

City of Philadelphia Invasive Species List

This information is presented instead of an invasive species list.

[Section 14-705 Landscape and Trees](#) of the **Philadelphia Zoning Code**¹ details which trees must be replaced when a lot is developed.

On existing lots greater than 5,000 square feet the code requires the replacement of all healthy trees that are:

- 2.5 inches or larger in diameter at breast height (DBH).
- Removed, damaged, or destroyed as a result of development.

The code states that “Trees listed on the Department of Parks and Recreation Invasive Species List are not subject to the requirements.”

The City of Philadelphia is dedicated to increasing the tree canopy in the city for the benefit of all residents. All trees benefit the residents of Philadelphia by:

- Providing shade.
- Sequestering carbon.
- Filtering the air.
- Capturing stormwater.
- Serving as animal habitat.

For this reason, **ALL** healthy trees of 2.5 DBH or larger should be replaced. The City will give no exception based on the type of tree—invasive or non-invasive.

Notes:

¹Approved on March 29, 2021