Quick Actions - What You Can Do

“Close the Gaps in Tree Protection, Pass a Better TPO”



Trees Atlanta urges you to support the approval of the TPO. We recommend: Vote YES and approve the May 1 TPO. Now is the time to call and email Atlanta City Council.

- List of City Council contacts (below)

Contact Mayor Andre Dickens and Department of City Planning Commissioner Prince to affirm that the May 1 TPO puts Atlanta in the right direction. The work has been long and complex, and the City should be recognized for continuing to move the process forward for the protection and benefit of the people.

Atlanta has a precious natural resource in our high tree canopy cover -- it is one of the most valuable and necessary assets that mitigate the increasingly negative effects of climate change and worsening urban heat island effect. We cannot wait any longer for Atlanta to pass a better TPO to protect peoples' health and wellbeing. A healthy city and residents is the foundation for a thriving city for today and long into the future.

This article, authored by Trees Atlanta Executive Director, Greg Levine, is in this morning's edition of the AJC (May 9, 2025). Since writing this OpEd, already a new version of the TPO has been distributed (on May 1) by the Department of City Planning which includes updates which address some (but not all) of our recommendations.

- View the updated May 1 TPO documents and summaries

Based on the City Council meeting schedule, it's expected that the new TPO will be submitted as a substitute at the May 13 (1:30 pm) CDHS meeting of City Council (1:00 pm), and a vote on the TPO could be introduced at the May 19 full council meeting. We will be there, and **we invite you to be there with us in green**. Residents of the City of Atlanta who wish to speak at either meeting should arrive prior to meeting start time to sign up to speak.

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- City Council

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