

Trees & Construction: Regulations for Preservation – Joe Hansen

Tree preservation ordinances go beyond just requiring permits for tree removal—they can also be valuable tools for minimizing or preventing damage to trees during construction. By understanding basic construction principles, we can explore effective methods and strategies for tree preservation. This presentation will examine how the Village of Wilmette, Illinois, incorporates tree preservation into its plan review process for private properties.

Illinois Urban Forest Strike Team – Joe Hansen

The Illinois Urban Forest Strike Team is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and Trees Forever. This initiative deploys professional volunteers to assist underserved communities that lack urban forestry expertise in the aftermath of storms, aiding in recovery from natural disasters. Using industry-standard tree risk assessment protocols and GIS software, the team inventories street trees, identifying those that require mitigation and, most importantly, those that can be retained.

Presenter Bio –

Joe Hansen is an ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist, Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) and holds numerous certifications through the Tree Care Industry Association including Certified Tree Care Safety Professional (CTSP). Joe is the Village Forester/Tree Preservation

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