

CITYWIDE TREE PROJECT REPORT

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Subject: RE: Site visit

Stephanie, most of the condition ratings, species, and diameters for the trees listed in the Arborist report were not accurate, (except for the Cherry trees). The Norway Maples and the Large 44" Sycamore Maple that was misidentified as a Norway Maple in the report are in good condition with full and natural crowns. The English walnut was dramatically misrepresented in the report, with a listed DBH of 21". I estimate the diameter at well over 30" with the tree being roughly 70' tall and in excellent condition.

Over the years, I have reviewed numerous Arborist reports that heavily favored their customers goal of removing the trees with minimal mitigation requirements. With so many pieces of the title 11 process beginning at the planning level, I think these reports should be "ground truthed" by an Urban Forestry tree Inspector. Most of the 507 tree preservation inspections I have done in the last 5 months have involved trees that were not identified correctly on the plans. Without a field review of these reports by an inspector, there is no way to tell for sure what is being removed, how big the trees were, or what kind of trees they were, (really).

I am using this case to illustrate a point. I think continuing to accept these reports without an Urban Forestry review is a huge hole in the process. I recognize that funding for title 11 was allocated at a less than "ideal" level. Moving forward, I hope some necessary adjustments can be made for a more functional tree code.

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