



SPECIAL MEETING – URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION AGENDA

AUGUST 15, 2026, 9:30 AM
CONSTITUTION PARK 201 CT-136, NORWALK, CT 06855



Members of the public who wish to provide public comment are encouraged to submit those via email in advance of the meeting. For these comments to be included into the record, they must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. Please email Sarah Cruz at scruz@norwalkct.gov with the subject line “Public Comment” to provide written public comment prior to the meeting.

I. DISCUSSION OF THE STROFFOLINO BRIDGE LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

- A.** Site walk to assess the current conditions of previously installed planting areas and develop a plan for future landscape improvements surrounding the Stroffolino Bridge.

Stroffolino Bridge

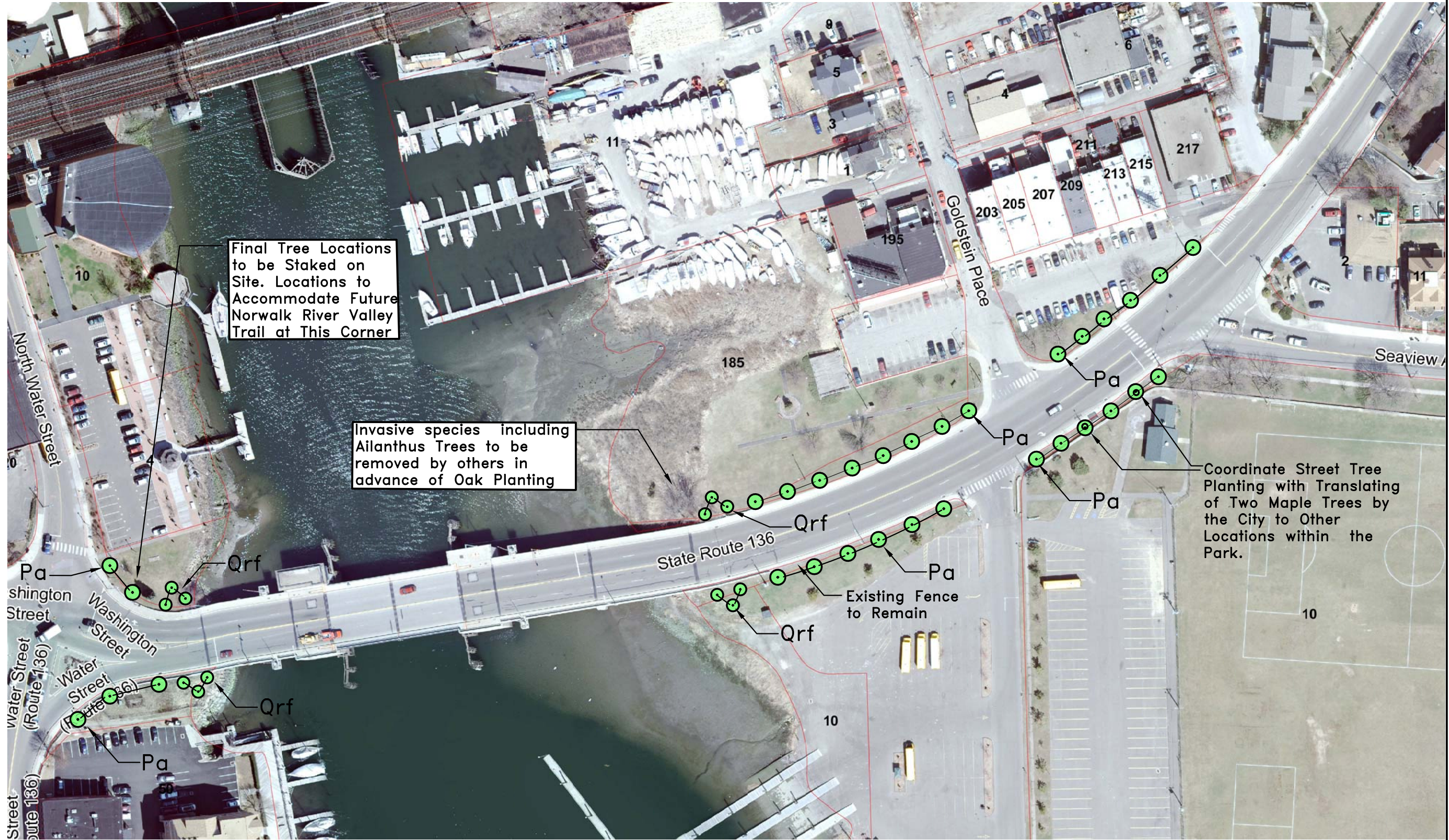
The Gateway to Norwalk





Let's do some clean up together.

- The Norwalk Tree Alliance proposes restoring and completing the original 2012 landscape plan for the Stroffolino Bridge by replanting the Kindred Spirit oak trees that were lost and installing the remaining trees that were never planted. These four revitalized corners will form a natural “Gateway to the Sound” and serve as four GPS-guided Roots of Freedom stops. Each corner will honor a foundational element of Norwalk’s long story: the East Norwalk corner dedicated to the Indigenous peoples who cared for this land long before Ludlow’s purchase; the opposite corner recognizing the 10,000-year tradition of local fishing and oyster farming; and the two remaining corners honoring Mayor Frank Zullo Strafalino and Mayor Harry Rilling, whose leadership shaped more than a decade of Norwalk’s modern democratic history. Together, these restored sites will connect the city’s past, present, and future through living history and native beauty.



TREE PLANTING SCHEDULE- Phase Fall 2012

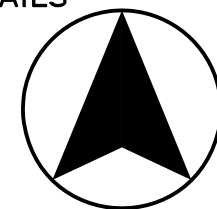
12	Quercus robur Fastigiata'	- Columnar English Oak 3-3.5"	- Specimen
31	Platanus x acerifolia 'Bloodgood'	- Bloodgood, London Planetree	2.75-3.0" cal.

PROGRESS PRINT

NOTE - SEE DRAWING L-2.1 FOR PLANTING NOTES AND DETAILS



Approximate Scale



NORWALK STRATEGIC TREE PLAN
FORT POINT ST. TREE PLANTING
Norwalk, Connecticut

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Strategic Street Tree
Planting Sub-Committee

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FORT POINT
STREET TREE
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Date: Oct. 10, 2012

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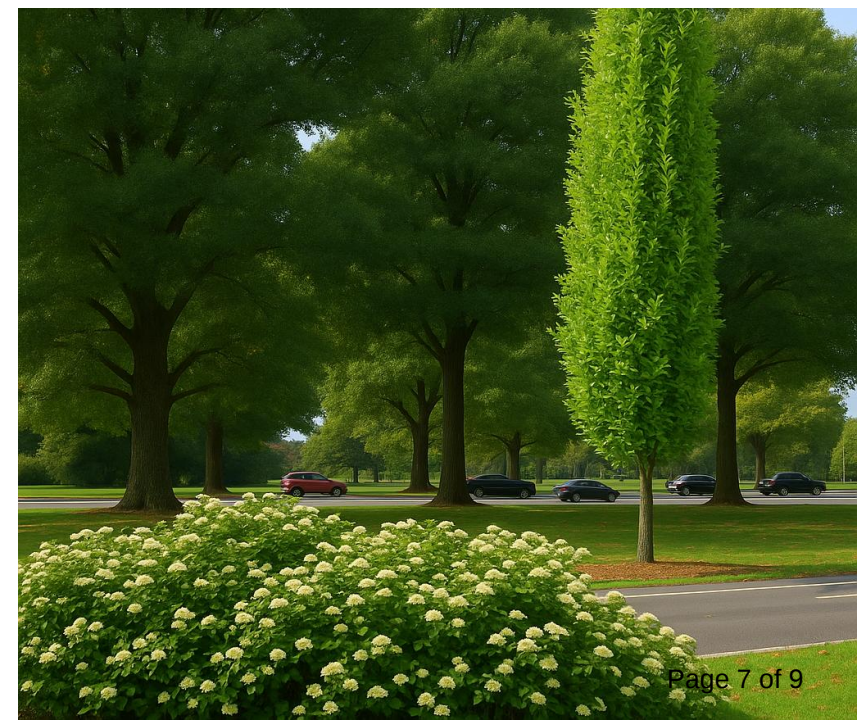


Kindred Spirit Oak Trees Reach up to 40 Feet Tall

Arrowwood viburnum

- Arrowwood viburnum is a hardy, compact **native Connecticut shrub** that grows 3 to 5 feet tall and just as wide, making it an excellent choice for naturalized landscapes or wildlife-friendly plantings. Its dense, rounded form also makes it effective for **weed suppression**, especially when used as an understory planting. It performs beautifully **under pin oaks**, thriving in the dappled light and slightly acidic soil conditions. In mid to late spring, it produces clusters of white flowers that develop into small blue berries—an important late-summer food source for birds. Its dark green, oval-shaped leaves shift to rich shades of orange, red, and burgundy-purple in fall, offering strong seasonal color. Arrowwood viburnum prefers moist, well-drained soil but tolerates a wide range of conditions and becomes moderately drought-tolerant once established. For shaping or size control, it can be pruned right after flowering.





Fothergilla gardenii

- Fothergilla gardenii, also known as dwarf fothergilla, is a beautiful native Connecticut shrub that works exceptionally well as an understory planting beneath pin oaks. This compact shrub grows about 3 feet tall and 4 feet wide, forming a dense, low-growing mass that naturally suppresses weeds. In spring, it produces fragrant white bottlebrush-like flowers, followed by attractive blue-green, seashell-shaped leaves that turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow in fall. Fothergilla gardenii thrives in full sun to partial shade, prefers slightly acidic soils like those typically found under oaks, and is adaptable to most soils except highly alkaline ones—making it an ideal, low-maintenance choice for groundcover beneath your pin oak canopy.



