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### Standard of Practice

#### Infrastructure improvements

- City of Atlanta (COA) document that states contractors have legal right to access easement
- Consider alternatives to removing a tree: tunneling, diverting the pipe around the tree.
- Define: Critical Root Zone, Structural Root Plate, tunneling, Boundary tree, recompense, silvicultural prescription, etc.
- Survey of property that shows all trees impacted by project, done by a registered surveyor or landscape architect
- Fulfill all other requirements in COA Tree Ordinance, i.e. show critical root zone, calculate % impact, show recompense calculations, etc.
- Boundary tree letter from home/land owner for trees to be destroyed or require silvicultural prescription from certified arborist.
- Talk with home/land owner re: proposed new trees. Negotiate with homeowners about location and species of tree replaced on their properties
- Show all proposed new trees and correct spacing. Do not plant trees within the easement. This will minimize and/or eliminate tree impact in future improvements
- Contact Ken Gillette, Office of Parks, about removing trees in ROW or planting trees in parks for the balance of replacement trees.
- Penalties if trees are destroyed: first offense/tree, \$500 + (\$30x DBH inch); each other offense/tree, \$1,000 + (\$30x DBH inch); if evidence of tree or stump is removed, assessed at \$60,000/acre pro rated.

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