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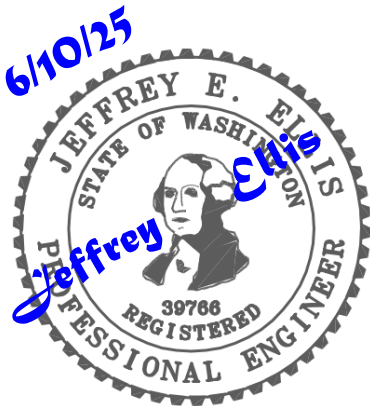
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RE: 24" Pine Tree Removal
Zimmer Project
4661 Forest Ave SE
Mercer Island, WA

I am the civil engineer of record on the above referenced new single family home project. I have been asked to provide context regarding justification for removal of the above referenced tree (see page 2 for reference). Removal of tree is required for the following reasons:

1. The existing storm drain pipe which is in very poor shape requires removal to allow for new house foundation
2. Existing CMP (corrugated metal pipe) storm line is in very poor shape with ruptured joints and rusted pipe is very leaky. Leaving old pipe in place is not an option.
3. A new storm line serving project is proposed as shown on our sheet C2.0 is proposed along same southern sideyard. There is no other alternative storm alignment option for pipe given topography and layout of project.

Sincerely,



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