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### CIRCULAR TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTES

#### UPDATE TO GUIDELINES ON GREENERY PROVISION AND TREE CONSERVATION FOR DEVELOPMENTS

1. NParks has reviewed its guidelines on greenery provision and tree conservation for developments to better address current development needs and provide clearer submission procedures for industry practitioners.
2. The key changes include:
  - a) Introduction of Standard Tree Tagging Methods: Trees must now be tagged according to NParks' specified methods before development work begins. This requirement helps to prevent accidental damage to or removal of trees during development. This shall apply to all development applications approved by NParks on and after 1 September 2025.
  - b) Heritage Roads section: Update to information and maps for Heritage Road Green Buffers
  - c) Incorporation of reminder for CORENET X submissions: For new projects submitted through CORENET X, industry practitioners must follow the latest CORENET X Code of Practice for NParks' submission requirements.
  - d) Enhancement to navigation of the Handbook: The handbook now features hyperlinked chapters, allowing readers to quickly access specific requirements with a single click.
3. These changes are reflected in NParks' Handbook on "Guidelines on Greenery Provision and Tree Conservation for Developments (Version 5)", which is available on the NParks website. Please refer to **Annex A** for a summary of the changes.

4 Please disseminate the contents of this circular to your members. For clarifications, please contact:

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5 Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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**Annex A to NP/GDP/Circular/2025/01**

<b>Chapter No</b>	<b>Chapter Title</b>	<b>Updates</b>
2	<i>Conservation of Trees/Plants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New section on Standard Tree Tagging Methods</li><li>• Updates to Heritage Road Green Buffer maps</li></ul>
3	<i>Greenery Provision Within Premises</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inclusion of green buffer setback requirements for mixed commercial and residential developments</li></ul>
8	<i>Submission Procedure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Incorporation of reminder to industry practitioners to refer to the latest CORENET X Code of Practice for NParks' submission requirements for new projects submitted through CORENET X</li></ul>
1 to 10	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New hyperlinks to all chapters for quick navigation to specific requirements</li></ul>