Guidelines for planting a tree – KAP Winter Workshop

Spacing is measured from the tree trunk of the tree and the trees are planted in triangulation.
Spacing between 12 and 30 feet off center (this depends on the tree)

Consider sun and wind exposure, accessibility to water, other trees in the area
• Pre-water tree
• Pre-water planting area
• Dig a hole at least 3 x as large as tree pot (think 3x3x3)
• Pre-water the hole if it is dry
• Mix in: 40-50% amendments with the soil
• Think short term and think long term
• Amendments:
  o Rock dust, rough compost, finished compost, fish meal or a fish head,
    Calcium (crushed bones or coral), seaweed, bokashi,
    composted chicken manure
  • Back-fill the hole with rougher nutrients, fish head etc below the tree’s roots.
    Mix amendments with existing soil or layering. Add water-soluble nutrients
    and more towards the top of the hole.
• Remove tree from pot and examine roots. Are they healthy? Are their pests?
  If it is root-bound “think” roots apart.
• Put tree in hole so root-ball is slightly elevated from ground level. The
  materials will settle slightly over time.
• Orient the tree in the hole, think about wind and sun exposure and tree
  structure.
• Layer ingredients and mix in hole.
• Create well or ring around the tree to show where the tree is and to funnel
  water to the roots of the tree.
• Mulch water well, deeply.
• Place protective posts or windbreak if needed.