

## TREES:

### 1. Tree Maintenance Responsibility:

- A. Cooperative Tree is any tree located on the common grounds of Stonybrook Gardens Cooperative, Inc. The Cooperative shall maintain all Cooperative trees.
- B. A Non-Cooperative tree is any tree on Stonybrook Gardens property that has been determined to have been planted by an individual Member/Owner. The Member/Owner shall be responsible to maintain any Non-Cooperative tree(s). Such maintenance shall be performed in a safe and secure manner and shall not damage any unit of other members or Cooperative property. A Non-Cooperative tree may also be referred to as a Town tree therefore the maintenance of those tree(s) is Town responsibility.
- C. The Cooperative does not provide stump grinding or stump removal.

### 2. Process For Tree Maintenance:

- A. Member/Owners shall not perform maintenance or removal on Cooperative trees without a written request and approval of the Board of Directors.
- B. Any Member/Owner having a problem with a Cooperative tree(s) or noticing a Cooperative tree(s) in need of maintenance shall notify the Cooperative office.
- C. Upon receipt of a report of a tree problem or a maintenance request, the Cooperative office shall initiate a work order for the maintenance staff to assess the issue. The Maintenance Department will determine whether they can resolve the issue or whether the work order shall be returned to the office and the issue referred to the Cooperative Arborist.
- D. Should the Cooperative Maintenance Department report that they are unable to resolve the issue, they will consult with the office to determine whether the problem/request reported is considered an emergency. If the problem/request is determined to be an emergency, the tree(s) will be scheduled to be assessed by the Arborist. The member shall be notified by the office on the status of the work order.
- E. Should the Arborist determine that the Cooperative tree is an immediate clear and present danger to the Cooperative, then the Cooperative shall take the appropriate action to resolve the problem.
- F. Should the Arborist determine that no action is necessary, the member will be notified.
- G. Should the Arborist determine that the conditions existing on the Cooperative tree do not require immediate action, but may require some maintenance monitoring (i.e. trimming, pruning or removal), then the tree will be maintained on the "tree watch list" This list will be evaluated each year in the Fall by the Arborist who shall then recommend and prioritize any action necessary.
- H. The Arborist's recommendation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval, taking into consideration, the extent of the work to be required, the extent of the tree(s) that needs attention, the cost of the recommended work and the available budget funding.
- I. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final as to the tree work to be

performed by the Cooperative during the next 12 months.

- J. All wood from tree removals shall be removed from Cooperative property by the Arborist. The Arborist is prohibited from donating the wood to Cooperative Member/Owners.