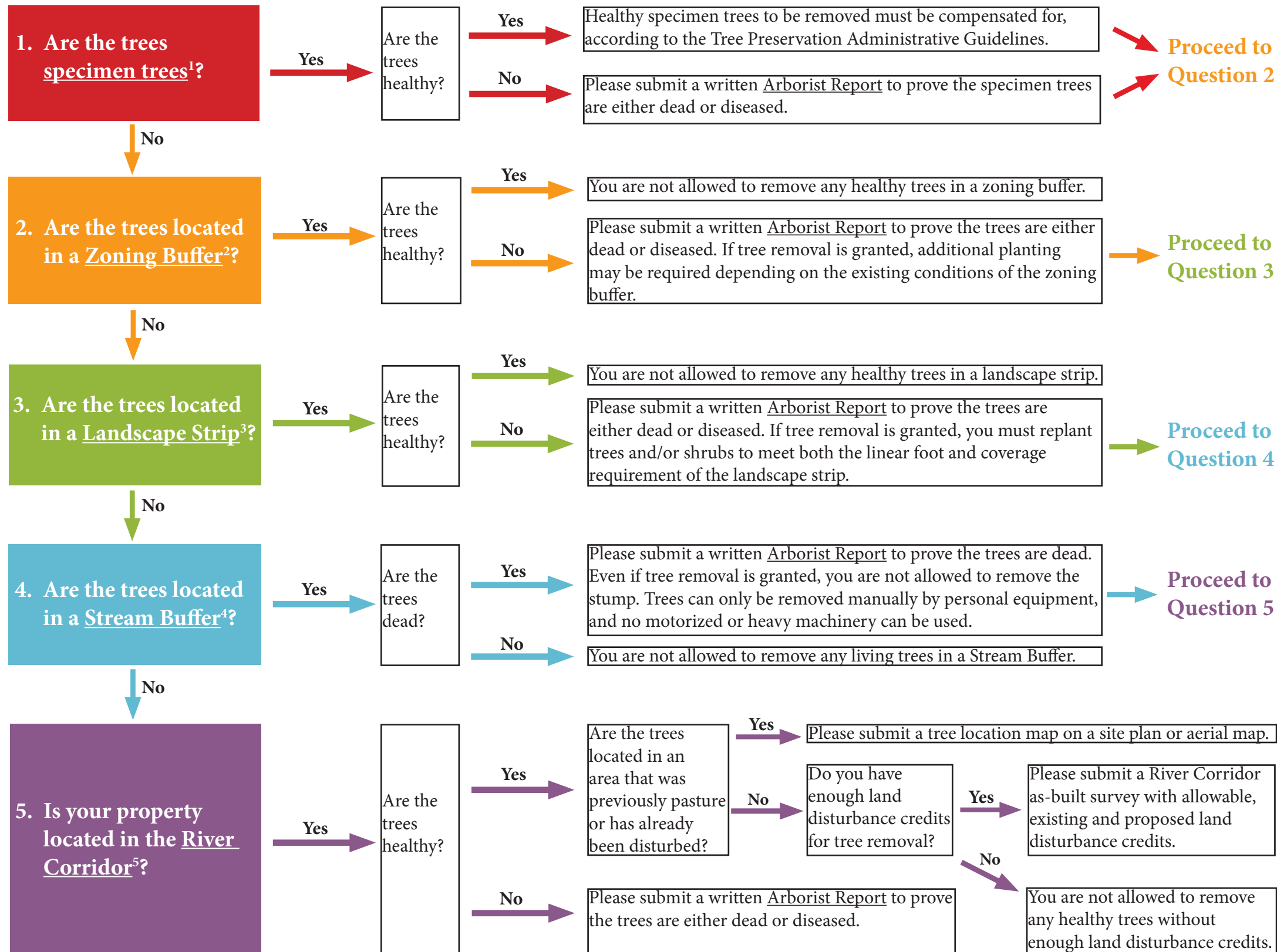


City of Johns Creek Tree Removal Self-Evaluation Flow Chart

References

Please read Questions 1 through 5. If your answer to each is “no,” then you do not need a permit to remove the trees. Otherwise, please follow the flow chart to determine requested materials for your tree removal application. Please note that property owners are not allowed to remove any trees outside their properties - for instance on the neighbor’s property or in the right-of-way.



1. **Specimen Tree:** Any tree in fair or better conditions which equals or exceeds the following diameter sizes:

Large hardwoods (Oak, Hickory, Yellow Poplar, Sweetgum, etc.)	27" DBH
Large hardwoods (Beech)	24" DBH
Large softwoods (Pine, Deodar Cedar)	24" DBH
Small native flowering (Dogwood, Redbud, Sourwood)	10" DBH

2. **Zoning Buffer:** A natural undisturbed portion of a lot, which is set aside to achieve a visual barrier between the use on the lot and adjacent lots and/or uses. A buffer must be replanted where sparsely vegetated, according to the standards in the Tree Preservation Administrative Guidelines. Zoning Buffers can be found in zoning conditions, and on final plats.

3. **Landscape Strip:** An area required by the Zoning Ordinance and/or zoning conditions for the installation and maintenance of plant materials along Rights-of-Way or property lines. Landscape Strips can be found in zoning conditions, and on final plats.

4. **Stream Buffer:** An area along the course of any conveyance which is determined to be a stream, as defined in the Stream Buffer Regulations, which is to be maintained in an undisturbed and natural condition.

5. **River Corridor:** An area that contains any property within 2000 feet from the banks of the Chattahoochee River. Please refer to the Johns Creek River Corridor Informational Brochure for more information.

Along protected streams (including the Chattahoochee River)	25-foot State stream buffer and 50-foot City's undisturbed natural vegetative buffer
Along all perennial streams within 7 miles upstream of a public water supply reservoir or public water supply intake, or along rivers with average annual flows of greater than 400 cfs	100-foot undisturbed buffer

6. **Arborist Report:** A written report by an ISA-certified arborist, which shall include the following items:

- A description of the trees, what is wrong with the trees, and why they need to be removed (If the trees are diseased or insect-infested, please explain why they cannot be saved);
- Location of the trees as shown on a site plan or aerial map; and
- Photos of the trees to be removed, and close-up of the areas of the trees that are diseased or infested by insects.

The report must be signed by the arborist with his/her certification number.