

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Urban Forestry Administration

Memorandum

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Subject: 2750 32nd St NW Tree Restrictions and Final Tree Rankings

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The follow is the final report from the UFA staff inspections for the trees on the property of 2750 32nd st NW.

Tree One

The tree has been damaged and irreversibly damaged by the work to install the tee well. Together with drain spout that is clogged and directing water towards the area near and adjacent to the tree well. This has caused the area to remain wet. The tree well work has damaged the roots and caused a change in soil elevation. This has resulted in the formation of amarilla root fungus. The presence of this root fungus is the reason that UFA has decided to rank the oak as an unhealthy tree. Therefore, we are allowing this tree to be placed under the heading of hazardous.

The remaining trees along the development side of the property

All of these trees are healthy and shall remain after construction. UFA has great concern and does not feel that these trees will survive the construction in the long term. The trees are growing in a "native" style soil which is loose and mostly leave litter in the first few inches. Coupled with the fact that the roots on the upward side are the tension roots, once these are root pruned the trees will be questionable as to their ability to remain standing during wind events over the next several years. Since the UFA and the law has no language in respect the potential tree damage we can only voice our strong concern and suggest changes to the plan.

1. Six foot high chain link fence from the new exterior wall to the property line and down to the below of the slope. This area shall not be accessed by any worker or equipment.
2. The excavation shall be managed solely from the house side and no work shall be performed along the outer edge of the new exterior wall.
3. The exterior wall shall be poured not cinder block.
4. The root pruning shall be limited and not completed unless an ISA certified arborist is present
5. The roots shall be exposed through the use of an air spade and hand digging. If more than two roots per tree greater than 3 inches in diameter are cut the project needs to be reevaluated. The ISA

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certified arborists shall make all decisions related to the treatment of the trees.

6. Do not use the soil protection overlay as represented on the tree protection drawings shown on the April dated set.

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