tree must meet the requirements for plant material in ANSI Z60.1;
- 2. Each shade tree must be a minimum of 2" caliper;
- 3. Installation of each shade tree must meet all requirements of ANSI A300;
- 4. At the time of planting:
 - a. Tree guards to protect trees from deer rubbing, mowers, weed eaters, other equipment and large rodents must be installed on all shade trees;
 - b. Mulch must be applied;
 - c. Sufficient water must be applied to aid in proper planting.
- 5. Shade trees must be installed between October 15th and May 15th as long as the ground is not frozen, saturated, or covered with snow such that a suitable hole cannot be dug;
- 6. Shade trees must not be installed between May 16th and October 14th of each year. If installation cannot occur between October 15th and May 15th for any reason, or if proposed trees are not planted for any other reason, the permittee must pay the required fee in lieu.
- 7. If shade trees are installed prior to final stabilization of the land disturbing activity then no additional disturbance must occur within five feet of the stem of the tree. Protective fencing must be installed at the edge of this area at the same time the tree is installed and must remain in place until final stabilization occurs.
- 8. The location of growing zones and planting areas must be clearly marked in the field prior to installation of any shade tree.
- 9. A copy of the approved sediment control plan showing all approved growing zones and planting areas must be available on the site at all times.
- 10. At least one inspection must occur after all construction activities are completed to determine the level of compliance with shade tree planting requirements.