

9. DO'S AND DON'TS OF TREE CONSERVATION

SUMMARY OF TREE PROTECTION TOOLS

DO prepare a comprehensive community forestry program.

DON'T put together a program that your community does not have the resources to manage.

DO understand your woodland resources.

DO document why you want to conserve them.

DO establish which resources have the highest priority for conservation.

DON'T try to save every tree on every development site indiscriminately.

DO inform the community that without adequate woodland cover rainwater runs off the land, and underground aquifers cannot be recharged.

DO inform the community that woodlands capture and slow rainwater, allowing it to slowly enter the underground aquifer. This assures a reliable water supply and reducing localized flooding during rainstorms.

DO educate the community about how woodlands improve water quality by purifying rainwater.

DO require that the type and quality of tree and woodland resources be documented prior to approving development plans.

DO make sure that every effort is made to incorporate trees and woodlands of high value during land disturbance activity.

DO involve the community in formulating the program.

DON'T put together a community forestry program that your community will not support.

DO coordinate all of the planning documents and regulations in your community so that they incorporate tree and woodland conservation principles and techniques.

DO allow flexibility when reviewing development plans in order to conserve trees and woodlands.

DO inspect and enforce woodland conservation programs.

DO properly manage and maintain tree and woodland resources on public land.

DO hire qualified professionals to oversee the community forestry program.

