



Change Our Laws to Better Protect Our Trees? *Give us your opinion!*

Between the years 1980 and 2000 the tree cover in Athens-Clarke County decreased from 61% to 56%, a 6% decrease over 20 years. Our studies also show that from 2000 to 2003 the tree cover decreased from 56% to 54%, **a decrease of 2% over only 3 years?**

Where are we heading?

The Community Tree Council is evaluating the current laws for tree protection and replanting in Athens-Clarke County. We are a volunteer citizens board, and will be making recommendation to the Planning Dept. staff for changes in the Development Code to improve the County's tree canopy cover. **We invite the opinion of all Athens citizens to help us with our work. Please answer the questions below and use the back if needed. Leave the completed survey in the box or return to:**

The A-CC Community Tree Council

350 Pound Street Athens, Georgia 30601

Questionnaire:

1. What concerns (if any) do you have about the current impact of commercial and housing development on the trees in Athens?
2. Indicate with 1,2, and 3 which are the three priority areas where more trees should be placed:
____ Parking Lots ____ Parks ____ Private Property
____ Along Streets ____ Downtown ____ Other_____
3. If a Tree Ordinance were to be passed, what results would you want to see from it?
4. Do you think the laws regarding trees should apply to single family homeowners?
5. Would you pay more in taxes so an A-CC staff person could be hired to enforce stronger laws regarding trees?
6. What other issues regarding trees should be addressed by the Community Tree Council or the A-CC government?