



## Canopy Preservation Ordinance

Tree canopy preservation helps ensure the preservation of existing trees and natural wooded areas and encourages tree planting in areas where trees are removed or damaged. Tree protection or preservation ordinances are designed to protect existing trees during land development and ensure the continuation of tree canopy cover in communities. Land development does not need to be the end of trees!

Used appropriately and with the support of community leadership, quality, tree-related ordinances help ensure a high-quality human ecosystem. They show that your community values tree growth and canopy cover in your town, state, and region while allowing for reasonable development with coordination and partnership with builders and developers. Thoughtful & informed planning, dedicated enforcement, and quality program implementation that results in a community filled with healthy trees can be a reality for any community.

Tree protection & preservation ordinances vary widely depending on each community's needs, history, culture, and political will. Your ordinances should be designed to fit with the needs of your community. For your convenience, we have provided sample ordinances from around the State of Ohio. Please contact your Regional Urban Forester for further assistance.



**Established Tree Protection Zone**

### **Tree Canopy Cover: It's Important!**

Energy conservation

Reduced heating/cooling costs

Reduced reliance on fossil fuels

Better air quality

Reduced noise pollution & light glare

Enhanced bird & desirable wildlife habitat

Stormwater runoff mitigation

Soil erosion prevention

Enhanced visual & aesthetic qualities

Improved socioeconomic conditions

Increased property values

Healthier human populations