



## **Next Steps for Private Trees**

In 2025, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department will convene a series of working groups to explore strategies to protect trees on private property as part of the Urban Forestry Master Plan. These working groups will include representatives from City departments and community leaders.

The work of these groups will include an extensive public engagement process to determine what options exist, based on the needs of the urban forest and the community. It also will include a review of how other cities across the country protect private trees and an examination of what is done today in Columbus.

The groups will use all of that information to determine what makes sense for our region's specific needs, and what type and level of private property tree regulations for residents in Columbus.

