

Summary of Recommended Text Amendments to Chapter 50, Article 6.2 Natural Feature Protection Overlay Standards

Section	Text Amendment
Section F. Natural Feature Standards: Trees	Simplify the tree replacement ratio to 1:1 for every tree removed a new tree must be replanted (removing the replacement ratio incentive for certain tree species).
	Update the Special Status Tree List and Replacement Tree List to remove undesirable species with fewer ecosystem benefits
	Remove the 2” caliper replacement tree requirement to allow for bare root trees which have better survival rates and encourage planting of native species which are often not available in larger caliper sizes.
Section G. Natural Feature Standards: Woodlands	Remove woodland criteria (d) to protect urban woodlands that often do not have robust understory due to wildlife browsing, foot traffic, and other uses.
Section J. Natural Feature Standards: Habitat Corridors	Remove. New overlay district map is designed to address and protect corridors.
Section K. Site Development Standards	Section (4)(b) revise native plant requirement to include native-only species for required landscaping and allow NFP Review Board to review and approve species used in plantings above minimum criteria.
	Additions to Table 6.2-6 Prohibited Planting List
Section M. Bonding of Projects	Revise Section (2) applicability to allow NFP Review Board to use new criteria to determine when bonding will be required based on site conditions, scope of work, and level of threat to natural features.