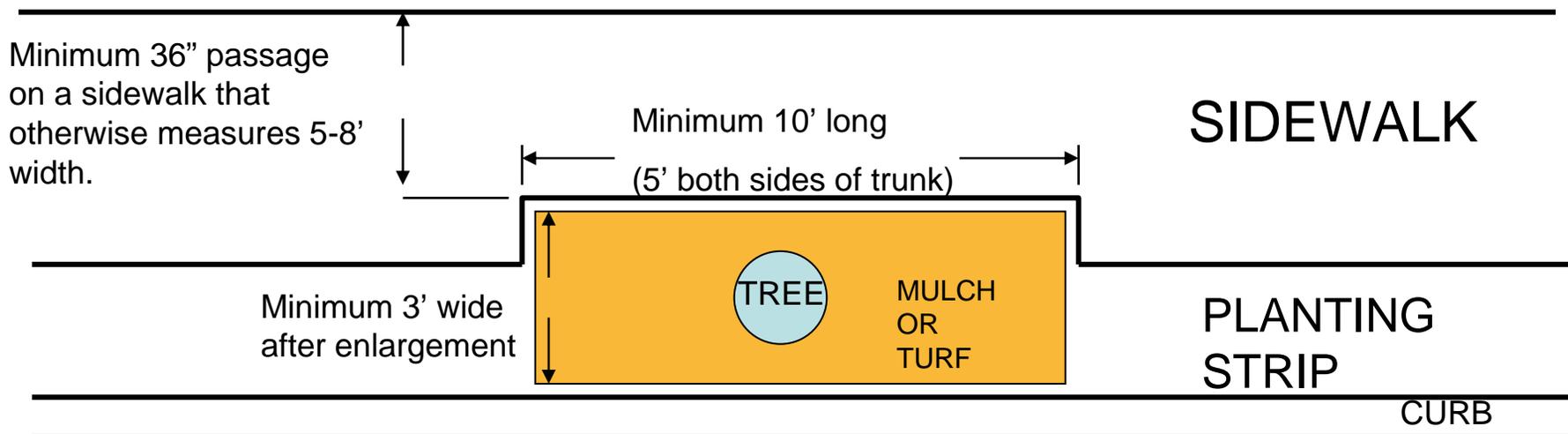


Street Tree Root Zone Requirements

A minimum 3' X 10' planting space is required for trees planted along Pittsburgh streets. Often this necessitates widening existing sidewalk concrete next to a planting strip, or a complete cutout where only concrete exists.

By providing space to establish roots, and allowing for adequate air and water, this size of root zone will help to ensure a longer, more beneficial life for street trees. A root zone larger than the minimum 3' X 10' is desirable where space permits.



Adjacent property owner may elect to plant a single, low-growing shrub on both sides of the tree, or a non-invasive groundcover. This will help avoid root zone compaction by pedestrians.