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### Standard of Practice

#### Leaning Tree Policy

- The leaning tree is measured at DBH; trees with a lean **greater than 20 degrees** and a target will be given approval for removal.
- A leaning trees with recent root heaving, soil movement, or cracks in soil surface. (Note, you may notice cracks in soil during severe drought conditions)
- A leaning tree has horizontal cracks on the tension side and or buckling bark on the compression side.
- A leaning tree has a crack through the center of the stem.

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