

Appendix C

Tree Report

HORTICULTURAL TREE REPORT

Proposed Residential
22 Lots in Tracts 6014 & 6515
Los Angeles, Ca

for
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The following are our field observations (of Saturday, January 20, 2007) & recommendations pertinent to the trees at (on-property) the above-mentioned site. This proposed residential project consist of "portions of Lots 21 & 22 of Tract 6515 and Lots 9, 10 & 13-25 of Tract 6014" in the Mt. Olympus area of Los Angeles, Ca ["The Thomas Guide 2007 – Los Angeles & Ventura Counties street guide" page 593 // section A-3].

This report is prepared in accordance with Ordinance 177404 of the City of Los Angeles Municipal Code relating to the "Tree Preservation Guidelines". It shall be the policy of the City of Los Angeles to require the preservation of indigenous, native to California, trees [which measure 4" or more in cumulative diameter at 4½' above natural grade] including: Oak (*Quercus* species), except for Scrub Oak (*Quercus dumosa*); Southern California Black Walnut (*Juglans californica*); Western Sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*); and/or California Bay Laurel (*Umbellularia californica*) unless compelling reasons justify the removal of such trees. The above noted trees shall not include any tree grown or held for sale by a licensed nursery, or trees planted or grown as a part of a tree-planting program.

Included within this report are the following: five (5) **TREE PHOTOGRAPHS** sheets, one (1) **TREE EVALUATIONS** sheet, one (1) **TREE CANOPY MEASUREMENTS** sheet, and one (1) **TREE LOCATION MAP** (derived from the '30 scale' "Aerial Topography Survey", as produced by the Mollenhauer Group, dated June 13, 2006).

Plan Review

1. **On site we found no California "native" Bay, Oak, Sycamore and/or Walnut trees that are covered by the Ordinance.** The following are the 9 trees on site:

<u>Tree Qty.</u>	<u>Tag Number(s)</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Botanical Name</u>
1	1	Lot 16/Tr. 6014	Blue Gum	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i>
1	7*	Lot 21/Tr. 6515	Scrub Oak	<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>
1	8*	Lot 17/Tr. 6014	Scrub Oak	<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>
3	2 to 4	Lot 15/Tr. 6014	Blue Elderberry	<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>
2	5 & 6	Lot 13/Tr. 6014	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>
1	9	Lot 21/Tr. 6515	American Elm	<i>Ulmus americana</i>

* These 2 trees are not covered under Ordinance, as they are Scrub Oaks and are undersized.

2. Other "under-sized" plant material we found on-site were 30 Acacias, 50 Ceanothus, 4 Elderberry, 6 Elms, Greasewood, 7 Hollyleaf Redberry, and 48 Sumac. These counts are estimated.
3. Pursuant to the enclosed **TREE LOCATION MAP**, all of this site's on-property inventoried trees will most likely be removed for project construction.

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Field Observations

1. Overall, all of the sites "of-sized" trees are of poor quality. None of this project's "on-site" trees are worth saving or transplanting.
2. The trees are inventoried as to their specie, health & aesthetic considerations. This inventory was reviewed in accordance with presently accepted industry procedures, which are of macro-visual observations only. No extensive microbiological, soil-root excavations, upper crown examination, nor internal tree investigations were conducted.
3. The inventoried trees had their trunks & driplines (canopy spreads) measured. It should be noted that these dimensions might change in the next growing season(s) following our initial field measurements.
4. This project's on-property inventoried trees were tagged with rectangular (¾"x3") metal tags with numbers written in black on them.
5. Definitions:
 - A. An "of-sized" native tree trunk measures at least 4" & larger at 4½' above existing grade. An "undersized" native tree measures less than 4" in diameter at 4½' above existing grade. It should be noted that these dimensions might change in the next growing season(s) following our initial field measurements.
 - B. An "of-sized" ornamental tree measures at least 12" & larger at 4½' above existing grade. An "undersized" ornamental tree measures less than 12" at 4½' above existing grade. It should be noted that these dimensions might change in the next growing season(s) following our initial field measurements.

Tree Replacement Program

1. This project shall plant 24" box specimen trees as mitigation "replacements" for each approved "of-sized" removal (on a 1:1 ratio). Therefore, this project shall plant seven (7) 24" box specimen trees as mitigation "replacements".
2. The above noted trees shall be planted in the "landscape" areas of this project. See the project's Landscape [Architectural] plans for the approximate locations of these mitigation trees.

Specific & Overall Recommendations

1. Prior to the completion of this project, **TREES, etc.** shall certify in a 'letter of compliance', that all concerned tree policies have been adhered to.

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If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call ***TREES, etc.***

Sincerely,

RDI & Associates, Inc.

dba ***TREES, etc.***

Richard Ibarra, President

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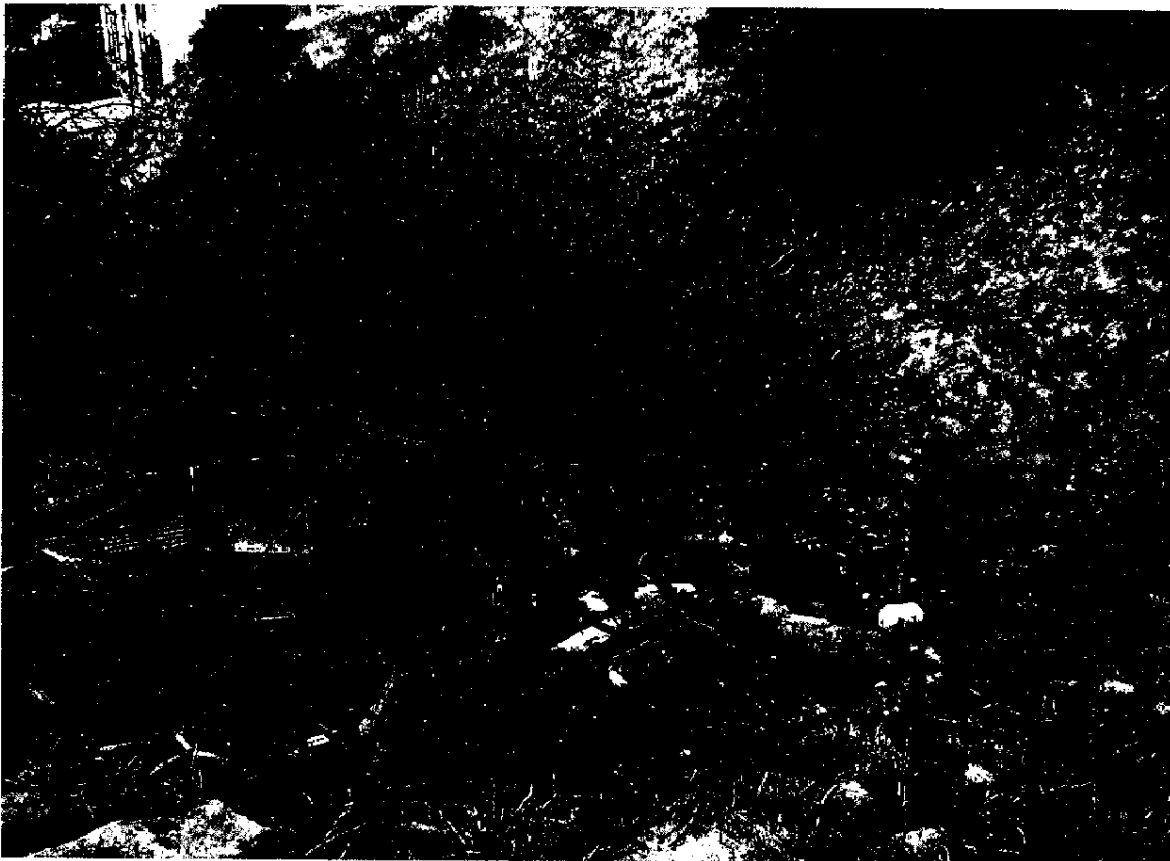
TREE PHOTOGRAPHS



Tree 1 (Blue Gum)



Tree 2 (Blue Elderberry)



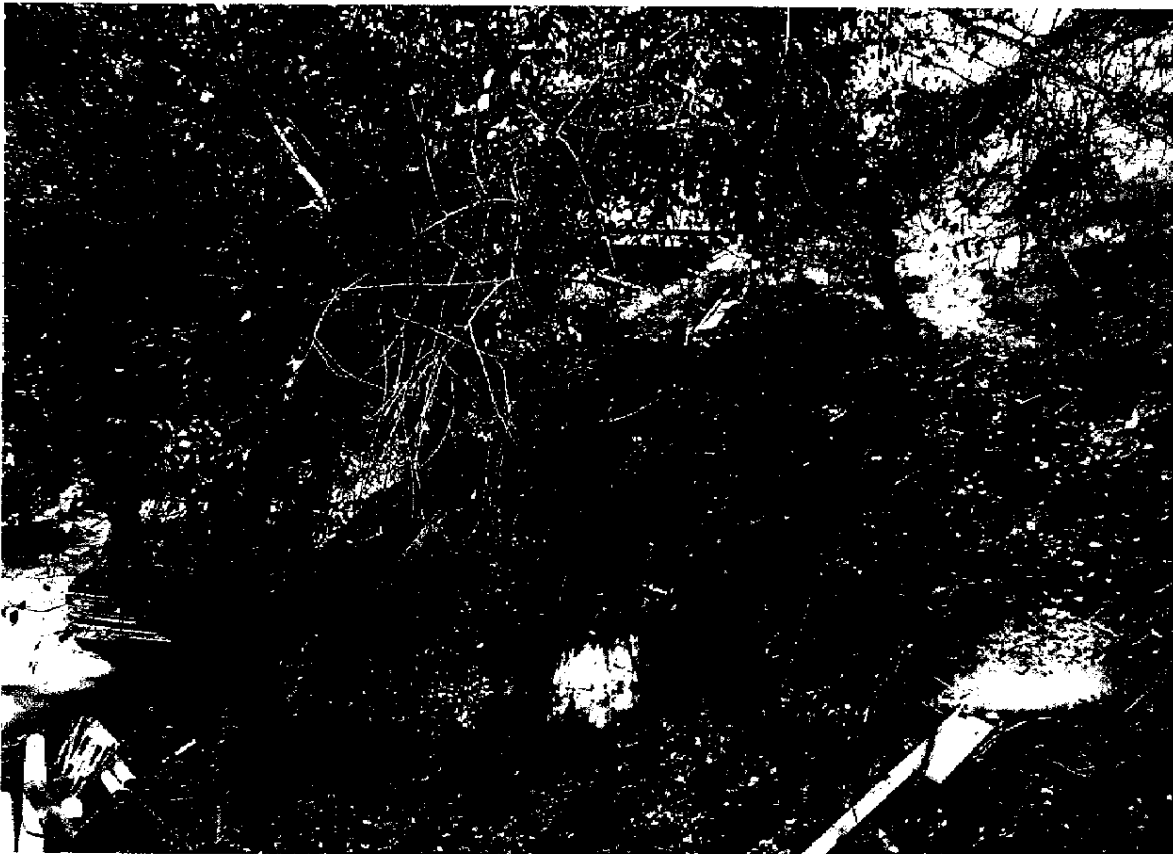
Tree 3 (Blue Elderberry)



Tree 4 (Blue Elderberry)



Tree 5 (American Elm)



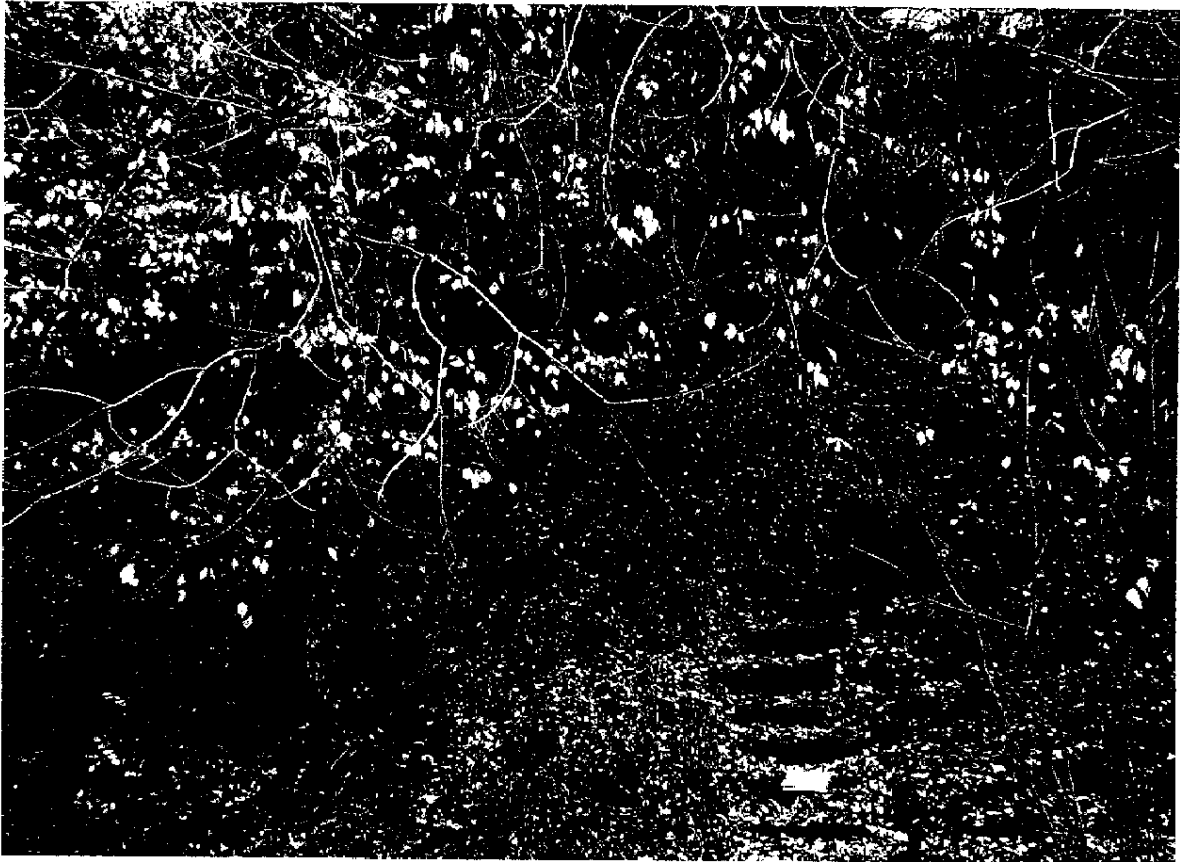
Tree 6 (American Elm)



Tree 7 (Scrub Oak)



Tree 8 (Scrub Oak)



Tree 9 (American Elm)

TREE EVALUATIONS

The inventory Health & Aesthetic Ratings of the trees are explained in the following:

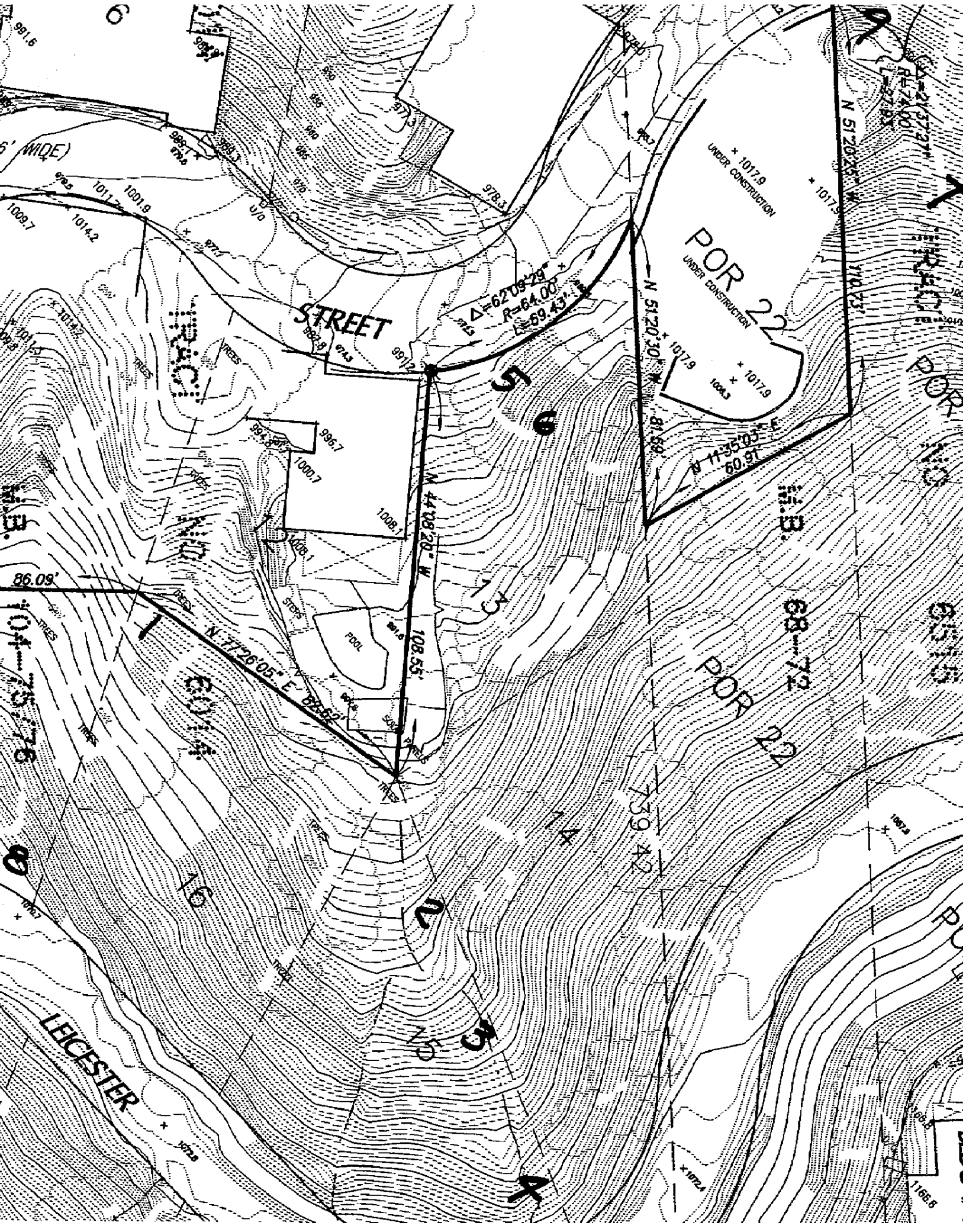
The Health of the trees was visually determined from the following macroscopic inspection of signs and symptoms of disease.

- A. Excellent (31 to 35 points) - This tree is a healthy & vigorous tree characteristic of its species and free of any visible signs of disease or pest infestation.
- B. Good (26 to 30 points) - This tree is a healthy & vigorous tree. However, there are minor visible signs of disease and pest infestation.
- C. Fair (16 to 25 points) - This tree is healthy in overall appearance, but there is a normal amount of disease and/or pest infestation.
- D. Poor* (11 to 15 points) - This tree is characterized by exhibiting a greater degree of disease and/or pest infestation or structural instability than normal and appears to be in a state of decline.
- E. Very Poor* (6 to 10 points) - This tree exhibits extensive signs of dieback.
- F. Dead* (0 points) - This tree exhibits no signs of life at the time of field evaluation.

* A tree rating of "D" and lower is in low vigor and naturally a meaningful level of recovery is doubtful. Removal should be considered if it is within the proposed development.

The Aesthetic quality of the trees was visually determined from the following overall inspection of appearance.

- A. Excellent - This tree is visually symmetrical, having the ideal form and appearance for the species.
- B. Good to Fair - This tree, though non-symmetrical, has an appealing form for the species with very little dieback of foliage or twigs/branches.
- C. Poor - This tree is non-symmetrical for the species with an unappealing form and/or has much dieback of foliage and twigs/branches.
- D. Very Poor - This tree has few, if any, positive characteristics and may detract from the beauty of the landscape.



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6
5' (WIDE)
1001.7
1011.7
1001.9
1014.2

STREET

$\Delta = 62.03^{\circ} 29'$
 $R = 64.00'$
 $L = 69.43'$

POR 22
 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

86.09'

104
 75.76

16

LEICESTER

N 44.08.20" W
 108.55'

N 51.20.30" W
 81.69'

N 11.35.03" E
 60.91'

68-72

POR 22

739.42

16

16

16

N 21.37.27" W
 124.00'

N 51.20.30" W
 101.75'

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