



I am the Landscape Architect for the City of Fairburn, Georgia and review all ES & PC and landscape plans for new development within the City, and have reviewed 20 plan sets/sites in total. I also inspect sites after construction has been completed to make sure the landscaping is up to the City code. If so, the developer/ owner is issued their C.O. or granted release of their landscape bond. More often, the contractor needs to make corrections to the site before these can be issued.

I also mediate conflicts between the City and contractors. This photo is of a case where the contractor took out 20,800 Sq. Ft. of mature forest in a tree save area on a site. The City ordered the replanting, and the contractor and his landscape design team estimated the cost of replacement to be \$50,000. (Continued next page)

A contractor illegally removed 20,800 Sq. Ft. of mature trees. Through my negotiations, the entire area was replanted. Half of the area is shown below.



The developer's landscape design team argued that the City codes did not require replacement of trees that are in a tree protection area (which is false). The code lists many punishments for this infraction. At the cost of a \$50,000, tree replacement plan, the developer was considering hiring a lawyer to interpret the City's codes. On the other side, the City continued to demand the trees be replanted and referenced their Code for specific punishments if this was not done. The situation was heading toward litigation.

At this point, I stepped in and talked with the developer. I discussed with him a less expensive plan that would satisfy the City's needs in keeping this area a protected, tree buffer. The developer used my plan and replanted the entire area that was removed.