

TREE & WOODLAND PROTECTION ORDINANCE



VILLAGE OF

RIVERWOODS

ESTD 1959

The woodlands that make up much of Riverwoods are an integral part of the Village's identity, a source of many benefits for its residents, and habitat for numerous migrating and nesting birds, native animals, plants, and insects. Many challenges arise as people interact with the woodlands and wildlife.

The Village of Riverwoods has an ordinance in place to help protect native trees and woodlands. The Village looks to residents to follow the ordinance to preserve the natural landscape for this and future generations.

Tree and Woodland Protection Ordinance

The Village's Tree and Woodland Protection Ordinance protects against unnecessary removal of desirable native trees and shrubs such as oaks, hickories, ironwood, and musclewood while allowing for the removal of dead/diseased or invasive trees and shrubs such as cottonwood, buckthorn, honeysuckle, ash, and elm. The ordinance also prohibits removal of any layer of protected woodland for development or landscaping purposes.

All residents proposing to remove trees or shrubs greater than 1.5 inches in diameter must complete a Tree Removal Permit Application (available on Village website).

- *Permit approval determined on a case by case basis.*
- *Removal of healthy desirable native trees/shrubs results in a mitigation fee or management of existing woodlands, subject to Village discretion.*
- *No mitigation fee or replacement required for removal of dead/diseased trees/shrubs or invasive species.*

All residents proposing to remove a layer of protected woodland must complete a Woodland Removal Application (available on the Village website).

- *A woodland is defined as having up to four layers including a native tree canopy layer, native subcanopy tree layer, native shrub layer, and ground layer.*
- *No more than 20% of the existing protected woodland (as delineated by the Village) on a lot can be removed per the ordinance effective date March 6, 2018.*

Call the Executive Assistant at (847)945-3990 or visit the Village website (<http://www.villageofriverwoods.com/>) for more information.

