# Steering Committee Meeting Summary

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| Date: | March 25, 2021 |
| Time: | 4:00 – 6:00pm |
| Location: | Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams |
| Attendees: | Steering Committee and Council Members* Douglas Ball
* Kathy Behringer
* Jon Blasco
* Dean Fox
* Brenda Compton
* Demian Dellinger
* Tim Holton
* Doug Griner
 | Town staff* Jeff Triezenberg
* Leah Harrison
* Brian Godfrey
* Chris Johnson
* Terri Jones
* David Bamford
* John Hodges
* Stacy Griffin
* Joseph Stallings

Consultant* Jay McLeod
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| Materials: | * PowerPoint Presentation
* Citizen Petition for Tree Preservation
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## Welcome and Introductions

The project team reviewed the project schedule and progress is on time.

## Citizen Petition

The context and substance of the citizen petition for tree preservation was presented by staff.

## Progress Update

Tree Preservation

Staff presented a summary of the distinctions between different types of tree preservation (canopy vs. specimen trees) and the overall Town goals related to tree preservation. Existing and proposed standards were discussed, as well as what peer communities are doing (Holly Springs, Fuquay-Varina, Indian Trail, Raleigh, Cary, Apex, Durham, and others). Staff-identified opportunities were discussed.

Action item takeaways included the distinction that quality of tree canopy preserved is important while quantity is not as important since almost always new development does involve some preservation along the perimeters of the tract or in stream buffers. Quality of installation has a major impact on the survival and long-term success of these trees.

## Discussion and Next Steps

Discussed items will be incorporated into the tree preservation and landscaping-related sections of the UDO update.

Check the project webpage often for updates and upcoming events:

<https://www.garnernc.gov/departments/planning/garner-forward/udo-re-write-project>