

# Athens-Clarke County Arborist Progress Report

Athens-Clarke County Planning Department  
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A summary of tree management plan submittals from January 2010 through December 2010:

| <b>TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUBMITTALS</b>           |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Plans Review Submittals                          |  | 28               |
| Approved Plans                                   |  | 23               |
| Special Uses                                     |  | 1                |
| Planned Developments                             |  | 2                |
| Per Zoning District                              |  |                  |
| <b>AR</b> (Agricultural Residential).....        |  | 1                |
| <b>RS</b> (Single-Family Residential).....       |  | 0                |
| <b>RM</b> (Mixed Density Residential).....       |  | 4                |
| <b>G</b> (Government).....                       |  | 5                |
| <b>P</b> (Park).....                             |  | 0                |
| <b>CG</b> (Commercial-General).....              |  | 10               |
| <b>CD</b> (Commercial-Downtown).....             |  | 2                |
| <b>CN</b> (Commercial-Neighborhood)              |  | 2                |
| <b>CO</b> (Commercial-Office).....               |  | 3                |
| <b>CR</b> (Commercial-Rural).....                |  | 0                |
| <b>EO</b> (Employment-Office).....               |  | 0                |
| <b>EI</b> (Employment-Industrial).....           |  | 1                |
| <b>I</b> (Industrial).....                       |  | 0                |
| <b>IN</b> (Institutional).....                   |  | 0                |
| <u>Data from Approved Tree Management Plans:</u> |  |                  |
| Total Acres Developed                            |  | 274.35 ac        |
| Total Existing Canopy                            |  | 182.69 ac (67%)  |
| Total Canopy Required                            |  | 62.11 ac (23%)   |
| Total Canopy Provided                            |  | 199.30 ac (73%)  |
| Conserved Canopy Required                        |  | 29.36 ac (11%)   |
| Conserved Canopy Provided                        |  | 156.28* ac (57%) |

\*Shiloh Farms subdivision in AR zoning accounts for 137 acres of conserved canopy.

**Enforcement:**

Annual Inspections (74)

Resulting infractions (48) / Infractions resolved (6)

Various violations of the tree ordinance were dealt with, including:

Tree removal without a notice, resulting in the 5 year development penalty (1)

Stop work order (1)

**Other items:**

Notice of Timber Harvesting (7)

Tree Removal from Milledge Avenue tree lawn (1)

## ANNUAL INSPECTIONS DETAILED REPORT

|                                     |    |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| No. of Sites Visited                | 74 |
| No. of Sites with Violations        | 48 |
| Responses to Violations Letter      | 33 |
| No. of Site with Cleared Violations | 6  |

| Types of Violations<br>(Sites Exhibiting Violation Type)                           |    |
|--|----|
| Improper Pruning   | 3  |
| Staking left on too long or Inadequate Mulch                                       | 13 |
| Diseased or Stressed Trees   | 22 |
| Missing or Dead Trees (Planted)  | 39 |
| Missing or Dead Trees (Conserved)  | 4  |
| Missing or Dead Trees (Forest Regeneration Area)                                   | 2  |
| Compaction Issues (Parking cars or storage of materials within Critical Root Zone) | 3  |

### **Summary**

The majority of Community Tree Ordinance violations were related to dead or missing trees that were planted to meet code requirements. It appears from site visits and discussions with property managers that many of these trees suffered from inadequate watering, due in part to the recent drought. It is the opinion of Planning Staff that many of these violations are the result of inadequate education of property managers as to the proper ongoing care of trees.