

Landscape Design Standards

Street Tree Standards - Placement & Spacing

Legislative Intent

- 20.80 Street tree spacing requirements have intended variations depending upon selected tree forms at the time of plant maturity, and due to unique contextual considerations inherent to each planting site.



Design Standards

- 20.81 Small street trees selected from the Borough's approved list of species shall be spaced a minimum of twenty (20) feet and a maximum of forty (40) feet apart.
- 20.82 Mid-sized trees and larger street trees selected from this same list shall be spaced a minimum of forty (40) feet and a maximum of sixty (60) feet apart.
- 20.83 Street tree placement shall typically occur within the center of a tree lawn or brick sidewalk paving band.
- 20.84 Tree locations shall generally be staggered on opposing sides of a street unless a street's width exceeds forty (40) feet, requiring alignment of proposed lighting and trees on opposite street sides to obtain proper levels of Streetscape illumination. Tree spacing shall be responsive to street light locations which, in turn, shall relate to locations of on-street parking spaces (where spaces are delineated with pavement markings). Careful coordination of tree placement, lighting, and parked vehicles shall prevent blocked lighting patterns and blocked access to car doors caused by poorly located street trees and light poles. Tree placement is subject to existing locations of underground utilities and/or vaults which potentially extend beneath some sidewalk areas.
- 20.85 Trees shall not be planted within five (5) feet of access drives, within twenty-five (25) feet of existing trees, within bus stop zones, below fire escape balconies, where blockage to building entrances presents safety concerns, or within five (5) feet of hydrants and permanent Streetscape furnishings. Full visibility of traffic signals, street intersections, and wayfinding signage (both vehicular and pedestrian forms) shall always be maintained.

