

When trees are planted along streets, especially in association with sidewalks, species selection is critical. Care should be taken with regard to the species selection so that the roots do not damage the curb or sidewalk. Congregations of birds may be attracted to fruits, nuts and ber ries produced by some species, which may cause potentially undesirable conditions for pedestrians. Also, species that leach sap may damage the finishes on parked cars and, when wet, the leaves of some species may damage automotive finishes.

## E. LANDSCAPE CONSIDERATIONS

Listed below are trees that have been successfully used as street trees in Virginia. This list is only general guidance as to the type of tree to be considered for street plantings, and s hould not be considered an exclusive list of approved trees for landscaping. Other considerations should be made with any landscape plan.

Due to the constant improvement of varieties as well as the spread of disease and plant pathogens via interstate and intrastate trade, no tree should be utilized without the verification of local factors. Thus, developers or their representatives should have their plan prepared by a local certified landscape architect, and/or confirmed by a certified arborist, nurseryman, or agricultural extension office for advice on site suitability with regard to plant hardiness, soils, soil moisture, available root zone, exposure, known diseases in the area, etc.