

Common Area Woodland Policy

Those areas amongst the Mill Creek South open space that are in woodlands shall be consciously left in a natural biological state

In an effort to foster good wildlife habitat characteristics Best Timber Management practice will be followed

Large woody debris and standing dead trees will be allowed to remain scattered across the sites. These features will be utilized by a variety of animal species. This material will provide sites for nesting, roosting, foraging and other activities.

Dead woody material on the ground, especially larger logs, store energy and nutrients, serve as sites for nitrogen fixation, provide favorable moisture conditions for young tree growth and help protect the soil from erosion. Many birds eat insects that inhabit rotting logs and numerous species of mammals use logs as sites for reproduction activities, foraging and cover from enemies. Forest dwelling amphibians often are found in association with decaying logs.

This policy is adjunct to The Open Space Land Use Policy

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