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Good Evening Greg,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me Tuesday afternoon. This arborist assessment is being written for your home located at 197 Hersey Street Hingham, MA 02043.

There are 10 encroaching \*forest condition Norway maple \*\*edge trees growing on ledge in rocky saturated terrain along back left fence line (9 are within 12-14inch DBH). One of the 10 is the hazardous 20inch DBH Norway Maple with target canker on trunk at right of playset.

Additionally, at back right of property near shed, is a hazardous large dying 26inch DBH choke cherry and 2 Norway maples 12inch DBH which are structurally compromised by their rubbing against cherry, being forest condition, and growing on slope.

\*The term forest condition describes a tree that in competing for sunlight tries to outgrow other trees in the forest. This effort for survival sacrifices development of a well tapered broad root flare and lower trunk. This lack of development translates into weaker and less extensive anchoring roots as

well as reduced trunk diameter making tree more susceptible to breaking or uprooting.

\*\*Edge trees are forest condition trees that are trees left at edge of area cleared for development exposing the once nestled trees within the forest to brunt of winds and other challenging weather conditions. They tend to be more susceptible to failure.

Considering 1). Norway maples are an invasive species 2). some of the mentioned trees are hazardous. 3). the stability concerns presented by the overall forest and edge tree conditions are exacerbated by the saturated rocky terrain, I recommend removal of the above mentioned trees leaving all stumps cut low and only grinding cherry and maple stumps near shed.

Please contact me if there are any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Malouf, Jr.', written in a cursive style.

George J. Malouf, Jr.  
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