

Hello Ms. Fournier,

I hope all is well. I am just following up regarding a Weeping Willow located at the right rear corner of 14 Heron Way in Backriver Condominiums. This tree is located within 10' of a deck and continues to grow out over the deck due to an over story Ash which limits light. There is a history of branch failures and also included bark present in a union where a large lead that extends over the house originates. I was asked to assess this tree and feel that it is a candidate for removal given the proximity to the house, the history of branch failures, and the species predisposition to this type of failure. I have considered mitigation of these risks through pruning and cabling, but feel that this may not be prudent. Willows are aggressive growers and poor compartmentalizers of wounds. Pruning would be required at least annually to provide clearance to the house, and the continuous creation of wounds would likely cause decay over the house which would exacerbate the risk. The access to this tree is limited and the larger it gets, the greater the risk will become and the more difficult it will become to remove.

I am unsure of whether or not this tree falls within any buffer zones and would look to you to advise me on that, and if this tree would meet the criteria for a waiver of your tree removal policy. I know that there is a vernal pool in the area, but am unsure of any wetlands. I am attaching some photos of the tree and would be happy to meet on site to look at it and show you my concerns. The property owners are anxious to address their concerns and want to make sure that they are in full compliance of any restrictions or procedures necessary. Please let me know your thoughts and feel free to give me a call on my cell phone with any questions.

Thank You for your help

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