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There are no hard and fast tree species of the Cape that can be cut with impunity, that is, with safety to the environment. The City advises that the removal of any tree should be done with care, and that the City should be consulted before any proposal is made. Trees, when planted in the right place, can provide significant benefits to the environment.

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  - Create memorable places and spaces.
  - Support outdoor recreational activity and promote health.
  - Provide a habitat and food for urban wildlife.
  - Provide a visual backdrop and are associated with important people or events.
  - Define historic settlement or movement patterns.
  - Are very old and rare.

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- **Historic domestic architecture and gardens**: Welgelegen, Mowbray
- **Groups of trees planted for shade or as windbreaks and old water courses**: The Glen, Camps Bay
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- Have large canopies and trunks.
- Have deep root systems and strong trunks.
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