

City of Asheville
BOARDS & COMMISSIONS
Application Form

Applicants are strongly urged to attend several meetings of a board prior to applying

Name of board or commission: Urban Forestry Board

Your name: Patricia E. Grace, PhD Home Phone #: 828-505-0046

Street address: 6 Lilac St. City: Asheville Zip Code: 28806

Mailing address (if different): _____

Employer: Retired

Your position: _____ Office Phone #: _____

Resident of City Asheville County Buncombe Race W * Gender Identity: (non-trans) woman *

Are you a Homeowner or a Renter? * Homeowner Age: 71

Residence location (check one): Central _____ North _____ South _____ East _____ West ☒

Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest that may arise during your service on this board (i.e., property interest, business interest, etc.)? If so, please explain: No
_____. Potential conflicts of interest do not preclude appointments.

Please indicate the area(s) of expertise that you can bring to the above board(s), and then in detail list education, experience, reasons for your interest, and other factors that support your interest in serving **Applicants are encouraged to provide a cover letter and/or a brief resume. Please use additional sheets if necessary.**

I am a retired professor and researcher. I was employed by the University of Florida from 1990-2007 as an Extension Agent teaching Horticulture. In my younger years I was a certified arborist. (I let the certification lapse as I was no longer using it.)
I taught many programs about trees and the importance of caring for them properly, planting them, and protecting them from such things as construction work in the vicinity.

I have a Masters degree in Agricultural Education and Communications from the University of Florida (1997) and a PhD in Agriculture from Virginia Tech (2011). I have been a resident of the City of Asheville since 2011.

I have been appalled at what people have been doing to some of the beautiful trees in the City. Improper pruning techniques have caused the unnecessary death of many of the trees where I live in West Asheville. In my professional life, I often taught classes in proper tree pruning and how to determine if a tree should be removed (or not). Many people just do not understand tree physiology and think they are doing a positive thing when they pruner their trees improperly.

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* This information is requested for the sole purpose of assuring that a cross section of the community is appointed.