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-Level I Tree, Soil, and Vegetation Protection Plan-

### **Matthew Solomon Property**

1511 Fairview St. SE Olympia WA 98510

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Level I - Tree, Soil, and Native Vegetation Protection and Replacement

### Introduction

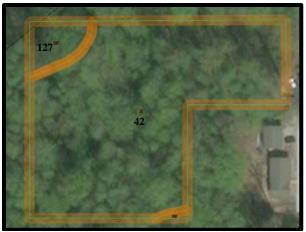
We were asked to inspect the trees on an undeveloped parcel at 1511 Fairview St. SE in Olympia and prepare a Level I Tree, Soil, and Native Vegetation Protection and Replacement plan per Chapter 16.60.050 of the City of Olympia Municipal Code.

The owner is planning to build a single-family home on the 1.21 acre parcel. The following is a summary of our findings and recommendations.

#### **Observations**

**Methods:** A site visit was conducted to gather information about the size and location of the trees on the lot. During the visit, we inventoried and assessed the existing significant (≥6 in. DBH) trees for suitability for protection during construction.

**Soils Description:** According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service, there are two types of soil on the parcel; the Grove very gravelly sandy loam and the Yelm fine sandy loam. Based on our examination of the surface soils, the soil typing reasonably appears correct. No additional soils mapping or testing was done.



42 – Grove very gravelly sandy loam: 93% 127 – Yelm fine sandy loam: 7%

The predominant soil type is the Grove very gravelly sandy loam. It is a very deep, somewhat excessively drained soil found on outwash plains. It formed in glacial outwash. Permeability is rapid. Plant available water capacity is low. The effective rooting depth is 60 inches or more and the hazard of runoff and erosion is slight. The potential for windthrow of trees is slight under normal conditions. Seedling mortality is severe and new trees require irrigation to establish.

The Yelm fine sandy loam is a deep, moderately well drained soil on terraces. It occurs in the northwest corner of the project area. It formed in volcanic ash and glacial outwash. Permeability is moderately rapid. Available water capacity is high. The effective rooting depth for trees is 40 to 60 inches. A seasonal high water table fluctuates between depths of 18 to 36 inches from December to March. Runoff is slow and the hazard to erosion is slight. Windthrow potential is rated as 'slight'.

**Stand Description:** There are 115 significant trees on the parcel ranging in size from 7 inches to 73 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). Tree condition ranges from 'Very Poor' to 'Good', with most trees described as being in 'Fair' condition. The tree species include bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*) and red alder (*Alnus rubra*) with scattered Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), western redcedar (*Thuja plicata*), western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*), black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), and wild cherry (*Prunus avium*).

**Table 1:** Summary of on-site trees at the Solomon property on Fairview St. SE

	DBH Range		Total # of	Retainable Tree
Species	(in.)	<b>Condition Range</b>	Trees	Units
Bigleaf Maple	11.5 - 73	'Very Poor' – 'Fair'	36	141
Black Locust	35	'Very Poor	1	0
Douglas-fir	40	'Good'	1	13
Western Redcedar	12 - 22.5	'Fair' – 'Good'	4	9
Western Hemlock	9 - 21	'Fair'	4	7
Red Alder	7 – 24	'Very Poor' – 'Fair'	68	36.5
Wild Cherry	19.5	'Poor'	1	0
Totals	7 - 73	'Very Poor' - 'Good'	115	206.5

The understory consists of mostly native plants such as salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), sword fern (*Polystichum munitum*), trailing blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), ocean spray (*Holodiscus discolor*), and salmonberry (*Rubus spectabilis*). Some invasive plants such as Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), English ivy (*Hedera* helix), and yellow archangel (*Lamiastrum galeobdolon*) are also present.

#### **Discussion**

The City of Olympia requires 30 tree units to be retained during construction. The following is a summary of planned tree density calculations:

Lot Size (estimated) 1.21 acres

Planned Tree Retention 50 trees

Planned Tree Unit Retention 227 tree units

Tree Units Required 36.3 Tree Units

Excess of Tree Retention Requirements 190.7 tree units

By retaining all of the trees in the lower (southern) portion of the property, this tree protection plan retains 190.7 more tree units than required by the City of Olympia. All of the deciduous trees and most of the conifers in the vicinity of the proposed home are either in the footprint of proposed improvements or unsuitable for retention as landscape trees and should be removed during land clearing. Three conifers near the proposed construction site are suitable for retention and could be retained if protection measures are provided.

#### **Tree Protection Measures**

Trees to be saved must be protected during construction by temporary chain-link fencing on driven posts (Attachment 3), located at the edge of the critical root zone (CRZ). The individual CRZ are a radius 5 ft. outside the dripline of the tree, unless otherwise delineated by WFCI.

There should be no equipment activity (including rototilling) within the critical root zone. No irrigation lines, trenches, or other utilities should be installed within the CRZ. Cuts or fills should impact no more than 20% of a tree's root system. If topsoil is added to the root zone of a protected tree, the depth should not exceed 2 inches of a sandy loam or loamy fine sand topsoil and should not cover more than 20% of the root system.

If roots are encountered outside the CRZ during construction, they should be cut cleanly with a saw and covered immediately with moist soil. Noxious vegetation within the critical root zone should be removed by hand. If a proposed save tree must be impacting by grading or fills, then the tree should be re-evaluated by WFCI to determine if the tree can be saved with mitigating measures, or if the tree should be removed.

#### **Off-Site Trees**

There are 7 trees that appear to be growing on City of Olympia property along the pedestrian path to the north of the project area. These trees will require protection if they are to be retained. Tree protection fences should be placed 5 ft. outside of the dripline of these trees.



Photo 1: Two bigleaf maple trees growing in City rights-of-way near the project area.

**Table 2:** Summary of off-site trees

Tree #	Species	DBH (in.)	Condition	Root Protection Zone (ft. radius)
1	Bigleaf Maple	23	Fair	16S
2	Bigleaf Maple	40	Fair	26S
3	Bigleaf Maple	16	Fair	14S
4	Cherry	12	Fair	12
5	Cherry	14	Fair	14
6	Cherry	6	Poor	6
7	Bigleaf Maple	19, 12, 20	Fair	20

### **Conclusions and Timeline for Activity**

- 1. Complete all necessary pruning on save trees prior to installation of the tree protection fences. Contact WFCI to meet with the pruning contactor if necessary.
- 2. Place tree protection fencing 5 ft. outside the dripline of the saved trees. Any variation to these guidelines should be prescribed by WFCI.
- 3. Remove the 65 trees from within the clearing limits in the construction area
- 4. Contact WFCI to attend the pre-construction conference to discuss tree protection issues.
- 5. Maintain all tree protection fences throughout construction.

- 6. If any unplanned construction activity will impact a 'save' tree, contact WFCI prior to the impact. WFCI can assess the proposed impact and recommend cultural care, mitigation, or removal.
- 7. Conduct an annual tree evaluation to determine short-and long-term effects of site changes on protected trees. Provide additional cultural care as needed.

**Summary:** By retaining 50 trees in an undeveloped portion of the property and three trees in the vicinity of the proposed construction site, this plan exceeds the requirements of the City of Olympia municipal code by 190.7 tree units. Three conifers in the vicinity of the proposed construction site are suitable for retention. Seven off-site trees also grow near the proposed developments. These ten trees will require protection fencing. The remaining 50 trees to be retained are isolated from the main portion of the project and will not require individual protection. All other trees should be removed from the site along with any invasive plants.

Please give us a call if you have any questions

Respectfully submitted,

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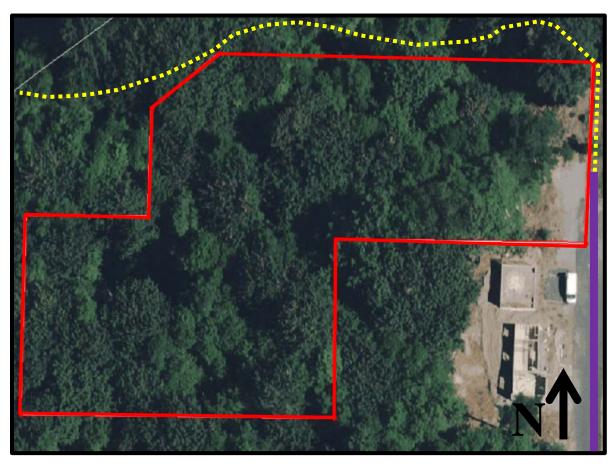
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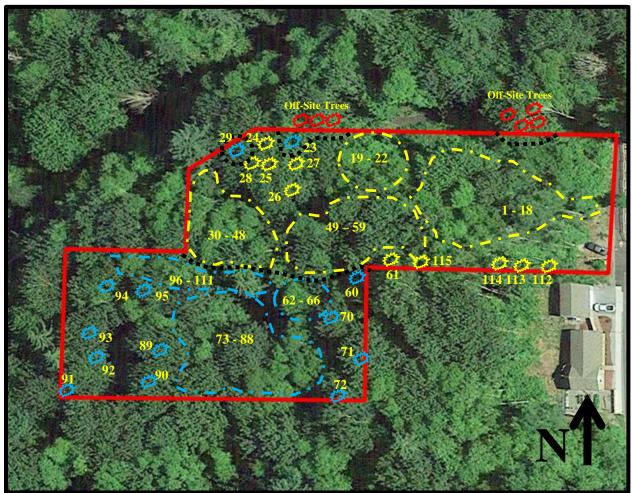
### Attachment #1. Aerial Photo of 1511 Fairview St. SE

(Thurston County GeoData 2015)



Parcel Boundary
Fairview St.
Pedestrian Path

### Attachment #2. Site Plan/Tree Map – Approximate tree locations.



Parcel Boundary
On-Site Tree to Remove
On-Site Tree to Retain
Off-Site Tree to Protect

••• Tree Protection Fence Location

### Attachment #3. List of Trees at 1511 Fairview St. SE

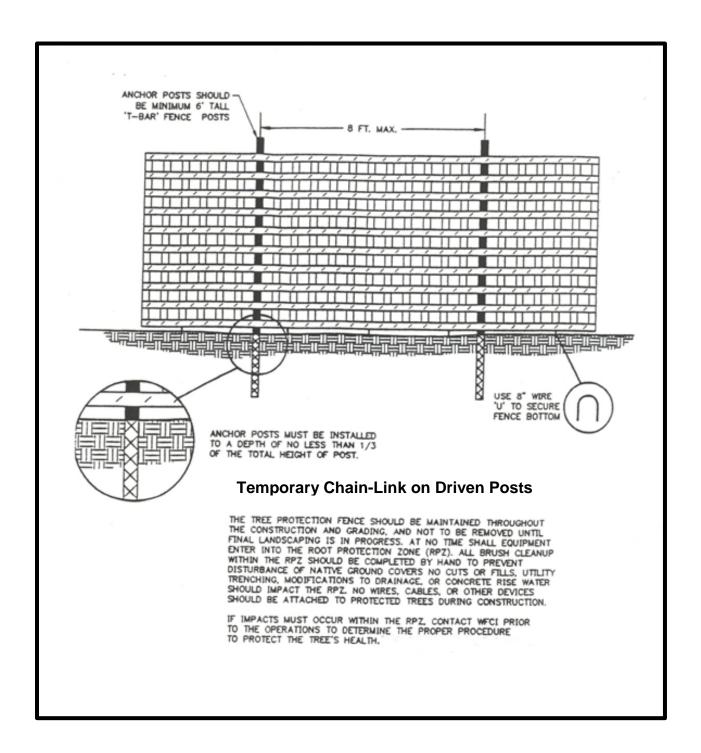
Tree #	Species	DBH (in.)	Condition	Save Tree – Yes or No	Minimum RPZ (ft. Radius)	Save Tree Units
1166 #	Species	DBH (III.)		1 65 01 100	Kaulus)	Units
1	Locust	35	Very Poor - Hazard Tree	No		
2	Red Alder	12.5	Fair	No		
3	Red Alder	10	Fair	No		
4	Red Alder	14	Fair	No		
5	Red Alder	14.5	Poor - Dead top	No		
6	Bigleaf Maple	23.5	Fair	No		
7	Red Alder	17	Fair	No		
8	Red Alder	19.5	Good	No		
9	Bigleaf Maple	31	Fair	No		
10	Red Alder	16	Fair	No		
11	Bigleaf Maple	14, 14	Fair	No		
12	Red Alder	20	Fair	No		
13	Red Alder	18.5	Fair	No		
			Very Poor - Stem			
14	Red Alder	15	Decay	No		
15	Red Alder	18.5, 15.5	Fair	No		
			Poor - Root Rot,			
16	Red Alder	16	Stem Decay	No		
			Poor - Root Rot,			
17	Red Alder	14, 13	Stem Decay	No		
18	Bigleaf Maple	25	Fair	No		
19	Bigleaf Maple	28	Fair	No		
20	Bigleaf Maple	15, 9	Poor - In Decline	No		
21	D: -1£ M1-	1.4	Very Poor,	NT-		
21 22	Bigleaf Maple Red Alder	14 16	Hazard Tree Fair	No No		
23	Cedar	12	Fair	Yes	18	1.5
23	Cedai	12	Very Poor -	168	10	1.3
24	Bigleaf Maple	19, 19, 14	Heavy Dieback	No		
25	Bigleaf Maple	54.5	Fair	No		
	Digital Maple	5 1.5	Poor - Heavy	110		
26	Bigleaf Maple	73, 29	Dieback	No		
27	Bigleaf Maple	38, 29, 32	Fair	No		
		, ,	Poor - Heavy			
28	Wild Cherry	19.5	Lean	No		
29	Douglas-fir	40	Good	Yes	28S	13
30	Red Alder	16	Fair	No		
31	Red Alder	9.5, 13	Fair	No		
32	Red Alder	15	Fair	No		
33	Red Alder	14.5	Fair	No		
34	Red Alder	11	Fair	No		
35	Red Alder	10.5	Fair	No		
36	Red Alder	16	Fair	No		

Tree #	Species	DBH (in.)	Condition	Save Tree – Yes or No	Minimum RPZ (ft. Radius)	Save Tree Units
37	Red Alder	16, 6.5	Fair	No	Tittulus)	CHICS
38	Red Alder	9	Fair	No		
39	Red Alder	14	Fair	No		
40	Red Alder	17	Fair	No		
41	Bigleaf Maple	24, 14	Fair	No		
42	Red Alder	17	Fair	No		
43	Red Alder	18	Fair	No		
43	Red Alder	15	Fair	No		
45	Red Alder	11.5	Fair	No		
43	Red Alder	11.3		NO		
46	Red Alder	10	Poor - Heavy Lean	No		
47	Red Alder	12.5	Poor - Heavy Lean	No		
			Poor - Heavy			
48	Red Alder	14.5	Lean	No		
49	Red Alder	13.5	Fair	No		
			Very Poor -			
50	Bigleaf Maple	36	Heavy Dieback	No		
51	Red Alder	24	Fair	No		
52	Cedar	13.5	Fair	No		
53	Red Alder	23	Poor - Heavy Lean	No		
- 33	Red Aldel	25	Very Poor -	NO		
54	Bigleaf Maple	38	Heavy Dieback	No		
55	Red Alder	18	Poor - Heavy Lean	No		
56	Bigleaf Maple	12, 14, 16	Poor - Suppressed	No		
57	Hemlock	21	Fair	No		
			Poor - Heavy			
58	Bigleaf Maple	19	Lean	No		
59	Bigleaf Maple	30	Very Poor - Heavy Dieback	No		
60	Cedar	22.5	Good	Yes	16	6
			Poor - Stem			
61	Bigleaf Maple	50	Decay, Dieback	No		
62	Red Alder	15	Fair	No		
63	Bigleaf Maple	18, 14, 10, 10, 12	Poor - Stem Decay, Dieback	No		
	,		Poor - Heavy			
64	Red Alder	10.5	Lean	No		1 5
65	Red Alder	11.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
66	Red Alder	12	Fair	Yes		1.5
67	Red Alder	10.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
68	Red Alder	8.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
69	Red Alder	8.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
70	Bigleaf Maple	34	Fair	Yes		12

Tree #	Species	DBH (in.)	Condition	Save Tree – Yes or No	Minimum RPZ (ft. Radius)	Save Tree Units
71	Bigleaf Maple	46.5, 14	Fair	Yes	,	13
72	Red Alder	17.5	Fair	Yes		3
73	Red Alder	12.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
74	Red Alder	10.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
75	Red Alder	17.5	Fair	Yes		3
76	Red Alder	13, 16	Fair	Yes		3
77	Red Alder	13.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
78	Hemlock	9	Fair	Yes		1.5
79	Red Alder	13	Fair	Yes		2
80	Red Alder	13.5	Fair	Yes		2
81	Red Alder	15	Fair	Yes		2
82	Red Alder	14.5	Fair	Yes		2
83	Red Alder	7	Fair	Yes		1.5
84	Red Alder	14	Fair	Yes		2
85	Red Alder	10	Fair	Yes		1.5
86	Red Alder	11, 12	Fair	Yes		1.5
87	Bigleaf Maple	16	Fair	Yes		3
88	Bigleaf Maple	20	Fair	Yes		5
89	Bigleaf Maple	20	Fair	Yes		5
90	Bigleaf Maple	39.5	Fair	Yes		13
91	Red Alder	15	Poor - leaning	Yes		3
			Poor - Stem			
92	Bigleaf Maple	43	Decay	Yes		13
93	Bigleaf Maple	30.5	Fair	Yes		10
94	Bigleaf Maple	34, 28	Fair	Yes		13
			Poor - Stem			
95	Bigleaf Maple	30.5	Decay	Yes		10
96	Red Alder	12.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
97	Bigleaf Maple	16.5	Fair	Yes		3
98	Cedar	13	Good	Yes		1.5
			Poor - Stem			_
99	Red Alder	14.5	Decay, leaning	Yes		2
100	Hemlock	18.5	Fair	Yes		4
101	Hemlock	10.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
102	Bigleaf Maple	16, 28	Fair	Yes		9
103	Red Alder	13.5	Fair	Yes		1.5
104	D a d A 1 d	12	Very Poor - Stem	<b>V</b>		1.5
104	Red Alder	12	Decay	Yes		1.5
105	Red Alder	18.5	Fair	Yes		9
106 107	Bigleaf Maple Bigleaf Maple	24, 26 18	Fair Poor - In Decline	Yes Yes		4
107	Red Alder	20.5	Poor - In Decline Poor - In Decline	Yes		5
108	Red Alder	17	Fair	Yes		3
110	Bigleaf Maple	28, 26	Fair	Yes		9
111	Bigleaf Maple	31	Fair	Yes		10
112	Red Alder	17.5	Fair	No		10
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Tree #	Species	DBH (in.)	Condition	Save Tree – Yes or No	Minimum RPZ (ft. Radius)	Save Tree Units
113	Red Alder	15.5	Fair	No		
114	Red Alder	12	Fair	No		
115	Bigleaf Maple	11.5	Poor - In Decline	No		
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#### **Attachment 4. Tree Protection Fence Detail**



### Attachment #5. Photo Log (WFCI 11/30/17)



**Photo 2:** Trees in poor condition can provide habitat for wildlife if retained away from buildings and other developments



**Photo 3:** One Douglas-fir tree (#29) currently grows on site and could be retained.

## Attachment #6. Glossary of Forestry and Arboricultural Terminology

**DBH**: Diameter at Breast Height (measured 4.5 ft. above the ground line on the high side of the tree).

**Live Crown Ratio**: Ratio of live foliage on the stem of the tree. Example: A 100' tall tree with 40 feet of live crown would have a 40% live crown ratio. Conifers with less than 30% live crown ratio are generally not considered to be long-term trees in forestry.

**Crown**: Portion of a trees stem covered by live foliage.

**Crown Position**: Position of the crown with respect to other trees in the stand.

**Dominant Crown Position**: Receives light from above and from the sides.

Codominant Crown Position: Receives light from above and some from the sides.

**Intermediate Crown Position**: Receives little light from above and none from the sides. Trees tend to be slender with poor live crown ratios.

**Suppressed Crown Position**: Receives no light from above and none from the sides. Trees tend to be slender with poor live crown ratios.

### **Attachment #7. Assumptions and Limiting Conditions**

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