

The Village Board of Trustees are seeking to repeal and replace Chapter 208, Trees, of the Village Code to strengthen provisions for the protection of trees on public property as well as private property, institute regulations for the replacement of trees removed on private property and increase penalties for the illegal removal of, or injury to, trees. This proposed local law has been drafted with extensive input from the Village's Conservation Advisory Council and has been reviewed by the Village Board at multiple work sessions. Among the changes included is the requirement to receive a tree removal permit if a property owner is removing more than three trees in any 12-month period, the requirement for a tree removal permit if the tree is located within a wetland or wetland buffer, the requirement to plant replacement trees or contribute to the Village's tree fund when removing three or more trees, and higher penalties if trees are injured or removed without following the provisions of the law.