

Fallen trees are left on the ground in naturalized areas to help benefit other trees and the natural environment. These trees are referred to as nurse logs. Removal of logs and brush from woodlots often causes significant environmental damage to our naturalized areas; hence the organic material is left in place to return nutrients to the soil.

A nurse log is a fallen tree which, as it decays, provides many benefits to seedlings and mature trees with water, shelter, mycorrhizae, disease protection, and nutrients. Downed logs also provide shelter sites and food sources for insects including pollinators, mammals, birds, and for amphibians such as salamanders. In some cases dead trunks are left standing as trees to provide habitat for wildlife. All these elements are important in maintaining a healthy, well-functioning ecosystem.

We ask that residents do not disturb fallen logs or trees in wooded areas and that logs and branches be left where they are found, as they are performing important functions for our environment. It is also important that the fallen logs are not pushed into creeks.



This is a Wildlife Tree

Dead wood brings new life.
This tree has been left here to give local wildlife, such as birds and mammals, a home.

