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Summary of Young Tree Maintenance Plan for Philly Tree People (PTP) Pruning Club:

Pruning at planting will be done by trained volunteer pruners and only to remove damaged or diseased limbs. In general, watering and tree pit care will be done by homeowners except when tree is initially planted. Subsequent pruning will be done by Pruning Club volunteers and trained homeowners.

At Planting Weed pit and add soil and or mulch if needed. Only prune lightly. Remove broken limbs, damaged limbs and girdling roots. Limb up as necessary for clearance of cars and sidewalk, but may need to wait for subsequent years. Minimally prune for structure if at all.

Years 1-3 Weed pit and add soil and or mulch if needed. Remove damaged and diseased limbs. Limb up as needed.

Years 2-4 Weed pit and add soil and or mulch if needed. Structural pruning and crown-raising can be performed. Note any disease or other problems and record.

Years 5-7 Weed pit and add soil and or mulch if needed. Structural pruning and crown-raising as needed. Note any disease or other problems and record.

After 7 years Trees still small enough to reach from the ground may continue to be cared for by volunteer pruners. Inspection for overall health should continue annually. Dead and seriously diseased or declining trees should be reported.

Summary of Established Trees Maintenance Plan:

Prune trees as needed and as limbs are safely reachable from the ground. Perform general pit maintenance as needed. Identify potential hazards or seriously diseased trees and report them.

Beautifying the neighborhood by bringing tree coverage to the streets of 19125 and 19134