



CITY OF ASHLAND



TREE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING October 7, 2021 AGENDA

I. **CALL TO ORDER**
6:00 p.m. via ZOOM

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
A. Tree Commission regular meeting of September 9, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

III. **LIAISON REPORTS**

- Council Liaison
- Parks & Recreation Liaison
- Community Development Liaison

IV. **TYPE I REVIEWS**

PLANNING ACTION: PA-TREE-2021-00166

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 2245 Ashland St.

OWNER/APPLICANT: Richard Corrigan

DESCRIPTION: A request to remove one mature sweetgum trees at the property located at 2245 Ashland St. The tree is estimated to be 10-12 inches DBH and stands 25-30' tall. The root system has caused extensive uplift to the surrounding parking area creating a tripping hazard. The applicant wishes to resurface the parking lot which can not be done without the removal of this tree.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: Commercial; **ZONING:** C-1; **MAP:** 39 1E 11 CD; **TAX LOT:** 1200

V. **TYPE II REVIEWS – None**

VI. **STREET TREE REMOVAL PERMITS**

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2021-00167

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 30-60 7th St.

APPLICANT/OWNER: SO Tree Care

DESCRIPTION: A request to remove a Dead Madrone

PLANNING ACTION: TREE-2021-00169

SUBJECT PROPERTY: 355 Ashland Loop Rd.

APPLICANT/OWNER: COA

DESCRIPTION: A request to remove a Dead OAK

VII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Two emergency tree removals approved

Tree-2021-00168

62 Dewey St.

Gala Tree / Sherrell

Tree-2021-00

1375 Iowa

Gala Tree / Schipper

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Meeting: November xx, 2021

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Community Development office at 541-488-5305 (TTY phone is 1-800-735-2900). Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to the meeting (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title 1).



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Ashland Tree Commission
Draft Minutes
September 9, 2021

Call to Order

Commission Chair Chris John called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm via Zoom.

Commissioners Present:	Council Liaison
Christopher John	Stephen Jensen
Asa Cates	
Vacancy (3)	Park Liaison
Eric Simpson	Peter Baughman
Vacancy (5)	
Cat Gould	Staff Present:
Vacancy (7)	Aaron Anderson: Associate Planner

Approval of Minutes

Commissioners Cat Gould / Eric Simpson m/s to approve the minutes of August 5, 2021. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Liaison reports

Council Liaison – Stephen briefly discussed staff departures and recruitment and gave a brief overview of the overall budget situation that the city is facing and detailed some of the different funds and the fact that the fundamental problem lies with the general fund.

Parks & Recreation Liaison – Peter gave an update on the pickleball courts in lithia park which are nearing completion. The Japanese garden has made significant progress with some large concrete pours recently. Finally the parks Dept did work down at the Ashland Ponds to clear the infill channel.

Community Development Liaison – Aaron reported on the Tree of the year web app is ready to be deployed using ‘survey 123’ rather than forms. Also reported on an emergency removal that took place at 132 Van Ness

Public Forum

Peter Finkle spoke to inform the commission about his most recent article about the first TOY at Brisco which was also published in the Mail Tribune. And teased his upcoming article about the 1989 tree of the year (plaza tree of heaven). Finally Peter remarked that there were many TOY’s in town that do not have plaques. Anderson replied that this is largely a budgetary issue.

Type I Reviews

None

Type II Reviews

None

Street Tree Removal Permits

SUBJECT PROPERTY:374 Helman

APPLICANT/OWNER: Canopy

DESCRIPTION:A request to remove a Dead 13.5" DBH Maple Tree

Commissioners Cat Gould / Asa Cates m/s to approve the application with a condition of approval for a mitigation tree to be planted. Voice Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed

Discussion Items

Electrical line clearance

Cat wanted input on a photo of a particularly hard pruned tree with regard to line clearance. Chris John remarked that Ashland's line clearance guys tend to do a good job and have to make difficult decisions

Invasive Species conversation (see attached)

- Risa Buck, Kristina Lefever and Amy Gunter were present to present on challenges with regard to the tree of heaven (see attachments). At the conclusion of the presentation councilor Jensen asked a clarifying question about if the code makes any reference to invasive trees. Liaison Anderson replied that with the exception of the exemption to remove invasive trees there is nothing with regard to mitigation. Commissioner John asked if there had been any conversations with weed abatement, Risa replied that yes there had been conversations and their only concern was mitigation of fire risk.
- Amy Gunter spoke about the issues relating to Tree's of Heaven. There was discussion about the pros and cons of herbicide and that it is essentially required to kill the root system. The conversation continued to return to the topic of education and outreach. John encouraged Risa to put together a handout.
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Asa Cates suggested that we discuss a subcommittee at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:26p.m.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Liz Hamilton

**Meeting with the Ashland Tree Commission
September 9, 2021**

Ashland Residents:
Risa Buck
Amy Gunter
Kristina Lefever

Ashland is a Tree City USA, a Bee City USA, and a strong proponent for maintaining our natural landscape for it's ecological and economical benefits.

The Tree Commission's powers, duties and responsibilities are:

1. To act in an advisory capacity to the Planning Commission, City Council and Planning Department Staff Advisor in the administration of the land-use planning process, with respect to tree science and requirements, landscape design and principles, locally suitable botanic species and protection of natural resources.
2. To develop and recommend ordinances and policies for the planting, care and protection of trees throughout the City.
3. To act in an advisory capacity to all City departments regarding tree protection, maintenance, removal on all City properties.
4. To educate the citizenry and to promote public knowledge and understanding of the benefits of appropriate tree planting and care.
5. Plus additional duties that can be found within Ashland Municipal Code Chapter 2.25.

Problem

In in August 2020, 19 trees of the *Ailanthus altissima* (aka Tree of Heaven) species were cut down at 822 Oak Street without the owner or the tree company knowing the proper protocol. This was an un-permitted cut, but even had a permit been issued, **no information was or is available** to provide the city, tree companies, or the public with the knowledge and resources to mitigate the impacts from this invasive tree in our cultivated and natural landscapes.

The sprouts from these 19 trees are beginning to consume the landscape at 822 Oak and neighboring properties, specifically that of Risa Buck at 798 Oak. Please see [our photo album](#) documenting the problem with our photos and videos since August 2020.

Ailanthus is toxic to surrounding plants. Not only does the live tree itself threaten biodiversity, the remaining chips, stumps, numerous sprouts from the invasive root system, and dropped foliage can spread more tree growth if left on the property! All parts of this tree require landfill disposal. The invasive quality responsible for most of the spreading occurs in the root system and **dead foliage on the surface** does not mean that the roots are dead.

Herbicide must be applied properly to these trees. Applying herbicides is effectively limited to July-September. Herbicides must be applied around trees one month prior to cutting. Foliage application (which we have seen at 822 Oak) is not effective nor is it environmentally sound.

Invasive plants like this tree **degrade our natural ecosystems** because it outcompetes native plants we want to grow in our landscape. This species is one more reason both native and cultivated plant populations, as well as pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, are declining because of this species.

Solution

1. Establish a sub-committee to discuss next steps and create protocols to assist the public to identify Tree of Heaven and eliminate them safely and effectively.
2. Talk with tree companies and other experts about the numbers of Tree of Heavens they see in Ashland.
3. Create resources within a civic / volunteer committee to inform and update residents, businesses, tree companies, etc. about this species.
4. Begin an educational campaign with landowners, businesses, the public, and environmental organizations.
5. Identify current locations and create a plan of action to prevent the spread of the Tree of Heaven.
6. Require a permit and a plan with qualified arborist to remove a Trees of Heaven.

If we can begin this campaign in Ashland we can be a model. Our goal would be to develop a larger plan with the County, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) and the Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA).

Resources

Risa and Kristina have already attended a meeting with CWMA and requested their assistance. Other attendees included representatives from JSWCD, other environmental organizations, and pesticide applicators.

Here are a few websites that address the major problems caused by this tree. There is very little education being done in Southern Oregon currently.

- <https://weedwise.conservationsdistrict.org/> - great example listing things to do each month
- <https://www.ecolandscaping.org/05/landscape-challenges/invasive-plants/tree-of-heaven-an-exotic-invasive-plant-fact-sheet/>
- Penn State Extension video : <https://www.search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=tree+of+heaven+treatment+sprouts+in+spring>
- Penn State Extension info site : <https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven>
- “How to kill Tree of Heaven the Organic Way” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iD3h-4B1bYE>
- <https://bentonswcd.org/programs/plants/invasive-species/>
- <https://www.jswcd.org/jackson-county-cwma-meetings>
- <https://www.jswcd.org/cooperative-weed-management-area-cwma>

Other local potential partners

- OSU Extension/Master Gardeners Jackson County
- Grange Co-op – Andy H. Smith – Fertilizer & Professional Products Manager (541) 227-1516



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ZONING PERMIT APPLICATION

FILE # _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT Tree Removal

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY Pursuing LEED® Certification? YES NO

Street Address 2245 Ashland St

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E _____ Tax Lot(s) _____

Zoning _____ Comp Plan Designation _____

APPLICANT

Name RICHARD CORRIGAN Phone 5417613743 E-Mail capenaden@jeffnet.org

Address 285 Armas Rd City Talent, OR Zip 97540

PROPERTY OWNER

Name R.W. & DONNA B. CORRIGAN Phone 5417613743 E-Mail capenaden@jeffnet.org
LOVING TRUST

Address 285 Armas Rd City Talent, OR Zip 97540

SURVEYOR, ENGINEER, ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

I hereby certify that the statements and information contained in this application, including the enclosed drawings and the required findings of fact, are in all respects, true and correct. I understand that all property pins must be shown on the drawings and visible upon the site inspection. In the event the pins are not shown or their location found to be incorrect, the owner assumes full responsibility. I further understand that if this request is subsequently contested, the burden will be on me to establish:

- 1) that I produced sufficient factual evidence at the hearing to support this request;
- 2) that the findings of fact furnished justifies the granting of the request;
- 3) that the findings of fact furnished by me are adequate; and further
- 4) that all structures or improvements are properly located on the ground.

Failure in this regard will result most likely in not only the request being set aside, but also possibly in my structures being built in reliance thereon being required to be removed at my expense. If I have any doubts, I am advised to seek competent professional advice and assistance.

R.W. Corrigan Trustee 9/28/21
Applicant's Signature Date

As owner of the property involved in this request, I have read and understood the complete application and its consequences to me as a property owner.

R.W. Corrigan Trustee 9/28/21
Property Owner's Signature (required) Date

[To be completed by City Staff]

Date Received _____ Zoning Permit Type _____ Filing Fee \$ _____

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2245 Ashland St

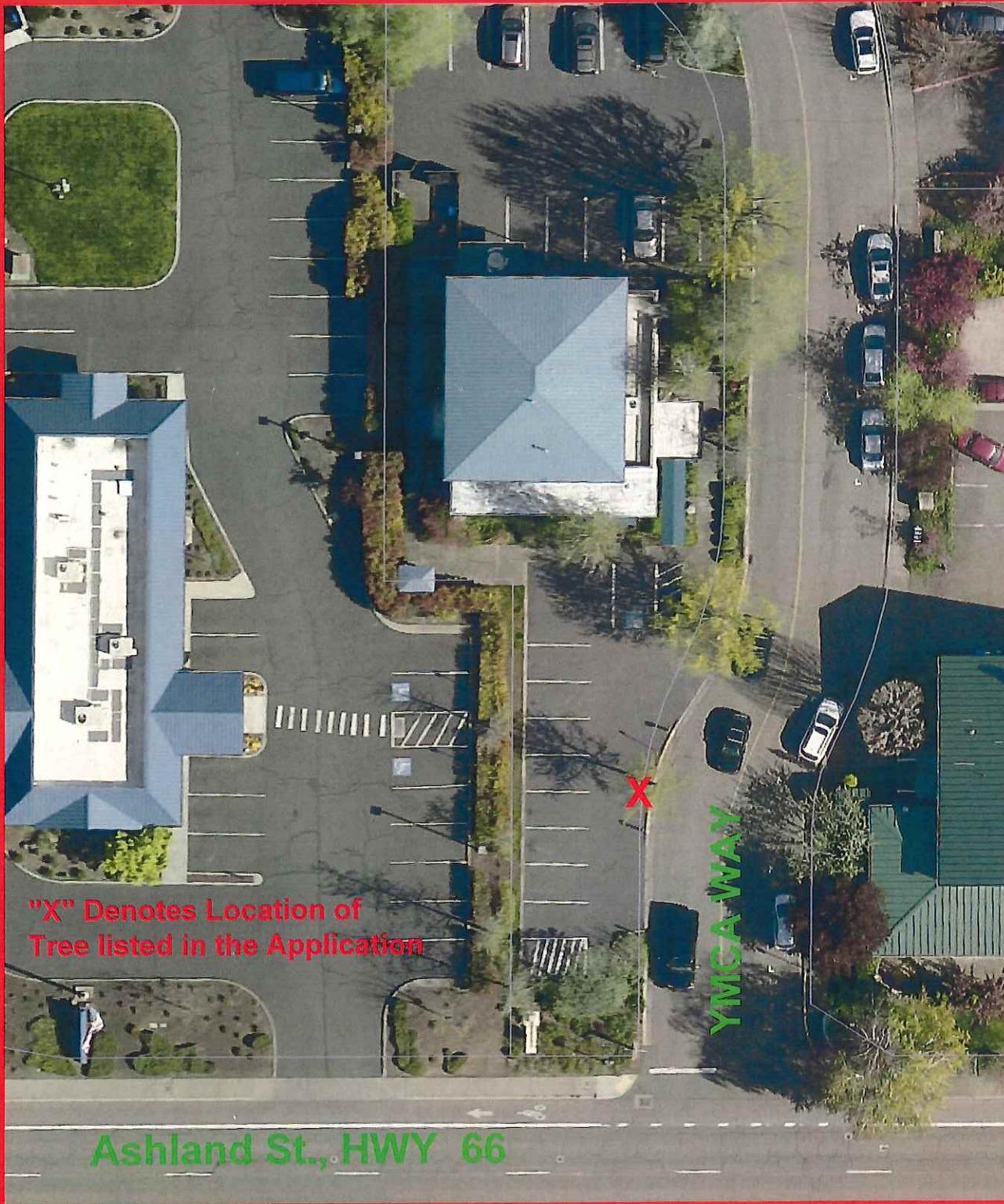
The sweetgum tree, which leans toward and overhangs YMCA Way, has an extensive root system which is damaging the parking area pavement resulting in trip hazards and water pooling.

I would like to remove the tree and root ball, level and repair the pavement.

This tree removal will eliminate the pedestrian trip hazard and water pooling.

Thank you for considering my request.

R. W. Corrigan
property owner.



"X" Denotes Location of Tree listed in the Application

Ashland St., HWY 66

YMGA WAY

Pan map inside layout to adjust the print area



2245 Ashland St. Tree Removal Request



City of Ashland

1 inch = 47 feet

Date Printed: 9/27/2021











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 - c. Location and width of all public streets, planting strips, and sidewalks adjoining the site.
 - d. Size, species, and location of the tree(s) proposed to be removed.
3. **Written Statement.** A written statement explaining how the proposed street tree removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria. The Community Development director may require additional information to demonstrate that the proposed removal satisfies one of the following approval criteria including: 1) a written statement to be prepared by an arborist licensed by the State of Oregon Landscape Contractors Board of Construction Contractors Board and certified by the International Society of Arboriculture or American Society of Consulting Arborists; and 2) an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form to be completed by an arborist.

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5. If a street tree is determined to be dead or dying, then the replacement need be no larger than the minimize size described above.

Type of Tree(s) MADRONE

Approximate Diameter at breast height 18" Height 30' Canopy 15'

Location of Tree in front of 30 & 60 7th St...in the park row....corner of 7th and E. Main St

Reason for Request mostly dead and dying according to S. Or Tree Service

Are there underground utility lines and/or overhead power lines present? yes

If yes, please list which lines are present overhead, phone, cable and power

Is there sidewalk damage?yes, but repaired If yes, has a Public Works permit been issued? yes, approx 3 years ago

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Street Address Duplex at 30 & 60 7th Street

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E 09-AC Tax Lot(s) 09600

Zoning R-3 Comp Plan Designation MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

PROPERTY OWNER

Name GREENWOOD HOMES, LLC Phone 541 482-5904 E-Mail nnewkirk204@gmail.com

Address P.O.Box 516 City ASHLAND Zip 97502

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING THE TREE REMOVAL (e.g., tree service)

Name S. OR TREE SERVICE Phone 541 772-0404 E-Mail info@sotrecare.com

Address P.O.BOX 3815 City CENTRAL POINT Zip 97502

ARBORIST, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER

Title _____ Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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Property Owner's Signature (required)

9-28-21

Date

STAFF DECISION:

Permit is hereby (circle one): Approved Approved with Conditions Denied

Conditions of Approval _____

Is the tree 18" d.b.h or greater? NO YES

Has the City Administrator has been notified: NO YES

Community Development Director/Planning Manager Signature

Date



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client _____ Date _____ Time _____
 Address/Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
 Tree species _____ dbh _____ Height _____ Crown spread dia. _____
 Assessor(s) _____ Time frame _____ Tools used _____

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 – rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
		Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1							
2							
3							
4							

Site Factors

History of failures _____ **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 _____
Prevailing wind direction _____ **Common weather** Strong winds Ice Snow Heavy rain Describe _____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low Normal High **Foliage** None (seasonal) None (dead) Normal _____ % Chlorotic _____ % Necrotic _____ %
Pests _____ **Abiotic** _____
Species failure profile Branches Trunk Roots Describe _____

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 planned change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown LCR _____ % Cracks _____ Lightning damage
 Dead twigs/branches _____ % overall Max. dia. _____ Codominant _____ Included bark
 Broken/Hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____ Weak attachments _____ Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ.
 Over-extended branches Previous branch failures _____ Similar branches present
Pruning history
 Crown cleaned Thinned Raised Dead/Missing bark Cankers/Galls/Burls Sapwood damage/decay
 Reduced Topped Lion-tailed Conks Heartwood decay _____
 Flush cuts Other _____ Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____

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 _____
 Main concern(s) _____

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— Roots and Root Collar —

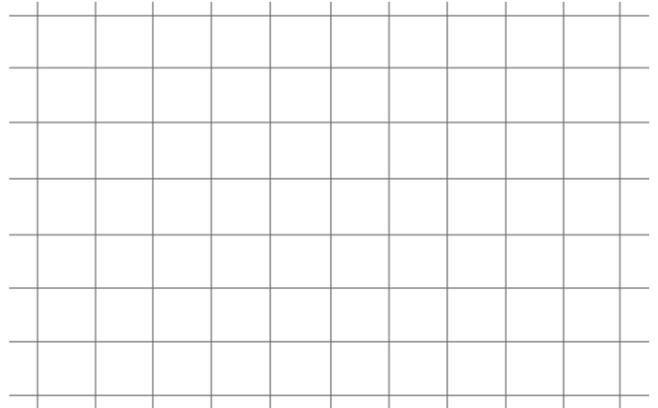
Collar buried/Not visible Depth _____ Stem girdling
 Dead Decay Conks/Mushrooms
 Ooze Cavity _____ % circ.
 Cracks Cut/Damaged roots Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting Soil weakness
 Response growth _____
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Risk Categorization																							
Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating of part (from Matrix 2)
							Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1)				Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe	
							Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely					
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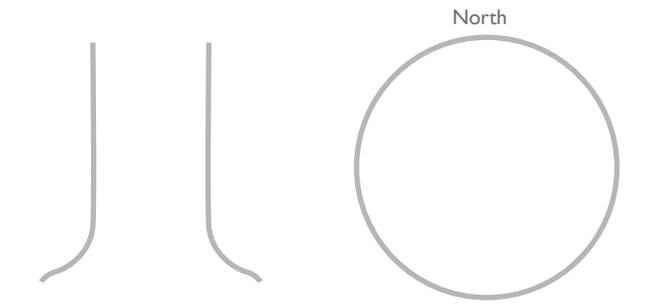
Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	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.

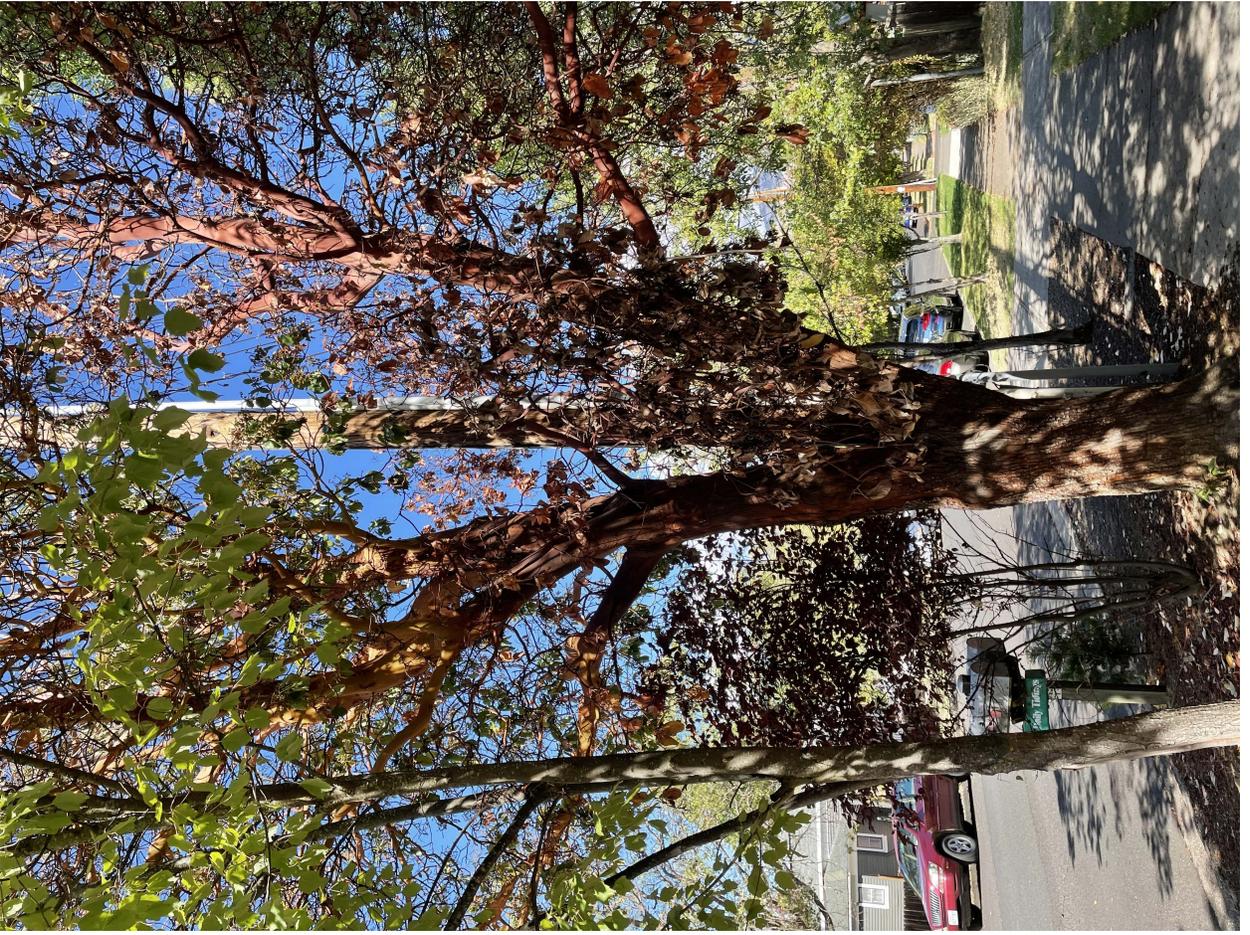
Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low



Notes, explanations, descriptions _____

Mitigation options _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____

Overall tree risk rating Low Moderate High Extreme Work priority 1 2 3 4
 Overall residual risk 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 _____





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Type of Tree(s) _____

Approximate Diameter at breast height _____ Height _____ Canopy _____

Location of Tree _____

Reason for Request _____

Are there underground utility lines and/or overhead power lines present? _____

If yes, please list which lines are present _____

Is there sidewalk damage? _____ If yes, has a Public Works permit been issued? _____

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Street Address _____

Assessor's Map No. 39 1E _____ Tax Lot(s) _____

Zoning _____ Comp Plan Designation _____

PROPERTY OWNER

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING THE TREE REMOVAL (e.g., tree service)

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ARBORIST, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT, OTHER

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Date

STAFF DECISION:

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Conditions of Approval _____

Is the tree 18" d.b.h or greater? NO YES

Has the City Administrator has been notified: NO YES

Community Development Director/Planning Manager Signature

Date



Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client _____ Date _____ Time _____
 Address/Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____
 Tree species _____ dbh _____ Height _____ Crown spread dia. _____
 Assessor(s) _____ Time frame _____ Tools used _____

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1 – rare 2 – occasional 3 – frequent 4 – constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
		Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1							
2							
3							
4							

Site Factors

History of failures _____ **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 _____
Prevailing wind direction _____ **Common weather** Strong winds Ice Snow Heavy rain Describe _____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low Normal High **Foliage** None (seasonal) None (dead) Normal _____ % Chlorotic _____ % Necrotic _____ %
Pests _____ **Abiotic** _____
Species failure profile Branches Trunk Roots Describe _____

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 planned change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown LCR _____ % Cracks _____ Lightning damage
 Dead twigs/branches _____ % overall Max. dia. _____ Codominant _____ Included bark
 Broken/Hangers Number _____ Max. dia. _____ Weak attachments _____ Cavity/Nest hole _____ % circ.
 Over-extended branches Previous branch failures _____ Similar branches present
Pruning history
 Crown cleaned Thinned Raised Dead/Missing bark Cankers/Galls/Burls Sapwood damage/decay
 Reduced Topped Lion-tailed Conks Heartwood decay _____
 Flush cuts Other _____ Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____

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 _____
 Main concern(s) _____

Load on defect N/A Minor Moderate Significant
Likelihood of failure Improbable Possible Probable Imminent

— Roots and Root Collar —

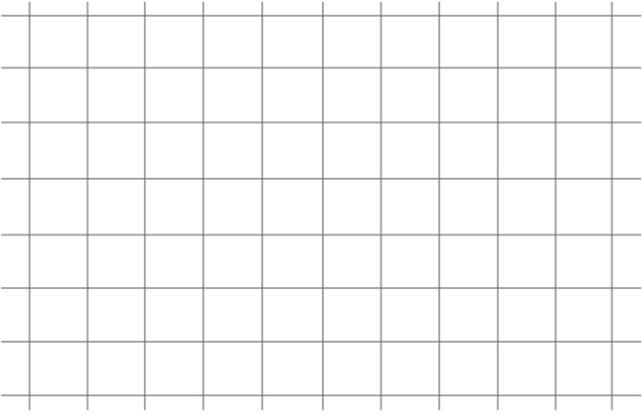
Collar buried/Not visible Depth _____ Stem girdling
 Dead Decay Conks/Mushrooms
 Ooze Cavity _____ % circ.
 Cracks Cut/Damaged roots Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting Soil weakness
 Response growth _____
 Main concern(s) _____

Load on defect N/A Minor Moderate Significant
Likelihood of failure Improbable Possible Probable Imminent

Risk Categorization																							
Condition number	Tree part	Conditions of concern	Part size	Fall distance	Target number	Target protection	Likelihood												Consequences				Risk rating of part (from Matrix 2)
							Failure				Impact				Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1)				Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe	
							Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely					
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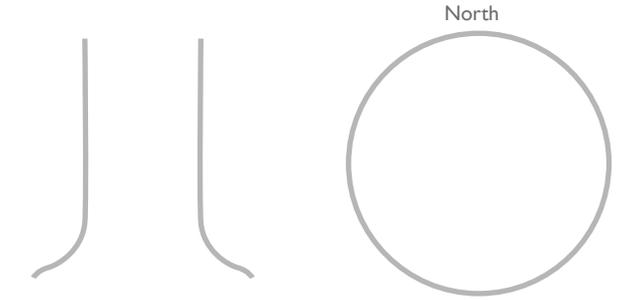
Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impacting Target			
	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 _____

Mitigation options _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____
 _____ Residual risk _____

Overall tree risk rating Low Moderate High Extreme Work priority 1 2 3 4
 Overall residual risk 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 _____

October 1, 2021



To: City of Ashland
Tree Commission

From: Kevin Caldwell, Senior Project Manager
City of Ashland, Public Works

To whom it may concern,

The Public Works Department has received community requests to remove a native (not ornamental) 19-inch Black Oak, *Quercus kelloggii* tree located within the right-of-way (ROW) of Ashland Loop Rd. Closest address is 355 Ashland Loop Rd. We had a professional Surveyor locate the ROW to confirm City ownership.

As you can see in the attached picture, this mature Black Oak, is in very poor health and prone to loosing large limbs. I wouldn't classify the tree as "dead" however, only approximately 25% of the canopy has any live foliage. I had an Arborist review the tree (informally) and they also suggested that it be removed.

The Public Works Dept. is requesting that any mitigation requirements be waived as well as stump grinding. Public Works does not have the capacity to maintain any new landscaping, especially landscaping that requires watering. Additionally, we would prefer not to replant in areas prone to wildfire with high vegetation densities, as is the case in this location. There are underground utilities very close to this tree that will make stump grinding difficult. We are proposing that all parts of the tree be removed by a licensed/insured Arborist and that the trunk be cut as close to ground level as possible. This tree removal has been discussed with the owners of 355 Ashland Loop Rd and they are agreeable.

Currently, there is no schedule for removal. It is likely that this project will be coordinated with other projects to be completed by a licensed/insured Arborist in the near future. It is our intent to have this tree removed prior to the beginning of the 2022 fire season.

Thank you for considering this request, please let me know if you need any further information.

Kevin Caldwell
City of Ashland Public Works

Attached: Pic of tree, removal permit, site plan





Only live foliage is in the bottom left of picture, up against the Pine tree. Tree has a significant lean away from the right-of-way and toward private property.





Site Plan
City of Ashland
Public Works



City of Ashland
Community Development Department
51 Winburn Way
Ashland, OR 97520
Telephone: 541-488-5305
Inspection Line: 541-552-2080

PERMIT NUMBER
TREE-2021-00168
Apply Date: 9/29/2021

Plan Type: Tree Removal

Work Class: Tree Removal Permit Review

Map & Tax Lot	Property Address
391E09AC10800	62 Dewey St

Owner Information	Applicant Information
Owner: Neal Strudler Trustee Et Al Owner 1159 Park St Address: Ashland, OR 97520 Phone: () -	Applicant: Derek Sherrell Applicant 62 Dewey St Address: Ashland, OR 97520 Phone: (541) 621-1399

Project Description
Emergency Tree removal of large Elm

Fees				
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Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Total Fees:	\$0.00
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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in regards to the 1 Large Locust 1375 Iowa in Ashland Oregon. This Locust has recently lost several very sizable limbs. Upon inspection I noticed significant decay at the roots and base. This creates a significant and imminent hazard which warrants immediate removal due to size of tree and close proximity to structures and people. In addition, the roots of the tree are potentially damaging the foundation. I would recommend removal and if possible, replace with a more appropriate variety of tree away from structures.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Stefan Gala Owner at Gala Tree INC

Doug Tripp Arborist ISA # PN-7855A

Phone number 541.864.9127

Iowa locust tree

Kirsten Schipper <shebobodesigns@gmail.com>

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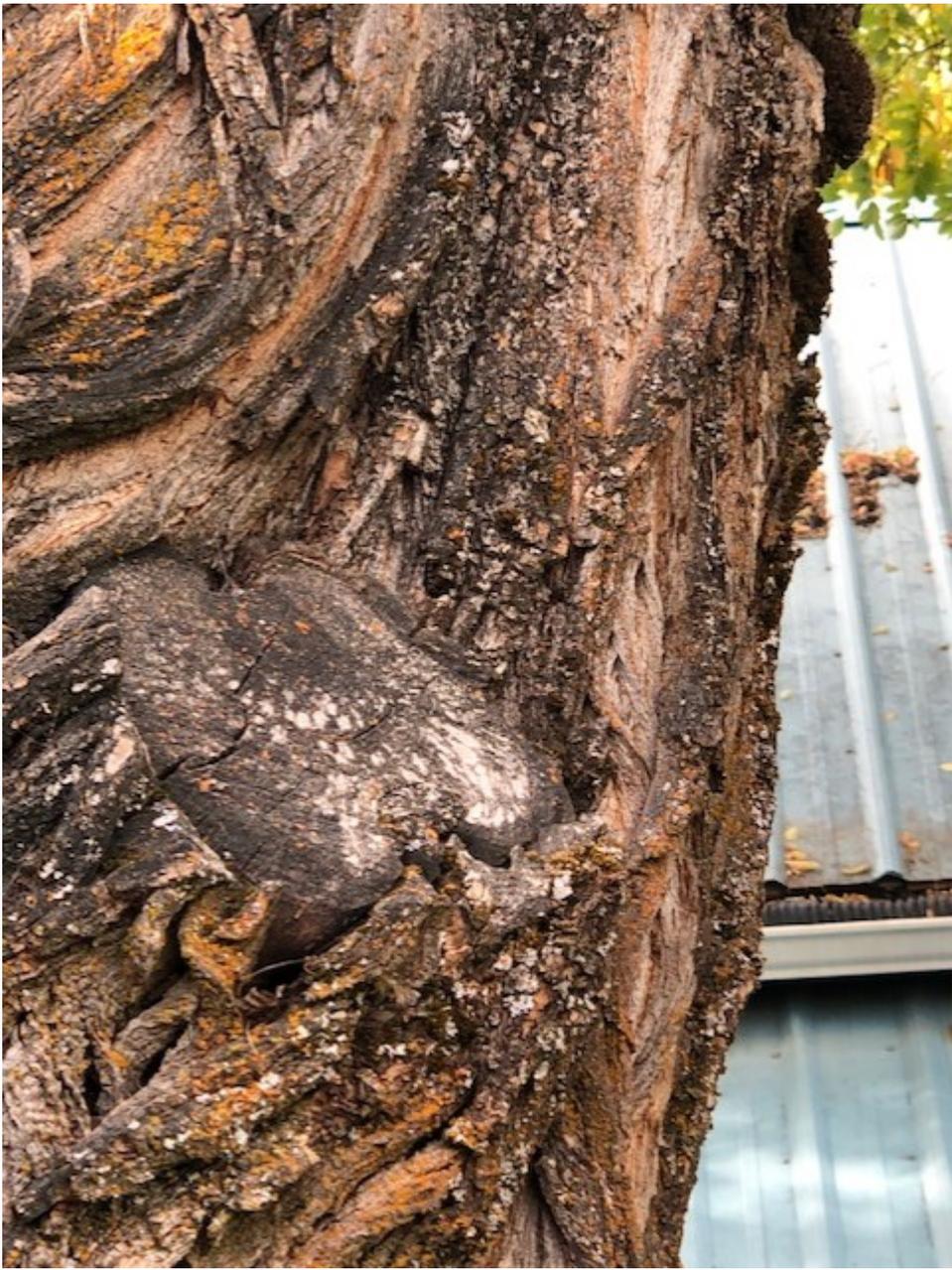
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Hi- it's hard to get photo of the scar from the big limb that fell on the deck last year. Hopefully this is enough proof to take it down. We lost 2 very large limbs the last 2 years and times time for it to go.

















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Iowa st house locust tree

Kirsten Schipper <shebobodesigns@gmail.com>

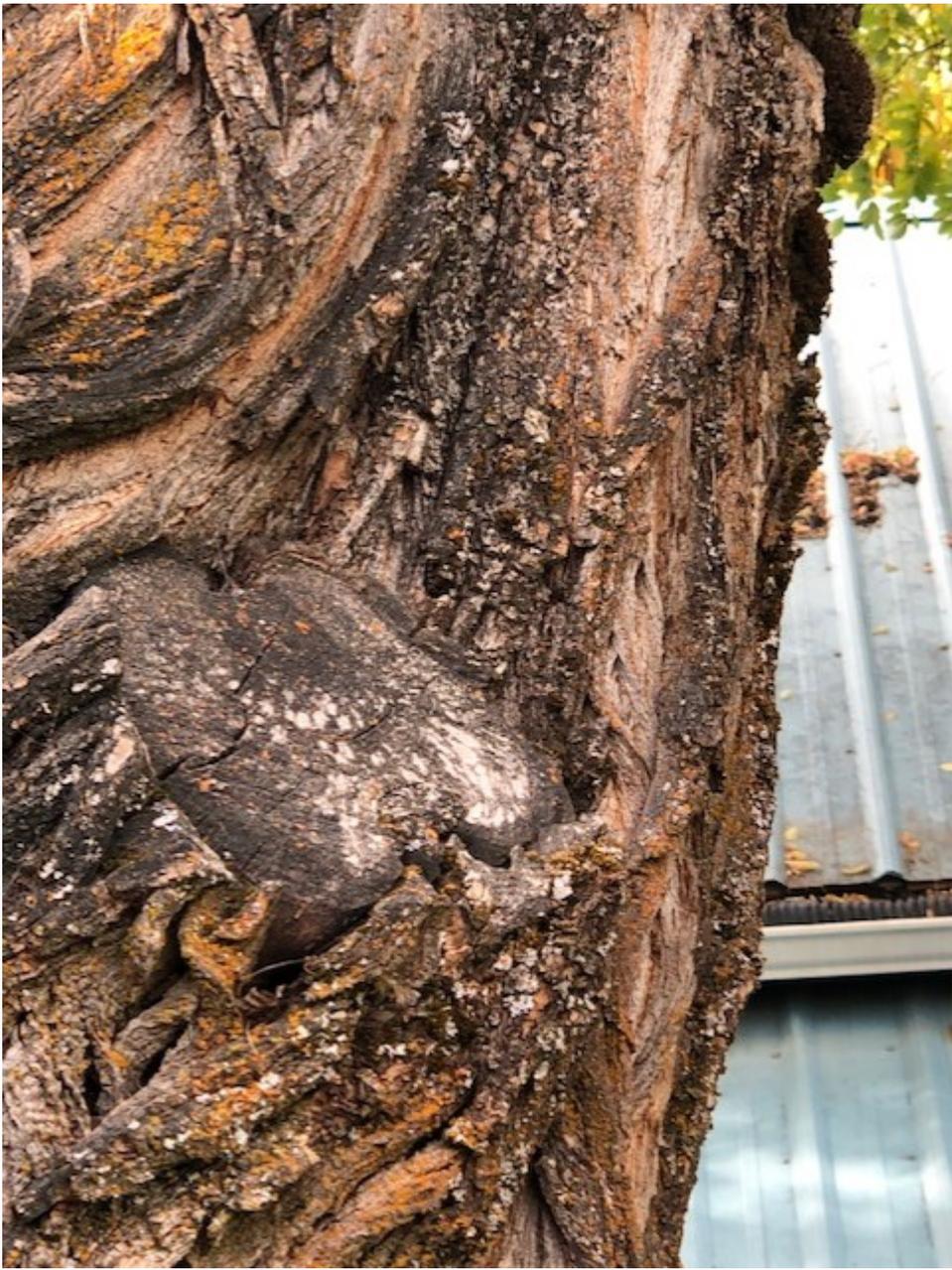
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Iowa st Locust tree

Kirsten Schipper <shebobodesigns@gmail.com>

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