



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client Clark Cusick Date 3/13/2024 Time _____
 Address/Tree location 1510 25th St NE, Salem Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
 Tree species Decid. cedar dbh 46" Height 100' Crown spread dia. 50'
 Assessor(s) Tim Jones Tools used clinometer, phone, Tape Time frame 1 year

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target protection	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 - rare 2 - occasional 3 - frequent 4 - constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
			Target within drip line	Target within 1x Ht.	Target within 1.5x Ht.			
1	Utility lines	None	X			4	N	N
2	Homes	None	X			4	N	N
3								
4								

Site Factors

History of failures Significant storm damage Topography Flat ☒ Slope ☐ % Aspect _____
 Site changes None ☒ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe _____
 Soil conditions Limited volume ☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☐ % Describe Backyard
 Prevailing wind direction NE Common weather Strong winds ☒ Ice ☐ Snow ☐ Heavy rain ☒ Describe Valley winter

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☐ Normal ☒ High ☐ Foliage None (seasonal) ☐ None (dead) ☐ Normal 95 % Chlorotic _____ % Necrotic _____ %
 Pests/Biotic _____ Abiotic _____
 Species failure profile Branches ☒ Trunk ☐ Roots ☐ Describe Prone to limb & stem loss

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected ☐ Partial ☐ Full ☒ Wind funneling ☐ Relative crown size Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☒
 Crown density Sparse ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Interior branches Few ☒ Normal ☐ Dense ☐ Vines/Mistletoe/Moss ☐
 Recent or expected change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☐ LCR 50 %
 Dead twigs/branches ☐ _____ % overall Max. dia. _____
 Broken/Hangers Number 1 Max. dia. 5"
 Over-extended branches ☐
 Pruning history
 Crown cleaned ☒ Thinned ☐ Raised ☒
 Reduced ☐ Topped ☐ Lion-tailed ☐
 Flush cuts ☐ Other _____
Storm damaged removed Condition(s) of concern Multiple codominant attachments
Girdling limbs
 Part Size 5" Fall Distance 15'
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☒ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☒ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐
 Cracks ☐ Lightning damage ☐
 Codominant ☒ Included bark ☒
 Weak attachments ☒ Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ.
 Previous branch failures ☒ Similar branches present ☒
 Dead/Missing bark ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☐
 Conks ☐ Heartwood decay ☐
 Response growth Normal
 Part Size 20" Fall Distance 40'
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☒
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☒ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Trunk —

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Abnormal bark texture/color ☐
 Codominant stems ☒ Included bark ☐ Cracks ☐
 Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐
 Lightning damage ☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ. Depth _____ Poor taper ☐
 Lean _____ ° Corrected? _____
 Response growth _____
 Condition(s) of concern codominant attachments
 Part Size 30" Fall Distance 70'
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☒
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☒ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth _____ Stem girdling ☐
 Dead ☐ Decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐
 Ooze ☐ Cavity ☐ _____ % circ.
 Cracks ☐ Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting ☐ Soil weakness ☐
 Response growth _____
 Condition(s) of concern _____
 Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____
 Load on defect N/A ☐ Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐
 Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

Risk Categorization																			
Target (Target number or description)	Tree part	Condition(s) of concern	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating (from Matrix 2)
			Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1)								
			Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe	
	Stem 20"	Girdled & Codominate																	
Utility line	Stem			X					X		X						X		
Homes	Stem			X					X		X						X		
Homes	30" Leaders	Codominate		X					X		X								
Utility lines				X				X		X							X		
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Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

Notes, explanations, descriptions

- Previous history of failures
- Codominate Attachments
- proximity to homes & utility lines

Mitigation options

- Remove & stump grind Residual risk None
- Residual risk _____
- Residual risk _____
- Residual risk _____

Overall tree risk rating Low ☐ Moderate ☒ High ☐ Extreme ☐

Overall residual risk None ☒ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High ☐ Extreme ☐ Recommended inspection interval _____

Data ☒ Final ☐ Preliminary Advanced assessment needed ☒ No ☐ Yes-Type/Reason _____

Inspection limitations ☐ None ☐ Visibility ☐ Access ☐ Vines ☐ Root collar buried Describe _____

