

ENA Tree Committee

2018 Tree Survey Results

Tree Committee Goals

- Encourage and facilitate the development and maintenance of a healthy urban forest by all of our community members
- Identify, research and address issues that contribute to the loss of our urban forest
- Offer education and guidance to increase our community's knowledge about and commitment to our street trees

Purpose of the Survey

- What about Eastmoreland Street Trees?
 - Distinguishing characteristic of the neighborhood?
 - Add value?
 - Should they be maintained?
- Level of knowledge?

Survey Structure

- A. 23 Yes/No or Multi-choice or Demographic questions
- B. One open ended question

“Do you have any further concerns about the Eastmoreland urban forest?”

Survey Participation

- 279 Surveys Received out of 1500 households
- Demographics:
 - Age: **53% 40-64....38% 65 & above....9% Under 40**
 - Household size:**58% 1-2....42% 3 or more**
 - Time in the neighborhood: **81% Five years or more....19% Fewer than five years**
 - Walk here: **92% Yes, 8% No**

Attitudes Regarding Street Trees

- Distinguishing feature? **97% Yes, 3% No**
- Tall trees valued? **92% Yes, 8% No**

- Practical street tree contributions?
 - **68% Shade**
 - **62% Pollution**
 - **49% Wildlife**
 - **20% Storm water**
- Aesthetic street tree contributions?
 - **70% Urban forest**
 - **57% Design/Sense of place**
 - **42% Seasonal changes**
 - **23% Individual trees**

- Leaves are removed?

90% Yes, 10% No

- Might not maintain?

75% Yes, 25% No

- Reasons you wouldn't plant?

- **65% Always replant**
- **21% Ruins sidewalk**
- **14% Too expensive**
- **10% Reduces sun**
- **6% Obscures the view**
- **1% Afraid of trees**

Knowledge about trees

- Do you notice missing trees?

87% Yes, 13% No

- Someone planted in the last 10 years?

80% Yes, 10% No, 10% I don't know

- Permit required?

77% Always required, 23% Depends

- Know diseases?

24% Yes all 3, 75% one or two, 1% No

- Attended a workshop?

18% Yes, 82% No

- Obtain info?

70% Yes, 30% No

Do you have any further concerns about the Eastmoreland urban forest?

- Hundreds of thoughtful comments
- Top concerns:
 1. Loss of trees due to age, disease, infill
 2. Cost to maintain individual trees
 3. Replacement either not being done or not the right tree in the right place
 4. PGE pruning of trees
 5. Design questions

General Conclusions

- 1. Respondents reflect the demographic spectrum of the neighborhood**
- 2. Respondents self-selected**
- 3. A strong majority like street trees**
- 4. 65% say they would always replant**
- 5. Wide range of opinion**
- 6. Need for improved education**