

TPO Intent and Purpose -- Sticky Note Comments

(Comments grouped by topic)

Lack of Trust

Disbelief that the stated TPO intent and purpose are measurable goals and will save trees, much less grow the canopy to 50% coverage; dissatisfaction with planning commissioner.

- Empty Words. Unless we hold developers accountable and stop kissing \$\$ ass.
- None of this matters if the city operates the same way.
- These are not measurable actions for the purpose. Define these more and think SMART.
- Concern that buzzwords of balancing w/affordability, mobility & growth will result in same situation of putting trees & their benefits last.
- What does “as possible” mean? Balancing tree preservation w/social issues sounds like an escape clause for preserving trees.
- Afraid of how “high value trees and habitat will be defined. What about an overall threshold of X% of habitat – tree loss NOT TO BE CROSSED in addition to (indecipherable).
- I like the idea... but stating 50% goal of canopy coverage (which is more than we currently have) doesn't seem realistic unless we commit to stopping all development now (which doesn't seem likely).
- For this to work, support needs to come from the top. Tell the builders that a new day a comin', no more recompense, save the trees!
- We are out of balance now with development devouring land, trees, etc. This needs to change!
- We need a new planning commissioner.

“No Net Loss of Trees”:

TPO intent and purpose does not include that there will be “no net loss of trees”.

- *(In reference to the stated TPO Intent and Purpose bullets)* These are not the goals of the Atlanta Tree Protection Ordinance which is No Net Loss of Trees!
- Sounds good. But I wonder if there is value in stating a goal of no net loss of trees.
- Should include language stating the goal be no net loss in tree coverage.

Enforcement:

TPO intent and purpose includes no language about enforcement.

- Enforcement is missing.
- What about enforcement?
- Enforcement is critical.

Aligning TPO with Other Development Requirements:

TPO must be given equal footing to other regulations/development requirements and be considered in the beginning of permitting process.

- Stop allowing TPO to play 2nd to all other requirements. It must be on equal footing,
- Yes! Align TPO w/other development req. & look at TPO at the beginning!

Importance of Trees

Trees provide other benefits that need to be recognized, and their contribution to high value habitat and high bio-diversity is critical.

- Tree canopy provides environment, psychological, and economical benefits which needs recognition.
- Think prohibiting loss of high value habitat & high bio-diversity is critically important.

Community Input:

TPO intent and purpose needs to include statement on community input, especially those whose voices are not heard over developer money.

- Sounds good but I would add a section on community input .
- What are you doing to ensure that low income residents are given an equal voice to \$\$\$ companies?

Grading and footprints:

Limit land grading and buildable footprints to protect soil.

- Protect soil by limiting grading of land.
- Reduce footprints.

Replanting Trees:

TOP intent and purpose needs to include tree replanting objectives.

- This presentation is all about retaining existing trees – which is important. But another important part is replanting – doing it correctly, planting the right tree for the right place. Where will that be covered?