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Tree Evaluation, Preservation, and Mitigation

1 Summary

Lander University places a high value on its trees and recognizes the aesthetic, environmental, and educational benefits trees provide to the campus environment. Consequently, it is the intent of this policy to provide guidance for the evaluation, preservation, and mitigation of trees as part of the land development and building construction process for Lander University.

2 Goals

- 2.1 To maintain a zero-net loss of trees on campus through preservation and mitigation practices.
- 2.2 To protect trees from the beginning of the construction planning process until the completion of construction.
- 2.3 To establish procedures to ensure communication among all parties in setting forth expectations concerning tree protection.

3 Tree Evaluation, Preservation, and Mitigation

- 3.1 The project manager, in consultation with the vice president for finance and administration, shall identify and evaluate trees to be impacted by a campus construction project and to determine which trees are to be protected or removed.
- 3.2 Appropriate mitigation will be determined by adding new trees to the original site or another site upon completion of the construction.

4 Exceptions

- 4.1 The vice president for finance and administration, whose decision is final, must approve any exceptions to these standards.

5 Attributions and Citations

Elements of this policy have been modeled after Purdue University's *Tree Evaluation, Preservation and Mitigation Policy*¹.

6 Policy Revision History

- First draft of policy created by Policy Coordinator on 8/13/2021.
- Stakeholder review and provisional approval of policy on 8/16/2021.
- Reviewed by Board of Trustees Policy Committee on 8/16/2021.
- Final revisions applied by Policy Coordinator on 8/17/2021.
- Approved by the Lander University Board of Trustees on 9/14/2021.

¹ Purdue University policy: <https://www.arboretum.purdue.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Purdue-Tree-Evaluation-Preservation-and-Mitigation-Policy.pdf>