



Native vs Non-Native Species Policy and Recommended Practice

The Alliance for Cape Fear Trees (ACFT) is a non-profit founded in December 2015 by members of the Wilmington Tree Commission to address the needs of the community and urban forestry in the Greater Wilmington and lower Cape Fear region. ACFT focuses on education, advocacy, preservation, and new tree plantings. <https://www.allianceforcapefeartrees.com/>

Statement:

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If a native tree species is well-suited and available in the trade for a particular site, that native species should be given preference over planting a non-native species. For that native species, preference should be given to using a locally propagated and produced plant.

Read here to learn some of the benefits of using native trees in landscapes as suggested by the American Society of Landscape Architects:

<https://www.asla.org/nativeplantssavemoney.aspx>

**Native Tree Species - NC Coastal Plain
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