

# City of Portland

## September 8, 2025 LMAC Waiver Committee Agenda



Monday, September 8, 2025 at 11:00 AM The INSERT\_COMMITTEE\_NAME will conduct this meeting remotely via Zoom. Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live either in person or via Zoom, a recording will be available in the [Agenda Center](#) following the meeting.

<https://portlandmaine-gov.zoom.us/j/85634610553?pwd=LV4LVZjRaWT7IsPa5s4XcSGmafBECG.1>

1. Waiver Committee Deliberation and Decision Regarding Application To Apply Pesticides at 400 Woodford Street
  - a. Waiver Request
  - b. Map of proposed application area
  - c. Landcare Letter of Support from Adjoining Property
2. Adjournment



**LANDCARE ORDINANCE WAIVER APPLICATION**  
Landcare Management Advisory Committee (LMAC)

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Submission Date: 7/28/25\_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  Resident  Landlord  Business  Municipality  Landscape company

Are you a licensed commercial applicator?  Yes  No

**REASON FOR REQUESTING THE USE OF A PROHIBITED FERTILIZER OR PESTICIDE:**

- Is an emergency and threatens the public health and safety
- For the control of invasive plants that pose a threat to the environment (*For a list of Maine Invasive Plants visit: [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive\\_plants/invsheets.htm](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/features/invasive_plants/invsheets.htm)*)
- Required to protect buildings or structures from damage
- Using a synthetic fertilizer on performance turf or for new development, with one or more the following conditions:
  - I. The soil temperature is less than 55 degrees Fahrenheit and reasonable grounds exist to justify fertilizer use at that location and at that time;
  - II. The turf is experiencing high stress due to high use and must be ready for high performance play when the sports season(s) begin; or
  - III. A suitable organic product that meets the nutrient needs of the soil as specified in a soil test is unavailable.

*Making the right pest identification is important and can be difficult. Resources for pest identification are available at: <http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/gotpests/invasive-pests.htm>. NOTE: Applications for poisonous plants such as poison ivy, pests of significant health importance such as ticks and mosquitos, and destructive pests such as carpenter ants and termites are exempted under the ordinance. No waiver is necessary to address these pests.*

**Please provide a detailed account of the problem you would like to address with the proposed fertilizer or pesticide application. Include photos of the problem/pest and of the extent of the problem (this may be number of pests or area covered):**

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**What steps did you take to evaluate alternative methods to the proposed fertilizer or pesticide application, including but not limited to, non-fertilizer/pesticide management tactics, minimum risk fertilizers or pesticides, non-synthetic fertilizers or pesticides, and selecting the minimum amount of the least toxic, most effective fertilizer or pesticide necessary.**

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

What are you treating?  Turf  Shrubs  Trees  Invasive Weeds

Address of proposed application: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a map of the proposed application area (*this may be a sketch, however it should be to scale and include property boundaries, structures, and water bodies*).

see attached map. Thin red lines represent property line. Thick yellow lines represent tree locations

Is this application within 75ft. of a waterbody?  Yes  No

Proposed fertilizer or pesticide:

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Amount to be applied: \_\_\_\_\_

Method of application:  Liquid  Granular  Injection/systemic  Cut stem treatment

Proposed timing(s)/frequency of use: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a detailed management plan for your proposed application, including how you will minimize the impact of this application on abutting properties and, to the maximum extent possible, ensure that the grant of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public's health, safety or welfare.**

*NOTE: the following applications are prohibited:*

- Broadcast applications: the spreading of pesticides over an entire area
- Preemptive applications: the application of pesticides as a measure against something possible, anticipated or feared, i.e., as a preventive or deterrent measure

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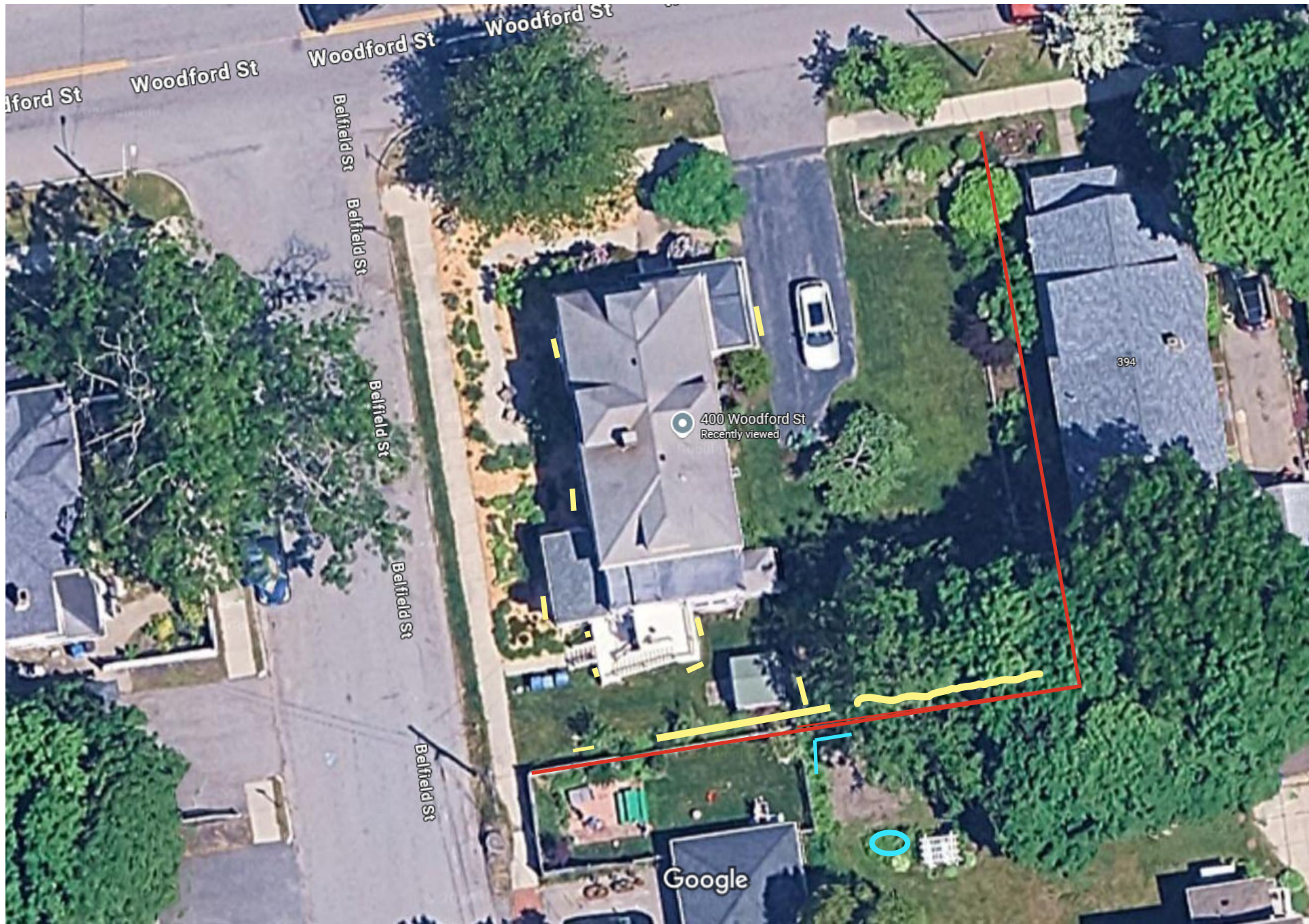
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In order for the waiver to be considered, all of the fields above must be completed. For questions, please contact Troy Moon in the Sustainability Office at 207-756-8362.

Completed forms may be emailed to [landcare@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:landcare@portlandmaine.gov), or mailed or delivered to City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.



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**Subject: Letter of Support for Removal of Invasive Trees at 400 Woodford Street**

Dear Members of the Landcare Management Advisory Committee:

Nan Solomons (my neighbor residing at 400 Woodford Street) informed me that she will be going before your committee this Wednesday, August 27, 2025, as part of a waiver process to use herbicide to remove the tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) trees on her property. I am writing in support of her removal of the trees. Given the invasive nature of these trees, I suggest that she also have the 15 or so saplings on my property at 13 Montrose Avenue treated as well. These saplings are on or near our shared property line.

I hope that you will allow the addition of these trees as part of her application. I'm over 90 and reside in an assisted living facility and am physically and logistically unable to manage this task. I am grateful that she is willing to coordinate the removal of these adjacent trees.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature]

Rose Carter