

Chapter 281:

Trees, Grass, Bush and Weeds (Proposed Amendments)



Presentation to the Law Committee and Sustainability Committee

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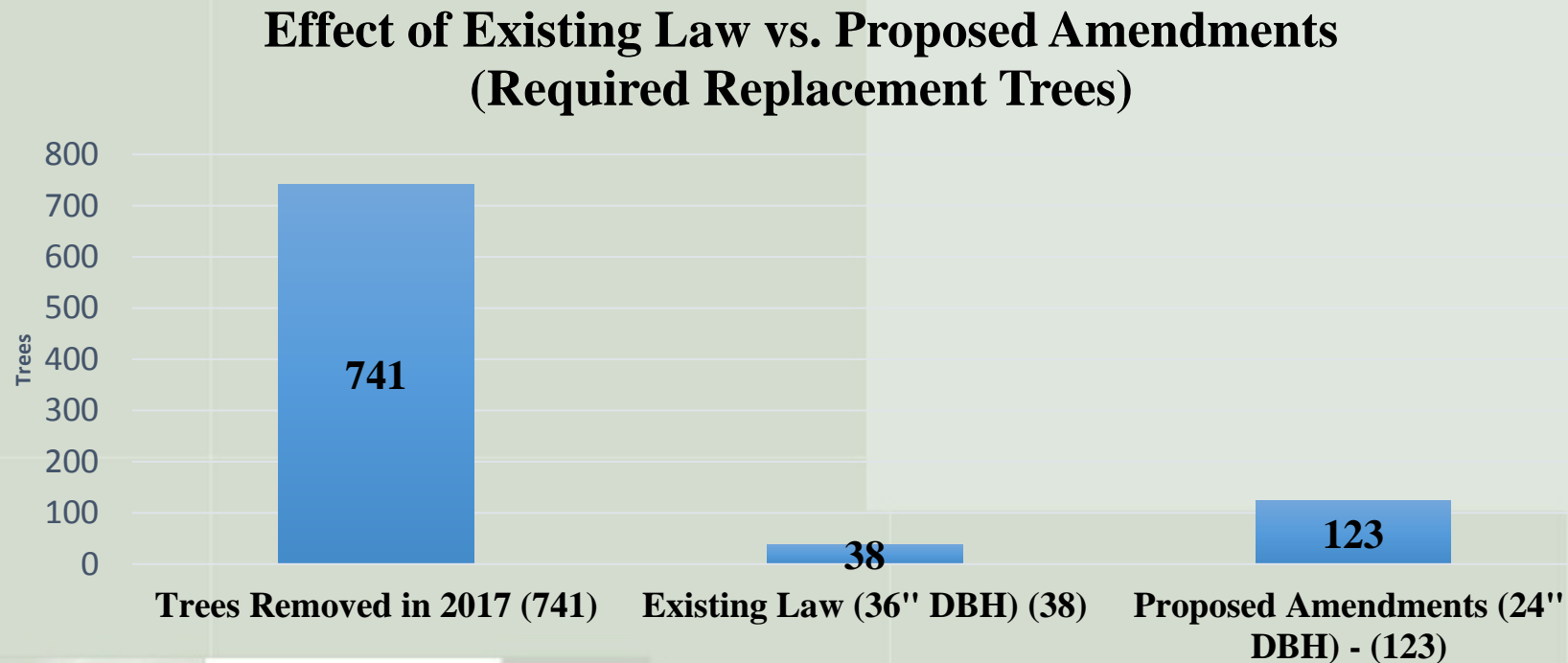
Modifications to the proposed amendments by members of the Board of Trustees:

- Add a new definition, Landscape Architect, and authorize this professional to prepare a tree inventory plan;
- Add language to allow a property owner the right to remove two trees within a 24 month period, these trees require a no cost permit and are subject to the replacement requirements as outlined in §281-5 (Replacement Trees);
- Add language to exempt property owners who remove a dead, dying or hazardous tree from the replacement requirement §281-5 (Replacement Trees); additionally, the word diseased has been removed from this category;
- Remove provision A (2) of §281-5 (Replacement Trees), which requires a replacement tree for every 24 inches DBH removed within a twelve month period.



Effect of the proposed amendments to Chapter 281

The Village received requests to remove a total of **741 trees**, from January 1, 2017 thru October 26, 2017, the chart below demonstrates the number of required replacement trees under the existing law vs. the proposed amendments:



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The chart below demonstrates the additional number of replacement trees required by type of application under the existing law vs. the proposed amendments:

Type of Application	# Applications	# Trees Removed	# Trees Replaced Existing Law	# of Trees Replaced Proposed Amendments
Diseased, Dead or Hazardous	90	184	15	30 (Diseased)
New Residential Construction	29	345	7	45
Planned Removal and General Landscaping	29	111	7	29
Residential Expansion/Alteration/Addition	24	101	9	19
Total	172	741	38	123