

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT**  
**POLICY**  
**FOR**  
**TREES AND PLANTINGS**  
**1998**

THE TREE AND PLANTING POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT HAS BEEN CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND RELATED PROCEDURES FOR ALL TREES AND PLANTINGS LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PARKS, BEACHES, AND ~~ESSENTIALLY ALL VILLAGE OWNED LAND. THIS WOULD~~ <sup>OTHER</sup> <sub>POSS</sub> INCLUDE ALL EXISTING TREES AND PLANTINGS, AS WELL AS ANY FUTURE TREES AND PLANTINGS.

THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF ~~OUR~~ TREES AND PLANTINGS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST AND ENCOURAGE THE PLANTING OF FUTURE TREES AND PLANTINGS.

THIS POLICY WILL PROVIDE A CLEAR AND CONCISE PROCEDURE AND UNDERSTANDING FOR ALL VILLAGE TREES AND PLANTINGS. IT WILL ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN REGARDS TO ALL EXISTING TREES AND PLANTINGS. IT FURTHER ESTABLISHES THE PROCEDURES FOR THE PLANTING OF FUTURE TREES AND PLANTINGS.

THIS POLICY WILL PROVIDE AN UNDERSTANDING AND OUTLINE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT TO WORK IN A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE CITIZENRY AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT FOR THE PLANTING, REMOVAL AND TRIMMING OF ALL VILLAGE OWNED TREES AND PLANTINGS.

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## **VILLAGE POLICY FOR TREES AND PLANTINGS**

### **1.0 EXISTING TREES AND PLANTINGS**

1.1 TREES AND PLANTINGS LOCATED IN THE PUBLIC STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS ARE THE SOLE OWNERSHIP OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VILLAGE FOR ALL COSTS AND LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THESE TREES AND PLANTINGS. THE EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY WOULD BE FOR ANY ACT OF GOD THAT RESULTS IN AN ACCIDENT FROM THESE TREES AND PLANTINGS.

1.2 ANY REQUEST FOR ACTION ON EXISTING TREES AND/OR PLANTINGS MUST BE IN WRITING [WITH DATE AND SIGNATURE OF THE PERSON MAKING THE REQUEST]. THE VILLAGE MAY INITIATE ANY ACTION CONCERNING PLANTINGS IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAYS, PARKS, BEACHES, AND ALL PUBLICLY OWNED LAND WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

1.3 ANY DECISION AS TO TREE AND PLANTING REMOVAL, TRIMMING, OR USE IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR IN MINOR MATTERS, AND TO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL IN MAJOR MATTERS.

1.4 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING GRASS AND GROUND COVERS IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS FALLS ON THE NEAREST ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER UNLESS THE VILLAGE MAKES OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE.

1.5 THE VILLAGE IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO REPAIR OR REPLACE EXISTING TREES AND/OR PLANTINGS WHICH ARE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED DUE TO STORM DAMAGE, OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON.

### **2.0 NEW TREES AND PLANTINGS**

2.1 ANYONE MAY REQUEST THE VILLAGE PLANT TREES. THESE REQUESTS MUST BE IN WRITING. THESE REQUEST WILL BE EVALUATED BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR AND RELATED COMMITTEES - PARKS & RECREATION, STREETS, STREET ENDS, ETC.

2.2 IF A PROPERTY OWNER WANTS TO PUT A TREE/PLANTINGS ON THE PARKING STRIP ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY, THEY MUST OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR.

IF A PROPERTY OWNER WANTS TO HAVE SOME OF THE COSTS OF PURCHASE AND PLANTING PAID FOR BY THE VILLAGE, (GENERALLY A 50/50 SPLIT) THIS MAY BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR. IF SOMEONE WANTS TO DONATE A TREE TO THE VILLAGE, EITHER FOR THEIR PARKING STRIP OR SOME OTHER SITE ON PUBLIC LAND, THIS MUST BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR IN WRITING.

MEMORIAL TREES MAY BE PLANTED WITH VILLAGE PERMISSION IN SOMEONE'S NAME, IN A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR

IN EACH OF THESE CASES THE SPECIES OF TREE MUST ALSO BE APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COORDINATOR.

2.3 THE VILLAGE IS UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO REPLACE TREES THAT ARE DAMAGED, DESTROYED, OR DISEASED. THIS INCLUDES MEMORIAL TREES.

2.4 THE VILLAGE WILL PERIODICALLY PLACE TREES IN THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAYS AND PUBLICLY HELD PROPERTY ACCORDING TO A PLANTING PLAN.

### **3.0 BUDGET & FINANCING**

3.1 GENERALLY, 50% OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR TREES MAY BE SPENT ASSISTING IN THE COSTS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS PLACING TREES IN THE PARKING STRIP ADJACENT TO THEIR PROPERTY.

3.2 GENERALLY, THE OTHER 50% IS TO BE SPENT ON PUTTING TREES IN LOCATIONS ACCORDING TO A LONG TERM PLANTING PLAN.