

Summary of Tree/LID Ad Hoc Committee Policy & Code Recommendations

ISSUE
Repeal BIMC 16.22 <i>Vegetation Management</i> . Amend BIMC 16.18 <i>Land Clearing</i> to more clearly regulate “tree removal” permits, possibly “Minor” and “Major” Tree Permits.
Amend BIMC 16.18 <i>Land Clearing</i> to more clearly apply to Tree Removal and better integrate with new Site Assessment Review for stormwater. Need to determine new “thresholds” for triggering removal permits, depends on new retention standards.
City should have an arborist or community forester on staff.
Require tree and landscaping businesses that operate on the Island to go through an orientation on tree and landscaping regulations, make code clear that contractors may be held responsible for illegal tree cutting.
Building permit should review “windfirm-ness” of retained trees and solar potential, to reduce need for tree removal in future due to hazard, adding solar.
The City Council should adopt the 2006 Community Forestry Management Plan , with some needed updates.