

## A. Appendix: San Ysidro Street Tree Guidelines

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### A.1 STREET TREES

Street trees provide design and aesthetic benefits by visually unifying streets and continuity within neighborhoods and the community. Street trees help create a physical community character, reduce the heat gain and glare effects of the built environment, and provide fresh air and shade. The tree planting recommendations consider environmental characteristics including climate, exposure, maintenance requirements, existing plantings, views, and existing development. This streetscape program encompasses both a communitywide and neighborhood scope.

#### *Community Corridors*

Principal thoroughfares will be consistently planted with selected theme trees to establish strong, recognizable corridors and neighborhoods. Table 1 identifies the Theme Trees for corridors within San Ysidro. The Theme Trees are the dominant species and will establish the character of the street. However, the Alternate Trees are appropriate for particular streets when conditions for the Theme Tree are inappropriate, or when there is a need to separate the dominant species for disease prevention purposes.

#### *Neighborhood and District Street Trees*

The street tree selection for neighborhoods and districts follows the boundaries set forth by the Districts Map and include: San Ysidro West Neighborhood, San Ysidro North Neighborhood, Sunset Neighborhood, El Pueblito Viejo Village, Beyer Hills Neighborhood, San Ysidro South Neighborhood, Border Village District, Port of Entry District, Wholesale Industrial District, and San Ysidro Commercial District.

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The street tree selection distinguishes each district/neighborhood and the palettes identified in Table 2 are based on the unique natural and built environments of these areas and include species that are already present and performing well. For streets without a strong existing pattern or there is not a dominant or theme tree; any of the listed trees within that district selection can be established as the theme tree for a particular block, street or area.

Existing sidewalks in San Ysidro are predominately contiguous without planted parkways. Neighborhood street trees are planted within the front yard in many cases. This allows larger trees to be planted, as they are not bound by parkway widths. Street tree planting is encouraged in the public right of way, but can also be considered for use in front or side yards of private property. Consistent tree planting within neighborhoods will help to foster a cohesive sense of place. Street trees in residential areas should focus on providing shade for homeowners and pedestrians while considering ease of maintenance. Within commercial areas balance the need for shade and canopies with commercial visibility. In Industrial zones have trees focus on screening unsightly activities or large blank walls.

#### A.2 STRATEGIES

- Encourage neighborhoods and business associations to organize and implement tree planting programs consistent with the Landscape Districts recommendations. Selecting one or two tree species, from the Landscape District list, for each neighborhood street or block is recommended to create local continuity and identity.
- Existing street tree planting adjacent to community parks and schools is minimal. Work with the local School Districts, the Park and Recreation Department, community residents, students and private non-profit organizations, such as People for Trees, to implement the streetscape recommendations in these areas. This effort, alone, will have a significant positive impact on the community, and can serve as a catalyst for additional tree planting.
- Provide landscape parkways between the curb and sidewalk in new developments and maintain existing parkways. Provide street trees in mixed-use and Village areas. Consider use of tree grates in areas with high level of pedestrians and where an urban scale may be more appropriate than parkways. Streets where sidewalks widths cannot be expanded, such as along San Ysidro Blvd in the Village area consider tree wells that pop out at corners or between parking spaces.

#### A.3 GUIDELINES FOR CORRIDOR STREETS AND LANDSCAPE DISTRICTS

All street trees shall be selected per the Citywide Landscape regulations and the Landscape Technical Manual and Implement standard size of street trees per citywide landscape regulations and standards.

1. All plant material should be installed per the standards of the applicable landscape regulations and standards.
2. Palms should be a minimum of 8 feet (brown trunk) in height.
3. Flexibility of tree placement to facilitate commercial visibility may be approved by the Development Services Director.
4. Tree grates shall be American Disabilities Act approved where necessary to provide required clear path.
5. Use alternate trees when overhead wires are present.
6. Where site conditions do not allow the installation of street trees in the public right of way due to a right of way width of less than 10 feet or utility conflicts, street trees may be located on private property.
7. Pruning of trees should comply with the standards of the National Arborist Association according to Class I Fine Pruning
8. Highlight community and neighborhood gateway areas by clustering street trees with accent trees in these locations.
9. For species of pines, palms, etc. not specifically identified on Table 1 require approval of Development Services, and Park and Recreation Departments.
10. Preserve and enhance existing strong tree patterns.
11. Where there is no obvious primary street tree, select from Table 2 or, if necessary, the City's Street Tree Selection Plan. Primary trees selected for future development should provide adequate shade and canopies.
12. If palms, cypress, eucalyptus or pines create an existing unifying theme along a street, use these trees as accent trees for new development near corners or driveways to help transition the street to a new street tree while maintaining a unifying tree theme.
13. Use street trees to help with wayfinding. Use specific accent trees to identify paseo entrances, pocket parks, and other outdoor spaces while maintaining a primary street tree theme.

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**TABLE 1: COMMUNITY CORRIDOR STREET TREE LIST**

**Landscape District Street Tree List**

Map Key	Landscape District	Tree Botanical Name	Tree Common Name
1	South Neighborhood	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda
		Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Carrotwood
		Callistemon citrinus	Lemon Bottle Brush
		Washingtonia robusta	Mexican Fan Palm
2	West Neighborhood	Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Carrotwood
		Callistemon citrinus	Lemon Bottle Brush
		Olea europaea	Olive “fruitless”
		Pyrus kawakamii	Evergreen Pear
		Magnolia grandiflora 'St. Mary'	St. Mary's Magnolia
3	Sunset Neighborhood	Pyrus calleryana	Bradford Pear
		Magnolia grandiflora 'St. Mary'	St. Mary's Magnolia
		Eucalyptus torquata	Coral Gum Tree
		Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Carrotwood
		Syagrus romanzoffianum	Queen Palm



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4	El Pueblito Viejo Village	<i>Callistemon citrinus</i> <i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> <i>Platanus racemosa</i> <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> <i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	Lemon Bottle Brush Carrotwood Jacaranda California Sycamore Crape Myrtle (Alleys/Paseos) Queen Palm (Alleys/Paseos)
5	Beyer Hills	<i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> <i>Melaleuca linarifolia</i> <i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> <i>Lagerstroemia indica</i> <i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	Jacaranda Flaxleaf Paperbark Carrotwood Crape Myrtle Queen Palm
6	Border Village District	<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> 'St. Mary' <i>Platanus racemosa</i> <i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> <i>Jacaranda mimosifolia</i> <i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	St. Mary's Magnolia California Sycamore Carrotwood Jacaranda Queen Palm
7	Commercial District	<i>Tristania conferta</i> <i>Fraxinus uhdei</i> <i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i> <i>Platanus racemosa</i> <i>Washingtonia robusta</i>	Brisbane Box Ash African Fern Pine California Sycamore Mexican Fan Palm

8	South Neighborhood	<i>Pyrus calleryana</i> <i>Tristania conferta</i> <i>Tipuana tipu</i> <i>Callistemon citrinus</i> <i>Platanus racemosa</i> <i>Syagrus romanzoffianum</i>	Bradford Pear Brisbane Box Tipu Tree Lemon Bottle Brush California Sycamore Queen Palm
9	Wholesale Industrial District	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> <i>Platanus racemosa</i> <i>Afrocarpus gracilior</i>	Camphor Tree California Sycamore African Fern Pine