

Memo

To: Montgomery Township Shade Tree Commission

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Subject: Acceptable Street Trees

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It has come to my attention that the Township would like assistance in recommending acceptable street tree species to homeowners wishing to replace trees which have died or have been removed. I recommend in all cases that an effort be made to first consult the landscape plan of the subdivision. Additionally, a site visit may be necessary to determine species of other trees within the subdivision in order to provide consistency in the streetscape. It is evident that cases may arise in which the landscape plan may be unreadable and existing trees within the subdivision may no longer be considered appropriate. Also, homeowners may not be able to locate some species. In cases where no single species appears to be the most appropriate, I would recommend planting of any of the following species:

1. *Acer rubrum* (Red Maple)*
2. *Acer saccharum* (Sugar Maple)*
3. *Fraxinus americana* (White Ash)
4. *Fraxinus pennsylvanica* (Green Ash)
5. *Gleditsia triacanthos* var. 'inermis' (Thornless Honeylocust)*
6. *Liquidambar styraciflua* (Sweetgum, including var. 'Rotundiloba')
7. *Platanus acerifolia* (London Planetree)
8. *Platanus occidentalis* (American Planetree)*
9. *Quercus alba* (White Oak)
10. *Quercus bicolor* (Swamp White Oak)
11. *Quercus borealis* (Northern Red Oak)
12. *Quercus phellos* (Willow Oak)
13. *Quercus prinus* (Chestnut Oak)
14. *Quercus velutina* (Black Oak)
15. *Tilia tomentosa* (Silver Linden)
16. *Tilia cordata* (Littleleaf Linden)

*Shallow rooting or large growing tree – to be located a minimum of six (6) feet from any public sidewalk.

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