

Green space requirements

Rationale:

Green spaces provide a range of environmental, social and economic benefits including improved air and water quality, enhanced biodiversity, and aesthetic value. It also plays a crucial role in mitigating the effects of urbanization such as heat islands and stormwater runoff while contributing to the overall health and well being of communities

Recommendation:

1)

Increase percentage of green space on Bulk Zoning Standards table 2 to 25%. For the NR district

Alter the percentage of green space requirement to be 60/40 (front/back yard).

Green Space is defined as vegetation, such as grass, trees, shrubs and other plants.

Stones, pavers or any material other than materials described as green space may not be used other than walkway and driveway coverage.

2)

Front and side yards are considered green space and must be covered in permanent vegetation such as grass, trees, shrubs and other plants.

The only exception for green space is for driveways and walkways as defined by the town code.

