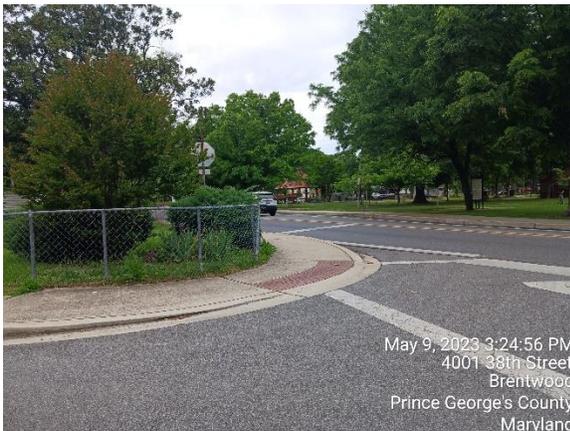## What's the problem?

- Shrubs and Trees shrubs are obstructing clean site lines along busy streets and crowded intersections.

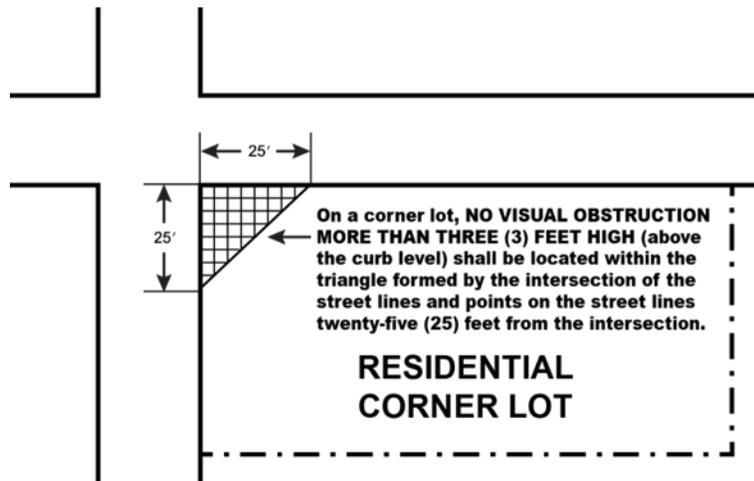## What is the goal?

- To maintain clear lines of vision at intersections, to protect the safety and welfare of the public.

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Prince George's County, MD, Code Regarding Fences

Per [Prince George's County Zoning Code, Section 27-421](#)

- On a corner lot,
  - *NO VISUAL; OBSTRUCTION MORE THAN THREE (3) FEET HIGH* (above the curb level) shall be located within the triangle formed by the intersection of the street lines and points on the street lines twenty-five (25) feet from the intersection.

Brentwood Code § 50-7 re: Fences (Current)

- It shall be unlawful to construct, erect or modify any fence that encroaches upon a public right-of-way or interferes with vehicular or pedestrian traffic or visibility.

How are hedges any different than fences?

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What are our neighbors doing?

Takoma Park, MD

- Vegetation taller than three (3) feet above a street surface, except for an urban forest tree, is not permitted within 20 feet of the corner of a property located at an intersection of two (2) streets. If the vegetation is located on top of a retaining wall, the retaining wall is considered part of the three (3) feet.
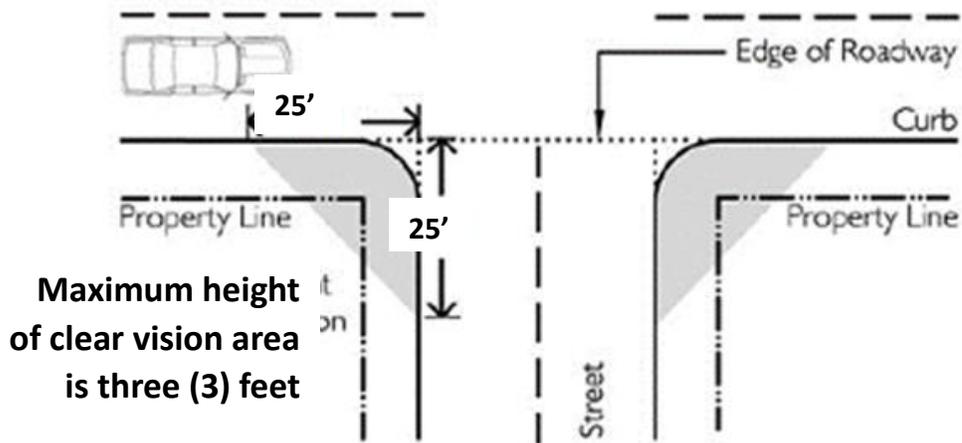
Hyattsville, MD

- No hedge bordering upon any public sidewalk or path in the City shall be more than four feet in height.
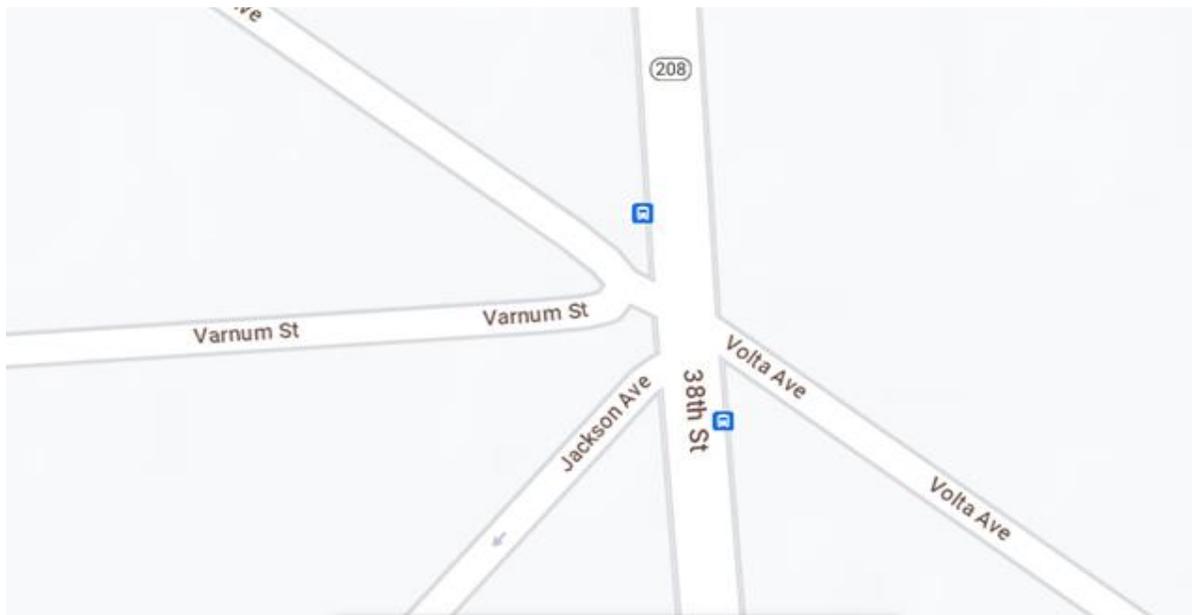
Riverdale, MD

a) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any premises within the town to:

b) permit any hedge or shrubbery within three feet of any public sidewalk or public path to grow to a height of more than three feet, measured from the surface of the sidewalk grade or path.

c) On any corner lot in any residential zone, there shall be no hedge, wall, terrace, structure, shrubbery, planting, or other obstruction to vision having a height greater than three.

d) feet above the curb level for twenty-five feet from the intersection of the front and side street lines.

In a perfect world, it would look like this.

In the real world, it looks like this.

So, what works for Brentwood?