

Reforestation Policy in Blairstone Forest (Revised)

When our neighborhood was built many trees were mature; they are now 30-40 years older. Within the last year we lost about 100 trees, not counting the ones in the boardwalk woods.

If this deforestation goes unchecked, we lose our unique appeal and with it the value of our properties. Development all around us is making more surfaces subject to run-off; only trees can absorb that much water.

To stop that destructive trend we need to actively reforest by adopting a “cut-one-plant-one” policy:

As part of approval to cut a tree you will commit to replant one from list of appropriate trees.

If you prefer not to replace a tree on your property, a suitable spot will be found in a common area.

To assist, BFCA will reimburse 50% of the cost of replanting each tree.

This will be accomplished under the leadership of the Grounds Committee and one designated Board member.

Cost will be reimbursed at 50% of the total cost of receipt (tree plus planting). The size of young tree will be at least one gallon. ~~BFCA reimbursement will come from fines collected for Covenant violations.~~

This policy has been suggested and thoroughly vetted by Sam Hand and Stan Rosenthal whose affection for and long work with our neighborhood is well-known.

FIVE GREAT THINGS ABOUT TREES (Adapted from Life and Home Magazine)

13 the number of pounds of carbon dioxide one tree absorbs each year.

5 to 20% the amount that the value of homes in a forested neighborhood exceeds that of a neighborhood without trees.

5 to 9 the number of degrees hotter that cities are compared to areas where trees are plentiful.

10 to 15% the amount that your air conditioning bill can be lowered by having trees on the south and west sides of your home.

\$30,000 the value of the oxygen produced by one tree in the course of a 50-year life span.

