

TREE CONSERVATION REPORT
5872-5884 Hazeldean Road & 7
Savage Drive

Tree Conservation Report submitted as Partial Requirements for a Site Plan Control Application.

Dendron Forestry Services
December 3, 2024

# **Tree Conservation Report**

### **Submitted as part of Site Plan Control Application**

**Address:** 5872-5884 Hazeldean Road and 7 Savage Drive December 3,

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Date of Site Visit: November 14, 2024

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This Report must be read in its entirety, including the Assumptions and Limiting Conditions.

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### Purpose of the Report

The objectives of this Report are:

- To describe all trees with diameters over 10 cm on the site, or groupings thereof, recording their species, size, and current health condition. This includes trees on adjacent private property 10 cm or greater in diameter, with critical root zones that extend onto the subject property. It also includes city trees of all sizes that may be impacted by the proposed development.
- To evaluate the impact on the trees by the proposed development and what the recommended action is (retain and protect or remove)
- To provide recommendations on how to mitigate damage to retained trees during construction

This report does not consider the final engineering documents. Recommendations on tree retention may change when these are made available.

# Methodology

The following materials were reviewed as part of this report:

- Survey by Monument-Urso Surveying Ltd., dated November 18, 2024
- Site plan by Figurr, dated August 19, 2024
- GeoOttawa tree inventory layer and aerial photography
- Google© Street View imagery various years

A site visit was conducted to collect the following information from each tree classified as protected under the City of Ottawa's Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340:

- Diameter at breast height (1.3 m from grade)
- Species
- Tree health

## **Existing Site Conditions**

The Hazeldean addresses are currently occupied by a car dealership with small landscaped areas around the periphery. The trees within these properties are planted in the landscaped areas.

7 Savage is currently occupied by a single dwelling with a large surrounding yard.

Appendix A is an inventory of all trees that are protected under City of Ottawa Tree Protection By-law (2020-340) on the site. This includes private trees with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of 10 cm or greater, and city-owned trees of all sizes. It also includes trees with a DBH of 10 cm or greater on adjacent properties whose Critical Root Zone (CRZ) extend into the subject area. The CRZ is an area around the trunk with a radius equivalent to 10 times the diameter of the trunk. This does not take into account infrastructure such as buildings and asphalt and it assumes the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

No Butternut (Juglans cinerea) or black ash (Fraxinus nigra), both endangered species in Ontario, were discovered on site.

### Proposed Development and Tree Preservation

The proposed development includes 2 levels of underground parking covering a large majority of the lots. The required excavation will necessitate the removal of all private trees (specifically Trees **4-11 and 22-31**). Given these plans, it is unlikely engineering documents will change these recommendations.

The trees around the periphery of the property are recommended for removal for a variety of reasons:

**Tree 1** will be severely impacted by the installation of the proposed walkway, driveway, and excavation.

Tree 2 is in direct conflict with the proposed driveway, and the tree is in poor condition.

**Tree 12** is a likely self-seeded cluster of young ash stems. These are showing signs of insect damage, and it is possible they have already been infested with Emerald Ash Borer. It is unlikely these trees will survive long, despite construction, and the stress of construction will further hasten their decline.

**Trees 13-21** are in poor condition – large wounds around the bases of the trees are pathways for infections, and with the added stress of construction, regardless of protections, these trees are likely to decline very quickly. It is recommended they be removed and replaced with healthier specimens.

The amount of the defined Critical Root Zone of **Tree 3** that will be disturbed is minimal, and because the tree has good rooting space on the adjacent property, it is expected this tree will be able to endure construction.

# Tree Planting Recommendation

Native species should be prioritized in landscape planting. Best management practices recommend 30m<sup>3</sup> of soil per tree planted, and while this may not be possible, maximizing soil volume per tree is highly recommended. Raised curb-style planters are recommended for hard surface plantings, and underplanting trees with shrubs can provide tree trunks with protection and nutrients.

### Wildlife Impact

Given the current site conditions and location, it is unlikely redevelopment of these lands will affect wildlife.

# Tree Clearing and Migratory Birds

Following the guidelines under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, 1994, removal of vegetation should be avoided during the nesting periods for migratory birds which extends from April 15 to as late as August 15<sup>th</sup>. If tree removal is required during this period, a nesting survey should be completed by a biologist within 5 days of tree removal to confirm that no nests are present.

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on July 23, 2024. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,

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# Appendix A: Tree Information

Tree <sup>1</sup>	Species	DBH (cm)	Ownership <sup>2</sup>	Tree Condition	Forester recommendation
1	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	23 stems 5- 20cm	City	Fair: some stems crossing; some leaning; hedge growth creating narrow crowns	Remove
2	Crab apple (Malus spp.)	28	City	Poor: fungal bodies at base; large pruning wounds; epicormic shoots	Remove
3	Norway spruce (Picea abies)	40 (estimate)	Adjacent – 9 Savage	Good	Retain.
4	Willow (Salix spp.)	61	Subject property	Fair/Poor: lean into yard; large branch removed near base; epicormic shoots; dead branches at top	Remove
5	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	4 stems approx. 12cm	Subject property	Fair: clump growth creating asymmetrical crowns; small wounds	Remove
6	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	10, 15	Subject property	Fair/Poor: suppressed	Remove
7	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	22	Subject property	Poor: large wound, debarking; asymmetrical crown	Remove
8	American elm ( <i>Ulmus</i> americana)	24	Subject property	Good	Remove
9	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	3 stems approx. 20cm	Subject property	Fair	Remove
10	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	25	Subject property	Good	Remove
11	Eastern white cedar ( <i>Thuja</i> occidentalis)	29, 19	Subject property	Good	Remove
12	White ash (Fraxinus americana)	7 stems approx. 10cm	Subject property	Fair/Poor: insect damage	Remove
13	Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)	9	City	Fair/Poor: wounds at base; leaning; possible fungal pathogen on bark	Remove
14	Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)	9	City	Fair/Poor: wounds at base; leaning; possible fungal pathogen on bark	Remove
15	Serviceberry (Amelanchier spp.)	8	City	Fair/Poor: wounds at base; leaning; possible fungal pathogen on bark	Remove
16	Tree lilac (Syringa reticulata)	11	City	Fair: wounds at base; poor form at main union	Remove
17	Tree lilac (Syringa reticulata)	9	City	Fair: wounds at base; poor form at main union	Remove

18	Tree lilac (Syringa reticulata)	9	City	Fair: wounds at base; poor form at main union	Remove
19	Tree lilac (Syringa reticulata)	7	City	Fair: wounds at base; poor form at main union	Remove
20	Crab apple (Malus spp.)	10	City	Poor: dying from top; poor form – epicormic shoots make up most of existing canopy; wounds at base	Remove
21	Crab apple (Malus spp.)	8	City	Poor: dying from top; poor form – epicormic shoots make up most of existing canopy; wounds at base	Remove
22	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	22	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
23	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	25	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
24	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	23	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
25	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	23	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
26	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	23	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
27	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	28	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
28	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	26	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
29	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	20	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
30	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	39	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
31	Colorado spruce (Picea pungens)	40	Subject property	Good: canopy pruned up; limited rooting space	Remove
32	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	26	Subject property	Poor: dying from middle – little live canopy remaining; fungal bodies, large wound on trunk and at main union	Remove
33	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	33	Subject property	Good	Remove

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please refer to the enclosed Tree Conservation Report map for tree numbers. Note that this map includes a tree layer added to the site plan (in pdf format) provided by the client. This layer includes only information about the trees and the original site plan is not altered in this process.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Ownership of the tree in this report is based on the information provided and should not be used as a determination of ownership. For ownership disputes, a survey should be relied on. For boundary trees, consent from the adjacent property owner is required for removal as part of the application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The location of these trees was not provided and has been estimated



Appendix B: Photographs







Clockwise from top left: Tree 1 - cedar hedge to be removed.

Tree 2 - City crab apple to be removed.

Tree 3 - adjacent spruce to be retained.



Above left: Trees 4-11 - private trees to be removed.

Below left: Tree 12 – cluster of ash stems to be removed.







Above: City serviceberries and private spruce, all to be removed.

Far right: trunk of Tree 13 - typical wound and coloring of Trees 13-15.

Center right: City lilac and private spruce to be removed.

Below right: Private spruces to be removed.





Above: Tree 32 - private sugar maple to be removed.

Right: Tree 33 - private sugar maple to be removed.



# Appendix C: Assumptions and Limiting Conditions

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In the event that information provided by the Client or any third parties, including but not limited to documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, or representations or any site conditions are updated or change following the completion of this Report, this Report is no longer current and valid and cannot be relied upon for the purpose for which it was prepared. Dendron and its agents, assessors, and/or employees are not liable for any damages, injuries, or losses arising from amendments, revisions, or changes to the documents, records, site and grading plans, permits, representations, or other information upon which Dendron relied in preparing this Report.

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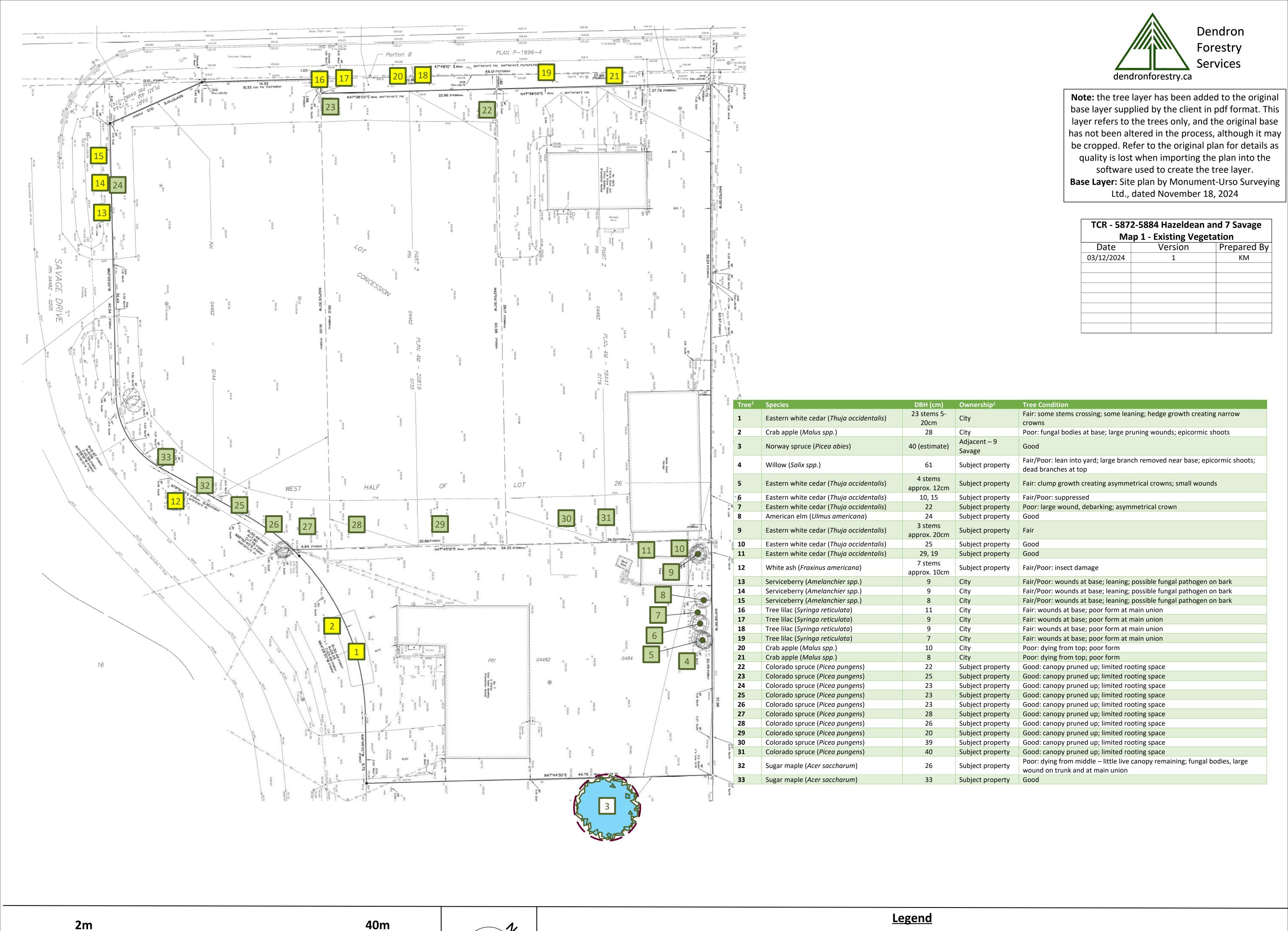
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Tree either fully or partly

Private Tree

Tree either fully or partly

on city property

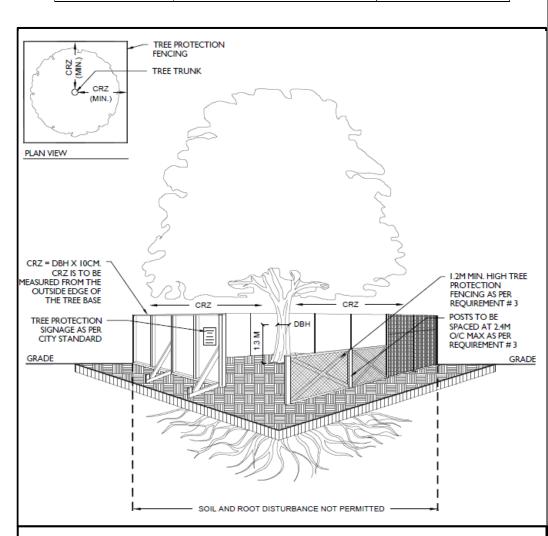




Note: the tree layer has been added to the original base layer supplied by the client in pdf format. This layer refers to the trees only, and the original base has not been altered in the process, although it may be cropped. Refer to the original plan for details as quality is lost when importing the plan into the software used to create the tree layer.

Base Layer: Site plan by Figurr, dated August 19, 2024

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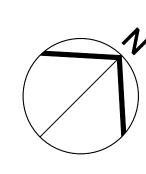


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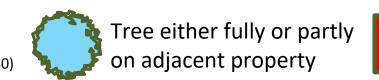
- TREE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS:
- 1. PRIOR TO ANY WORK ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE (CRZ = 10 X DIAMETER) OF A TREE, TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE INSTALLED SURROUNDING THE CRITICAL ROOT ZONE, AND REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL
- 2. UNLESS PLANS ARE APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF, FOR WORK WITHIN THE CRZ:
- DO NOT PLACE ANY MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT INCLUDING
- OUTHOUSES; - DO NOT ATTACH ANY SIGNS, NOTICES OR POSTERS TO ANY TREE;
- DO NOT RAISE OR LOWER THE EXISTING GRADE;
- TUNNEL OR BORE WHEN DIGGING; - DO NOT DAMAGE THE ROOT SYSTEM, TRUNK, OR BRANCHES OR ANY
- ENSURE THAT EXHAUST FUMES FROM ALL EQUIPMENT ARE NOT
- DIRECTED TOWARD ANY TREE CANOPY. - DO NOT EXTEND HARD SURFACE OR SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE
- LANDSCAPING TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE AT LEAST 1.2M IN HEIGHT, AND
- PLYWOOD HOARDING, OR SNOW FENCE ON A 2"X4" WOOD FRAME) WITH POSTS 2.4M APART, SUCH THAT THE FENCE LOCATION CANNOT BE ALTERED. ALL SUPPORTS AND BRACING MUST BE PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE CRZ, AND INSTALLATION MUST MINIMISE DAMAGE TO EXISTING ROOTS. I. THE LOCATION OF THE TREE PROTECTION FENCING MUST BE DETERMINED
- THE PLAN AND CONSTRUCTED FENCING MUST BE APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.
- ARBORIST AND APPROVED BY CITY FORESTRY STAFF. THESE MAY INCLUDE THE PLACEMENT OF PLYWOOD, WOOD CHIPS, OR STEEL PLATING OVER THE ROOTS FOR PROTECTION OR THE PROPER PRUNING AND CARE OF

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