

Protection Zones -- Sticky Note Comments

(Comments grouped by topic)

Lack of Coverage:

Map does not show protection for many single-family neighborhoods, city parks, city urban core, headwaters, or underground streams; protection focused on areas developers are less interested in developing, map hard to understand.

- 77% of our tree canopy is on single family residential lots but they are not protected by this model.
- Wow, what about protection for high value trees in the urban core? (my neighborhood).
- This awesome but missing so much. Yes, but do more, cover more. Where is the middle of the city?
- (In reference to white place on map) No trees worth protecting here?
- Must include and protect ALL of Atlanta.
- Protection Zones? Where? I see large swaths unprotected in this map, swaths containing old trees, most of the trees, and citywide canopy. Even Chastain, Piedmont, and Grant Parks are left blank.
- Protection Zones must include many more forested neighborhood areas not shown on this map.
- Map is missing many dense forest hoods.
- Maps [sic] here are forests. Not only canopy. Are we forgetting something? % of canopy on private property.
- Why have tree protection zone in Sandy Springs but not in adjoining neighborhoods (like North Buckhead)?
- Both need protection. Just different kinds!
- What about the headwaters???
- What about the historic steam corridors currently in pipes underground in the core?
- If there is a lower level of protection for high value trees on non-primary zones, our trees will be decimated in no time. Trees bring value to all!
- Zones with proposed highest protection are in low development areas. When developers arrive, these too will be lost.
- If these maps had roads & landmarks show in addition to natural features, then ppl would know what we are looking at.
- Confused by zones. Danger of loss of too much high value canopy throughout city.

Merit:

Protection zones are a good idea but need citizen input and should be used to encourage tree replanting.

- Good idea!
- Get that data out of the computer and into action.
- Protection zones are good but community need to be involved in the decision as to what areas are to be protected.
- ID areas with low tree canopy coverage & target them with incentives for tree planting as well.

Protection Criteria:

Need more specific language; “high-value” is not a scientifically defined term; who decides protection categories?

- Words like “avoid” and “encourage” are flimsy. “Ensure” works – HOW?
- “High Value” has no scientific definition! (Second comment: “Amen!”)
- Who decides what category is assigned to trees? I live in 1) Ferstwood Subdivision. 2) Audobon Wood area. (*Southwest Atlanta*)

Issues Not Directly Related to Protection Zones:

Concerns about tree removal rights, enforcement penalties, and education about ordinance.

- Allow property owners to remove trees from property with a simple process, no fees/penalties, a list of trees that can be planted on (indecipherable) property.
- The biggy is penalties for developers – It’s a joke now – Criminal penalties are some point needed.
- (New homeowner) Recently moving to ATL. We need to be acquainted with ordinances At the closing.