

# Arlington County Tree Canopy Requirement Checklist

This checklist highlights the key items required for Tree Canopy approval and it follows the guidelines found in the following document, starting page 19. This does not replace the guidance manual, but assists in completing the tree canopy requirements.

<http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2014/06/DES-Stormwater-Management-Ordinance-Guidance-Manual.pdf>

## By Right Development

- Tree inventory and table:
  - Must be prepared by a certified arborist or landscape architect.
  - All trees 3" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) and greater, within project lot and neighboring trees.
  - Species, Size, Condition and removal or preservation of each tree.
- Critical Root Zone (CRZ) shown for each tree.
- Detail for determining CRZ on page 2 of below PDF:  
<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2015/04/AppendixF.pdf>
- Tree Protection measures, locations of fencing, and root pruning shown on plan.
- Canopy Calculations for proposed preserved trees and the required canopy for the site.
  - Invasive trees and trees with low likelihood of survival cannot be counted for canopy credit.  
<http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2014/01/Invasive-Trees.pdf>
  - Properly preserved trees get a 2.0 times tree canopy bonus.
- Planting Plan (drawn to scale) including 20 year tree canopy calculations, tree locations, and proper spacing:
  - <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/21/2014/06/DES-Stormwater-Appendix-E-Tree-Canopy-Requirements.pdf>
  - When planting ten or fewer medium-large or large trees see Planting Diversity Specification on page 22.
  - When planting in a Resource Protection Area only native plants are permitted.
- Planting and protection details required for plan:  
<https://environment.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2015/04/AppendixF.pdf>
- Letters to neighbors regarding neighboring or jointly owned trees and proof of notification.
- County owned trees – notification must be made and appropriate measures must be taken to protect the trees' CRZ. Approval for removal and replacement must come from the County Urban Forester.

#### 4.1 Site Plan Projects

- All of the above applies
- Replacement tree calculations
  - <http://topics.arlingtonva.us/building/tree-replacement-guidelines/>
- Landscape Plan to satisfy Tree Replacement and Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance