

GUIDE FOR JUDGING THE CONDITION OF LANDSCAPE TREES (Appendix C)

FACTOR	VARIATION	POINTS AWARDED
Crown development	Characteristics of species, well balanced	5
	Lacking natural or desired symmetry	3
	Lacking full crown	0
Trunk	Sound and solid	5
	Decay present - less than 1/4 of trunk	4
	- 1/4 to 1/3 of trunk	3
	- 1/3 to 1/2 of trunk	1 (1 or 0 = tree
	Extensive decay or hollow	0 removal)
Major Branch Structure	No defects	5
	Dieback limited	4
	Few structurally important dead or broken branches	3
	Several structurally important dead or broken branches	1
Twig Growth Rate	Typical for species and age, usually 4 to 6 inches	5
	Less than 1/2 normal growth rate	3
	Growth rate greatly reduced, yearly decline	1
Foliage	Normal size and color for species	5
	Minor deficiency / pollution symptoms	3
	Major deficiency / pollution symptoms	1
Insects and Disease	No insects or disease present	5
	Few insects or disease present and are controllable	3
	Severe infestation	1
Roots	No root problems apparent	5
	Minor root problems (decay, girdling roots, roots cut)	3
	Severe root problems	1 (1 = tree removal)

SCORING PROCEDURE

Total points	Condition	Formula Condition
30 - 55	Excellent	90 - 100
24 - 29	Good	70 - 89
17 - 23	Fair	50 - 69
11 - 16	Poor	25 - 49
6 - 10	Very Poor / Dead	0 - 24

