

## INSTRUCTION PAGE

### PROTECTED TREE DETERMINATION FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

1. This consent form is to be used for trees located on common area properties or preservation areas managed by a property owners association (POA) or homeowners association (HOA). This form may also be used for trees on commercial properties.
2. This form must be executed by the POA/HOA prior to the removal of a protected native tree that is located in a designated preservation area, or an approved landscape area regulated by Martin County. Submit this consent form to the Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Rd., Stuart FL or via email to: [env@martin.fl.us](mailto:env@martin.fl.us).
3. Tree removal shall be a last resort where remedial changes to structures (sidewalks, privacy walls, waterlines) are not possible in lieu of removal.
4. **Preservation Area Trees.** Dead native trees are generally left in place in preservation areas for wildlife utilization. Information shall be provided to document trees in preserve areas that pose a threat to permitted structures, to include tree height and distance to structure. Mature established trees in preserve areas that have withstood numerous storm events are typically left in place unless an imminent threat is documented. Justification of an imminent threat must be provided and can be documented by a qualified environmental professional, a licensed landscape architect, or a certified arborist.
5. **Landscape Area Trees and Street Trees.** Justification and criteria for protected tree removal shall be submitted from a certified arborist or professional landscape architect. Documentation shall be provided via an on-site assessment performed in accordance with the tree risk assessment procedures outlined in Best Management Practices - Tree Risk Assessment, by an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) or a Florida licensed landscape architect.
6. An executed Agent Authorization form shall be provided for the professional acting on behalf of an HOA: <https://www.martin.fl.us/resources/agent-authorization-form>
7. Replacement trees may be required to be re-established upon review and approval by the county. See the Tree Replanting Requirements Table below (ref: Section 4.666.D.,LDR, Martin County Code).
8. Submittal of additional information and relevant photos is highly recommended and may be attached with this request.
9. This form is not to be used for trees sited on single-family residential lots for detached homes.

**CONSENT FORM - PROTECTED TREE DETERMINATION FOR REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT**

Development/HOA Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Property address/location \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Control Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner/HOA representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #/Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent/Professional for HOA: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent phone #/Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tree location:

Tree location details (lat/long if available) \_\_\_\_\_

Tree species/height/diameter (DBH): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree hazard description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Replacement tree(s) proposed\* (species, height, DBH): \_\_\_\_\_

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY HOA / POA / COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER /:**

I hereby recognize that I am designated and authorized to act on behalf of the homeowner's association, property owner's association, or commercial property owner requesting this consent for protected tree removal. I am familiar with the information contained in this request and represent that such information is true, complete and accurate. I agree to comply with the requirement to provide for the installation and maintenance of replacement trees required to be established to compensate for the removal of protected trees.

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Typed/Printed Name of HOA / POA/ Commercial Property Owner

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Signature of Property Owner/HOA representative

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(Date)