

Restoring the Tree Canopy in Nob Hill depends on planting the *Right Tree in the Right Place*

Right Tree:

- The selected tree is listed in *Climate-Ready Trees: Tree Species Selection Guidelines for the Albuquerque Metro Area* (Nature Conservancy 2020) for the relevant planting site type (e.g., xeriscaped area, small Green Stormwater Infrastructure features, etc.) **OR** The tree is included in the ABC Water Authority TreeBate program, as noted in *Xeriscaping: The Complete How-to Guide* (see tree list beginning on page 12).
- The selected tree is suitable to site conditions (e.g., overhead clearance, soil area for root development) as determined by a member of the Tree Canopy Committee.
- The tree is planted using best practices as established by Tree New Mexico (treenm.org). **Tree Canopy Committee members are available to assist with proper tree planting.**
- The Owner accepts responsibility for proper watering (*Everything You Need to Know About Effective Tree Watering*), mulching, and care of the tree.
- While not a requirement, the Tree Canopy Committee recommends the planting of smaller trees (e.g., 2-3 gallon trees) as opposed to larger trees. Smaller trees become established in our native soils quickly and present less concern with girdling roots. After 5 years, 2-gallon trees have often caught up with 5-gallon trees in size due to their stronger start.

Right Place:

- The Owner accepts responsibility for identifying irrigation lines, utility lines, and/or structures that should not be disturbed in the general area where the tree would be planted.
- The Owner agrees to pull back any existing landscape fabric/plastic to at least five feet away from the trunk of the tree. For best growing conditions, landscape fabric should be removed altogether.
- The Owner accepts responsibility for protecting the tree from damage (e.g., trunk damage from lawn mowers or weed whackers which can result in early tree death).
- The Owner acknowledges that the tree planting site will not exceed 20 feet from the street. This is consistent with the goal to subsidize trees that will benefit the community at large as well as the property owner.