



Agenda

Wilmington Tree Commission Regular Meeting



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9:30 – 11:00 AM, January 28, 2026

1. Call to order; note presence of quorum.
2. Review and approve minutes from December 18, 2025 (VOTE)
3. **Heritage Tree Awards** – Update
 - a. Two applications to review
 - b. Heritage Tree Health Status Update Project
4. Strategic Plan Updates
 - a. **Community Education to the Public**

Goal: Give presentations to three professional organizations that influence new community members on the value of trees and maintaining the tree canopy in Wilmington within 1-2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Investigate local nurseries to be included in the pursuit of this goal and identify target professional organizations.
 - b. **Tree Ordinance and Enforcement**

Goal: Analyze current tree ordinance and recommend an amendment to the Land Development Code to increase tree retention in all new development within 2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Define next steps following City and Alliance for Cape Fear Trees presentations.
 - c. **Partnerships and Collaboration**

Goal: Create a spreadsheet and score card with statistics regarding number of volunteers, volunteer hours, trees distributed and use to provide updates to the public, determine the impact of work completed, and evaluate current practices within 2 years.

Follow-Up Items: Combining information on volunteer hours and events attended.
5. Isabelle Shepherd - Update on activities of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees
6. New Business
 - Native Tree Lists – Additional list development
 - Upcoming Events:
 - NC Arbor Day – March 20, 2026
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 - Earth Day Festival – April 18, 2026
 - Exhibitor applications open
 - Additional events of interest to the Commission

Next Meeting is February 25, 2026, at 9:30 AM, 929 N. Front St., 1st Floor Azalea Room (154H).

a) Adjourn –