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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Green Acres Program

## Park Development Tree Removal Evaluation Form

Applicant: Township of Monroe Block/Lot: Block: 2 , Lot: 1

Project Name: North Disbrow Hill Road Inclusive Playground Location: 80 North Disbrow Hill Road

Municipality (If different than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Trees can provide a variety of ecological, social, and cultural services, including habitat for wildlife, public recreation, water filtration, decreased ambient air temperatures, and carbon sequestration and storage. To ensure that park development projects support these benefits, applicants shall provide detailed information regarding any tree removal proposed as part of the project, as well as a discussion of alternatives to removing the trees.

If one or more trees over 6" DBH\* is proposed for removal, the applicant must complete this form, including a rigorous and detailed alternatives analysis that addresses the possibility of moving the proposed facilities either to another part of the park or to another park to avoid the tree removal. Based on our review, the project may not be funded. If 8 or more trees over 6" DBH\* or 50% or more of the trees in the project area are proposed for removal, it is highly unlikely that the project will be funded, and the applicant should reach out to discuss the project with Green Acres before starting to prepare the application.

Please note that, if the project is funded, pre-bid documents will be compared with the information provided on this form and the requested tree removals map. Any discrepancies must be reviewed and approved by Green Acres before starting construction (particularly tree removal) to avoid project disqualification.

### Alternatives Review

- Please identify other possible project locations (at this park or others) and discuss whether the proposed removal of any tree listed below could be avoided by relocating proposed facilities:

From the results of our survey, there was extensive public input siting the need for recreational facilities in the south western quadrant of the Township. After reviewing the lot with a New Jersey licensed tree expert, due to the amount of dead, dying, diseased, decaying & defective trees, and presence of invasive species and volunteer trees from field abandonment, this is an unproductive site that has no significant value as it relates to forestry. A typical prescription for a forest of this type would be to favor specie adjustment requiring cutting defined sectional areas, preparing the site for planting of desirables thus avoiding regeneration of undesirables.

- Please discuss whether the proposed removal of any tree listed below could be avoided through trimming or securing (cabling, bracing):  
Any tree of potential value will be evaluated for retention and incorporated into the design. However it is to be noted that specie diversity is limited and any tree preservation would be assessed for proper form, condition, health, sustainability and longevity essential to the contribution to the project.

Please estimate the current total number of trees in the proposed project area: (±)1500

### Municipal Tree Ordinance

All applicants should adhere to any existing ordinance that governs tree removal while administering their park development project, even if the ordinance would otherwise exempt the proposed project.

### Concept Plan

Proposed tree removals must be identified by an "X" on the concept plan, and each tree listed below should be keyed to the map with a unique identifier (e.g., the tree that is listed as Map Key Value A. on the list should be shown as A. on the concept plan).

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### Tree Characteristics

Please complete the requested information for each tree over 6" DBH that is proposed to be removed.  
(Fallen trees should not be listed.)

Map Key Value	Species	DBH	Condition (Healthy, Diseased, Damaged, Dead)	Exceptional Specimen?	Historically Significant?	Significant Ecological Value?	Located in Riparian Zone?	Located on Steep Slope?	Additional Notes
	Quercus Palustris	8-16	Poor / Fair	No	No	No	No	No	26 Trees
	Quercus Palustris	8-16	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	15 Trees
	Acer Rubrum	8-20	Poor / Fair	No	No	No	No	No	8 Trees
	Acer Rubrum	8-20	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	20 Trees
	Liquidambar Styraciflua	8-26	Poor / Fair	No	No	No	No	No	17 Trees

**\* Definitions:**

DBH = Diameter at Breast Height – Tree diameter measured 4.5 feet from ground level on the downhill side of the tree.

Exceptional Specimen – A tree that is particularly impressive or unusual example of a species due to its size, shape, age, or any other trait that epitomizes the character of the species.

Historically Significant – A tree that is associated with a notable local or regional historic event, person, structure, or landscape.


Significant Ecological Value – A tree that provides greater than average ecological benefits, e.g., by providing food or shelter to threatened or endangered wildlife.

Riparian Zone – Land and vegetation within and directly adjacent to all surface water bodies including, but not limited to lakes, ponds, reservoirs, perennial and intermittent streams, up to and including their point of origin, such as seeps and springs.

Steep Slopes – Areas with slopes greater than 15 percent.

### Certification

I certify that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. *(Signature does not imply an endorsement of the proposed project.)*

  
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 Signature  
 GARY LOVULLO  
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 Print Name

Date: 1-28-26

Title (check one):  Chairperson, Shade Tree Commission  
 Chairperson, Environmental Commission  
 NJ Licensed Tree Expert

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	Nyssa Sylvatica	12	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	4 Trees
	Fagus Grandifolia	8-10	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	4 Trees
	Quercus Alba	10-16	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	4 Trees
	Juniperus Virginiana	8	Fair / Good	No	No	No	No	No	5 Trees

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 Print Name

Date: 1-25-26

Title (check one):  Chairperson, Shade Tree Commission  
 Chairperson, Environmental Commission  
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