

# Protected Tree Determination for Removal and Replacement

## Instructions

1. **Applicability** – Use this form for trees located on POA/HOA common or preservation areas, and for trees on commercial properties. Not valid for single-family residential lots.
2. **Submission** – Must be executed by the POA/HOA before removing a protected native tree in a designated preservation or regulated landscape area. Submit to Martin County Growth Management, 2401 S.E. Monterey Rd., Stuart, FL, or email [env@martin.fl.us](mailto:env@martin.fl.us).
3. **Removal Standard** – Tree removal is a last resort, only when remedial alternatives (e.g., relocating sidewalks, walls, waterlines) are not feasible.
4. **Preservation Area Trees** – Dead native trees are generally retained for wildlife. Trees that threaten permitted structures require documentation of height and distance. Mature trees with a history of storm survival remain unless an imminent threat is proven. Justification must come from a qualified environmental professional, licensed landscape architect, or certified arborist.
5. **Landscape & Street Trees** – Removal must be justified by a certified arborist or licensed landscape architect through an on-site assessment in accordance with ISA Best Management Practices – Tree Risk Assessment.
6. **Agent Authorization** – Professionals acting on behalf of an HOA must provide an executed [Agent Authorization Form](#).
7. **Replanting** – Replacement trees may be required upon county review. Requirements are calculated using the tree's Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) and outlined in the Tree Replanting Requirements Table (Section 4.666.D., LDR, Martin County Code).
8. **Supporting Documentation** – Additional information and photos are strongly recommended.

# Consent Form Protected Tree Determination for Removal and Replacement

## Contact Information

Property Owner/HOA representative:

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent/Professional for HOA:

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Tree Location Information

Development/HOA Name:

Property Address/Location:

Parcel Control Number:

For property information visit Martin County Property Appraiser:

<https://www.pa.martin.fl.us/app/search/real-property>

## Tree Removal Information

Tree Location Details (lat/long if available):

Tree Species: \_\_\_\_\_ Height (Ft): \_\_\_\_\_ DBH (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree Hazard Description:

## Proposed Tree Replacement

Species of Replacement Tree(s):

Tree 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Height (Ft): \_\_\_\_\_ DBH (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Height (Ft): \_\_\_\_\_ DBH (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Tree 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Height (Ft): \_\_\_\_\_ DBH (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include photos and a map showing the approximate location of the tree being proposed for removal.**

**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