

Anglers Preserve Homeowner Association

Tree Policy

One of the benefits of life at The Anglers Preserve is the beauty of the surrounding environment and, of course, the Eagle River is a big part in why you choose to live here. The Anglers Preserve's trees are a prominent element that provide benefits of beauty, shade, and most importantly provide a riparian zone. Riparian zones are sometimes called buffers, they help filter pollutants out of water flowing across the landscape towards waterways. Riparian buffer areas may be natural or engineered for restoration or soil stabilization. One of the most important functions of riparian vegetation is its ability to control erosion and prevent sediment pollution in the stream. Increased sediment and pollution in stream water can clog fish gills, bury their eggs, cover their food sources on the stream bottom and cloud the water, shading out the sun needed for aquatic life. Vegetation on the shoreline, combined with the meandering curves of the stream or river, helps dissipate stream energy, resulting in less soil erosion and flood damage.

This policy has been enacted by the committee and approved by the Board as a means to manage the landscaping and provide a balance between the rivers needs and the homeowners expectations while meeting the language of the Anglers PUD. All pruning, removal, and planting of trees will be treated equally throughout the community.

Process For Individual Owner Requests

- An owner makes a request to have a tree pruned, removed, or planted. This can be done in writing or via email to Eric Huslers POA. Facts and circumstances for such a request must be detailed.
- The committee adds the request to a project list.
- A member of the committee does a walk-around with the arborist and shares the request.
 - The arborist evaluates the request and recommends an appropriate course of action that is provided in a proposal.
 - In cases where an owner's request and the arborist's plan of action differ, the committee opts to follow the advice of the arborist.
- The project list is circulated to the community.
- The funds for the arborist's proposal are approved by the Board.
- The arborist executes his proposal.
- The project list is updated to reflect the completed request.
- Owner requests will be evaluated on adherence to the language of the PUD

Pruning

Based on the advice of an arborist specifically for The Anglers

Preserve:

- All trees are pruned to maintain or improve their structure.
- The ISA (International Society of Arboriculture) standard pruning for a tree must first consider the health and age of the tree.
 - Trees that are newly planted, mature, or overly stressed should have less than one-third pruned per growing season.
- The ISA does not find it acceptable to ever top a tree.

The health of the trees along the riparian area take priority as stated in the PUD. Within the Primary Setback removal and pruning are not allowed. Within the Secondary Setback removal and pruning are allowed in order to mitigate hazards. The planting of new trees in the Secondary Setback is limited to native species. Every effort will be made to maintain the trees in these areas to meet the PUD language.

Removal

The POA will consult with an arborist (or similar expert) about a tree's condition and have the expert provide his expert opinion on a course of action.

- The arborist will indicate whether a tree is healthy, and if not, will explain the tree's condition and impact on its surroundings (e.g., what is impacting the tree's health, whether the tree poses a risk to other vegetation or structures).
- Trees that are healthy and pose no risk to property or people will not be removed.
- Trees that the arborist recommends for removal will be removed.

It is recognized that in some scenarios, a tree may grow in an unintended space or obstruct a homeowner's view. It is also recognized that a tree that obstructs one homeowner's view may provide benefits for another homeowner (e.g., shade). The following criteria will provide the basis for deciding how / when to prune and remove trees if and when removal is not recommended by an arborist:

- **Proximity of the tree:** The location of the tree with regard to proximity to other units (as measured by the shortest straight line to an external wall of a unit's exterior wall). Units situated closer or closest to the tree will have more weight when the committee considers its decision.

After considering the criteria, the POA can opt to have a healthy tree removed. The tree will be added to the project list and circulated to the community via the landscape committee's normal process. Owners have the option to appeal the decision to the Board for further consideration.

Planting

When an existing tree dies or an owner would like a tree added, a replacement or new tree is planted with the following conditions:

- The location has a water supply that supports the nurturing of a newly planted tree.
- The location is on Association property.
- The timing of the planting gives the new tree the best chance for survival — typically in the spring. The plan is to replace dead trees with new ones at the time that the irrigation zone is improved to ensure that it would support the growth of a tree at the desired location.
- The planting adheres to the language of the PUD