

9.0 GLOSSARY

ANSI A300 Standards: Industry developed standards of practice for tree care; acronym for American National Standards Institute.

ANSI Z60.1 Standards: Industry developed standards for nursery stock sizing and describing plants to facilitate the trade in nursery stock; acronym for American National Standards Institute.

ANSI Z133.1: Industry developed safety standards for tree care operations.

Arborist; also see Certified Arborist: An individual engaged in the profession of arboriculture who, through experience, education and related training, possesses the competence to provide for or supervise the management of trees and other woody plants.

Balled and Burlapped Stock: Plants dug with firm, natural balls of earth in which they were grown, with ball size not less than diameter and depth recommended by ANSI Z60.1 for type and size of plant required; wrapped with burlap, tied, rigidly supported, and drum laced with twine with the root flare visible at the surface of the ball as recommended by ANSI Z60.1.

Bare Root Stock: Plants grown in the ground in the nursery without artificial root restriction devices, such as containers or fabric bags. When dug the soil is removed from the root systems and the plants are transported and sold without soil.

Caliper: Diameter of a tree's trunk or stem measured at a point 6 inches above finish grade if the resulting measurement is up to and including 4 inches. If the resulting measurement is more than 4 inches the point of measurement shall be relocated to 12 inches above finish grade.

Central Branch; Central Leader: A singular, dominant, upright branch or stem which does not have any stems arising from a common junction having nearly the same size and diameter.

Certified Arborist: An individual who has achieved a level of knowledge in the art and science of tree care through experience and by passing a comprehensive examination developed by some of the nation's leading experts on tree care. Certified Arborists must maintain their certification and be in good standing with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), or equivalent agency.

Climate adapted: Both native and non-native plant species which are able to thrive in the local climate and soil conditions of a specific region. The two most authoritative references on climate adaptation for plants are the USDA Plant Hardiness Zones and the Sunset Climate Zones. Plants that are considered climate adapted shall be selected in accordance with one or both of these resources.

Codominant Branches; Codominant Leaders: Branches of stems arising from a common junction, having nearly the same size diameter.

Container-Grown Stock: Healthy, vigorous, well-rooted plants grown in a container, with a well-established root system reaching sides of container and maintaining a firm ball when removed from container. Container shall be rigid enough to hold ball shape and protect root mass during shipping and be sized according to ANSI Z60.1 for type and size of plant.

Coppicing: The practice of periodically cutting back the living, above ground portions of trees or shrubs to ground level or to a stump. This practice had been commonly used on the Schuster slope to accommodate for views.

Critical Root Zone (CRZ): The area under a tree whose diameter measures one foot per one inch of DBH from the trunk outwards and twenty-four inches in depth.

Deciduous: A plant that loses its leaves and remains leafless for some months of the year, usually in winter (temperate zones) or the dry season (tropical zones).

Diameter at breast height (DBH): A tree's trunk or stem diameter measured at four and one-half feet above the ground.

Drip Line: The area on the ground below the tree in which the boundary is designated by the edge of the tree's crown.

Duff Layer: The surface layer of native topsoil that is composed of mostly decayed leaves, twigs, and detritus.

Ecosystem Type: An Ecosystem is the combination of two words (ecological and system), which describes the collection of abiotic and biotic components and the process that governs behavior found therein. There are two types of ecosystems found on Earth: terrestrial and aquatic. All sub-types of ecosystems fall under these two categories.

Establishment Period: A minimum of a three year time period following the transplanting/installation of vegetation wherein maintenance is critical to the survival of the vegetation.

Evergreen: A plant that bears leafs throughout the year.

Fabric Bag-Grown Stock: Healthy, vigorous, well-rooted plants established and grown in-ground in a porous fabric bag with a well-established root system reaching sides of fabric bag. Fabric bag size is not less than diameter, depth, and volume required by ANSI Z60.1 for type and size of plant.

Feeder Bluff: The term applied to certain coastal cliffs or headlands that provide sediment to down-current beaches as the result of wave action on the bluff.

Feeder Root Zone: The area under a tree whose diameter measures two feet per one inch of DBH from the trunk outwards and twenty-four inches in depth. For example, for a ten-inch DBH tree, the Feeder Root Zone is at least twenty feet in diameter and 24” deep.

Groundcover: Low and dense growing plants that cover the ground which can be planted for ornamental purposes, habitat or to prevent soil erosion. Turf lawn and mulch do not count as groundcover.

Hardiness Zones; USDA Plant Hardiness: Developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Plant Hardiness Zones divide North America into geographic zones based on average winter lows.

Invasive Weeds; Noxious Weeds: Non-native plant species which have been proven to have a negative impact on the environment and are highly destructive, competitive, and difficult to control or eliminate. For a current listing of Pierce County Invasive/Noxious weeds consult the Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board.

Perennial: A plant having a life cycle lasting three or more years.

Pesticide: A substance or mixture intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating a pest. This includes insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and molluscicides.

Pests: Living organisms that occur where they are not desired, or that cause damage to plants, animals, or people. These include insects, mites, grubs, mollusks (snails and slugs), rodents (gophers, moles, and mice), unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, bacteria, and viruses.

Planting Area: Locations on private property or the public right-of-way proposed or required to be planted.

Planting Soil: Standardized topsoil; existing, native surface topsoil; existing, in-place surface soil; imported topsoil; or manufactured topsoil that that may be modified with soil amendments to produce a soil mixture best suited for plant growth.

Plants; Plant; Plant Material: These terms refer to vegetation in general, including trees, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental grasses, bulbs, corms, tubers, or herbaceous vegetation.

Root Flare; also called trunk flare: The area at the base of the plant's stem or trunk where the stem or trunk broadens to form roots; the area of transition between the root system and the stem or trunk.

Shrub: A woody perennial plant that is generally less than fifteen feet in height at maturity.

Slope Face: The sloping portion of a high bank, typically the area between the slope crest and the slope toe.

Slope Toe: The point where the base of a slope meets flat ground.

Soil-Binding Root Zone; Effective Tree Root Zone; 100 Percent Soil-binding Effective Tree Root Zone: calculated as 1-ft radius of lateral root extent outward from the trees trunk for every one inch of DBH of the tree's trunk. See "Critical Root Zone".

Stem Girdling Roots: Roots that encircle the stems (trunks) of trees below the soil surface.

Stormwater Benefit: A term used to define stormwater management solutions aimed at improving water quality, restoring both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and controlling flooding and erosional issues.

Subsoil: All soil beneath the topsoil layer of the soil profile, and typified by the lack of organic matter and soil organisms.

Surface Soil: Soil that is present at the top layer of the existing soil profile at the project site. In undisturbed areas, the surface soil is typically the topsoil; but in disturbed areas such as urban environments, the surface soil can be subsoil.

Top of Slope: area above the slope extending to the point of slope crest.

Tree Protection Zone (TPZ): The area surrounding the trunk of a tree intended to protect roots and soil within the Critical Root Zone and beyond, to ensure future tree health and stability. The location of the Tree Protection Zone is at the edge of the Critical Root Zone or Drip Line, whichever is greater.