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MERCER ISLAND TREE INVENTORY & REPLACEMENT SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

PROJECT INFORMATION

Property Owner Name:	Spurlock - Ma Residence	Jenny Spurlock & Long Ma
Site Address or Parcel Number:	8427 SE 62nd St	Mercer Island, WA 98040
Project Contact Name:	Robert Arlt - Shed Design	
Contact Email Address:	robert@shedbuilt.com	
Contact Phone Number:	605-214-2625	

EXCEPTIONAL TREES

Exceptional Trees- means a tree or group of trees that because of its unique historical, ecological or aesthetic value constitutes an important community resource. A tree that is rare or exceptional by virtue of its size, species, condition, cultural/historical importance, age, and/or contribution as part of a tree grove. Trees with a diameter of more than 36 inches, or with a diameter that is equal to or greater than the diameter listed in the Exceptional Tree Table shown in MICC 19.16 under Tree, Exceptional.

List the total number of trees for each category and the tree identification numbers from the arborist report.

Number of trees 36" or greater 3

List tree numbers: 11, 13, 14

Number of trees 24" or greater (including 36" or greater) 3

List tree numbers: 11, 13, 14

Number of trees from Exceptional Tree Table (MICC 19.16) 3

List tree numbers: 11, 13, 14

LARGE REGULATED TREES

Large Regulated Trees- means any tree with a diameter of 10 inches or more, and any tree that meets the definition of an Exceptional Tree.

Number of Large Regulated Trees on site 4 (A)
 List tree numbers: 4, 11, 13, 14

Number of Large Regulated Trees on site proposed for removal 1 (B)
 List tree numbers: 4

Percentage of trees to be retained ((A-B)/Ax100) note: must be at least 30% 75 %

RIGHT OF WAY TREES

Right of Way Trees- means a tree that is located in the street right of way adjacent to the project property.

Number of Large Regulated Trees in right of way _____
 List tree numbers: _____

Number of Large Regulated Trees in right of way proposed for removal _____
 List tree numbers: _____

Reason for removal: _____

TREE REPLACEMENT

Tree replacement- removed trees must be replaced based on the ratio in the table below. Replacement trees shall be conifers at least six feet tall and or deciduous at least one and one-half inches in diameter at base.

Diameter of Removed Tree (measured 4.5' above ground)	Tree replacement Ratio	Number of Trees Proposed for Removal	Number of Tree Required for Replacement Based on Size/Type
Less than 10"*	1		
10" up to 24"	2	1	2
Greater than 24" up to 36"	3		
Greater than 36" and any Exceptional Tree	6		-
TOTAL TREE REPLACEMENTS			2

****no replacement tree is needed if the tree fits all of the following;
 Less than 10 inches in diameter, not an exceptional tree, and not a replacement tree from another tree permit. ****



ARBORIST REPORT

DATE:

December 26, 2024

PREPARED FOR:

Jenny Spurlock / Long Ma

SITE ADDRESS:

8427 SE 62nd St Mercer Island, WA 98040 / Parcel #1924059171

PREPARED BY:

Kim Ettari - ISA Certified Arborist PN1301A / TRAQ

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NARRATIVE

SCOPE OF WORK

You have asked me to complete a tree retention, protection and replanting plan for the trees on your property in preparation for the remodeling project to your residence.

All documentation below should comply with requirements set forth in Mercer Island Municipal Code (19.10.010).

METHODOLOGY

The methods used for this assessment are as outlined in *Tree Risk Assessment* and as adopted by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). The end goal of most assessments is to provide the owner or manager of the tree(s) with factual information, enabling them to make decisions about the management of the tree(s). For this particular assessment, I used a Level II Assessment that includes inspection of the root collar, lower trunk, upper limbs and canopy of the tree as can be seen from the ground. Basic assessment does not include climbing the tree or excavation of soils to inspect root structure or condition.

I visited the site on 12/16/24 measured sixteen (16) trees for their diameter at breast height (DBH), an industry standard of measuring trees at 4.5' above grade. Trees that were multi-stemmed or branched below the standard 4.5' point of measurement were measured in some other way and noted as such in the findings notes of the appropriate tree. Of the fourteen (14) on-site trees only four (4) are regulated trees above 10" DBH along with the two (2) off-site regulated exceptional trees with canopies that overhang the property.

A tree inventory and assessment spreadsheet was created that details each tree by reference number, species/common name, size (DBH), drip line/canopy extension and condition with remarks as needed. Any recommended action items are also included as said sheet.

(See attached inventory and photos.)

A tree map was created that indicates the locations and drip lines of the trees along with suggested locations of required tree protection fences.

(See attached tree map.)

FINDINGS AND OBSERVATIONS

The subject site is an 11,662 sq ft residential lot in an established neighborhood on the southern end of Mercer Island. The trees in question grow in the front and back yards.

The following trees were inventoried and assessed:

Spurlock - Ma Residence Tree Inventory

Tree #	Botanical Name	Common Name	DBH	Dripline	Condition	Notes	Action
1	Acer palmatum	Japanese Maple	6" non-regulated	6N/6E/6S/6W	GOOD	8' tall, even canopy	RETAIN
2	Cotinus coggygria	Smoke Bush	6" non-regulated	8N/8E/8S/8W	GOOD	10' tall	REMOVE
3	Tsuga mertensiana	Mountain Hemlock	4" non-regulated	4N/4E/4S/4W	GOOD	12' tall, full crown	REMOVE
4	Pawlonia fortuneii	Empress Tree	12"	10N/10E/10S/10W	GOOD	20' tall, full crown	REMOVE
5	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	7" non-regulated	8N/8E/8S/8W	GOOD	20' tall, full crown	REMOVE
6	Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'	Blue Atlas Cedar	8" non-regulated	10N/10E/10S/10W	GOOD	20' tall, thin canopy	REMOVE
7	Corylus avellana	Filbert	6" ** non-regulated	10N/10E/10S/10W	FAIR	12' tall, multi-stem	REMOVE
8	Acer circinatum	Vine Maple	6" ** non-regulated	8N/8E/8S/8W	GOOD	10' tall, multi-stem	RETAIN
9	Prunus serrulata	Flowering Cherry	7" non-regulated	10N/10E/10S/10W	FAIR	10' tall, thin canopy	REMOVE
10	Prunus serrulata	Flowering Cherry	6" non-regulated	10N/10E/10S/10W	FAIR	10' tall, thin canopy	REMOVE
11	Thuja plicata	W Red Cedar	40" exceptional	20N/20E/20S/20W	GOOD	100' tall, co-dominant stems at 60'	RETAIN
12	Prunus cerasifera	Flowering Plum	5" non-significant	8N/8E/8S/8W	FAIR	10' tall, thin canopy	REMOVE
13	Thuja plicata	W Red Cedar	44" exceptional	20N/20E/20S/20W	GOOD	120' tall, corrected trunk bow	RETAIN
14	Tsuga heterophylla	Western Hemlock	38" exceptional	20N/20E/20S/20W	GOOD	100' tall, balanced crown	RETAIN
15	Thuja plicata	W Red Cedar	40" exceptional	20N/20E/20S/20W	GOOD	110' tall, balanced crown	OFF SITE
16	Pseudotsuga menziesii	Douglas Fir	42" exceptional	20N/20E/20S/20W	GOOD	115' tall, balanced crown	OFF SITE

Inventory completed on 12/16/2024 by Laughing Trees Landscapes - Kim Ettari (ISA Certified Arborist PN1301A/TRAQ)

*DBH = diameter at breast height / 4.5' from base

**DBH for multi-stem = square root of sum of squared stem diameters

*Dripline = measured in radius



Tree 4 -
12" DBH Empress Tree



Tree 11 -
40" DBH W Red Cedar
(exceptional)

Tree 13 -
44" DBH W Red Cedar
(exceptional)



Tree 13 -
44" DBH W Red Cedar
(exceptional)



**Tree 14 -
38" DBH Western Hemlock
(exceptional)**



**Off site - Tree 15
40" DBH W Red Cedar
(exceptional)**



**Off site - Tree 16
42" DBH Douglas Fir
(exceptional)**

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

TREE REMOVAL

As per the tree retention requirements in Mercer Island Municipal Code (19.10.060 (2.a)) a “*minimum of 30 percent of trees with a diameter of 10 inches or greater, or that otherwise meet the definition of large trees, shall be retained over a rolling five-year period.*”

REMOVAL CALCULATION - The proposed construction project will require the removal of regulated Tree #4. This tree represents 12 caliper inches or 8.9% of the 134 total caliper inches on the site.

TREE RETENTION

RETENTION CALCULATION - The remaining Trees #11, #13 and #14 represent 122 caliper inches or 91.1% of the total 134 caliper inches on the site. As per MICC this percentage meets the 30% tree retention requirement.

The tree retention breakdown for this site would be as follows:

Number of regulated trees on site: 4 trees

Proposed regulated trees for removal: 1 tree

Regulated trees to remain: 3 trees (75% > 30% meets requirement)

TREE PROTECTION

PROTECTION OF RETAINED EXCEPTIONAL TREES / OFF-SITE EXCEPTIONAL TREES

Tree #11 - Thuja plicata / Western Red Cedar - 40” DBH (exceptional) - This tree is at a higher elevation (approximately 4’) than the residence. Tree protection fencing is to be installed at the drip line (20’) on the north, west and south sides and at 15’ to the east. The new paver patio and a small crushed stone area will encroach approximately 4’ into the eastern drip line but represents less than 10% of the overall canopy. I anticipate no long term impacts to the health of this tree is protected as shown.

Tree #13 - Thuja plicata / Western Red Cedar - 44” DBH (exceptional) - This tree is at a higher elevation (approximately 4’) than the residence and an existing retaining wall and crushed stone patio rest under the south east quadrant of the drip line. The proposed construction will replace the retaining wall and patio. Tree protection fencing is to be installed at the top of the retaining wall approximately 5’ from the base of the tree. Absolutely no construction materials or debris is to be placed at the top of the retaining wall. I anticipate no long term impacts to the health of this tree is protected as shown.

PROTECTION OF TREES DURING DRAINAGE INSTALLATION

Any vegetated flow paths or other required drainage areas under the drip lines of any retained or off-site exceptional tree are to be dug completely by hand. Absolutely no mechanized equipment is permitted in these protected areas. *(See attached drainage map.)*

No drainage-related excavation debris is to be dumped or stored under the drip line of any retained or off-site exceptional tree.

Consult the project arborist if any root larger than 2" in diameter requires cutting on any retained or off-site tree during the drainage system installation.

TREE REPLACEMENT

As per the attached Mercer Island Tree Worksheet this project requires the planting of two (2) replacement trees. Recommendations for replacement trees will be made by the landscape architect on this project.

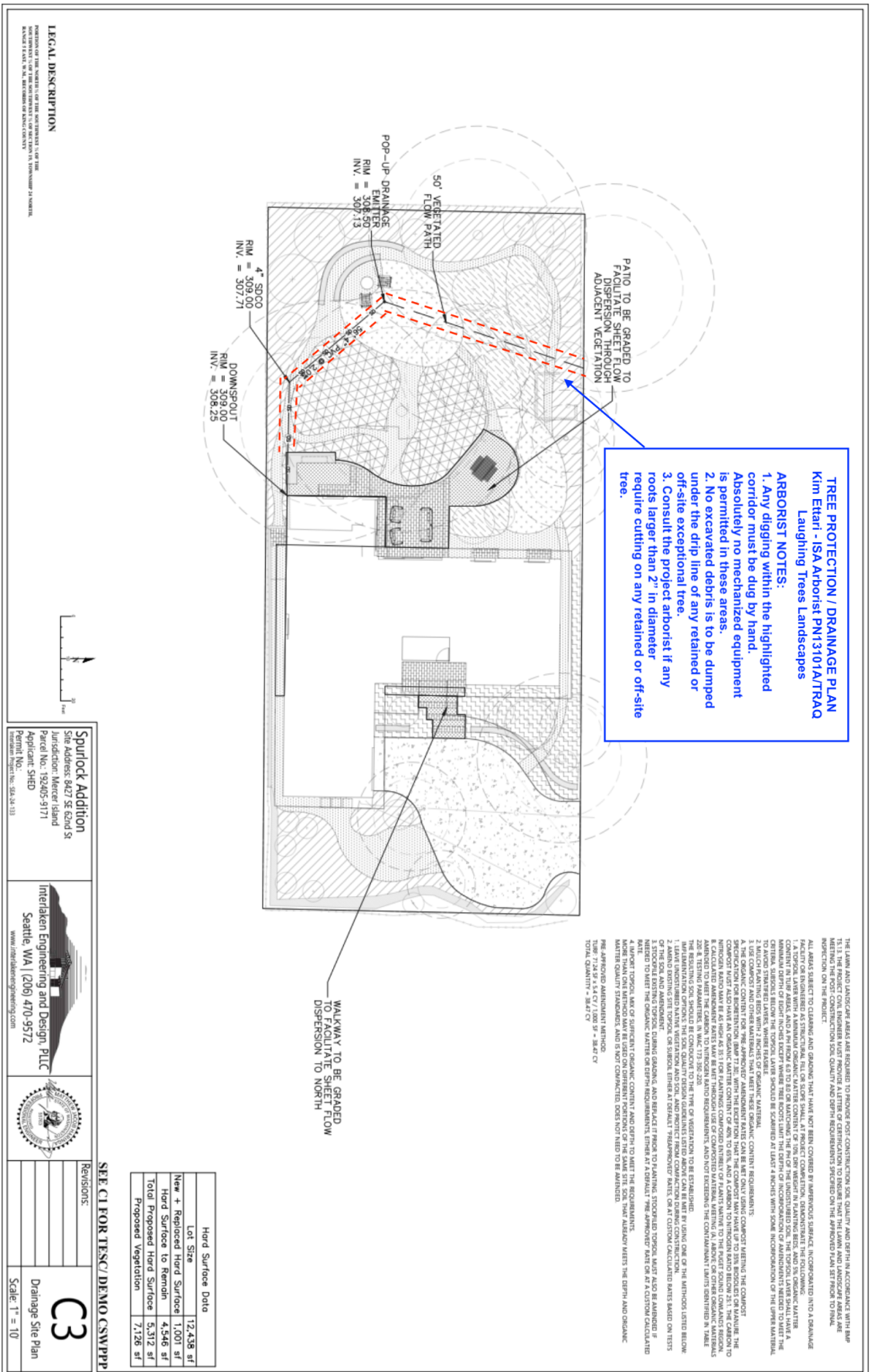
WATERING PLAN FOR REPLACEMENT TREES

1. Above ground soaker hoses to be installed around each replacement tree. Smaller diameter trees to have hose looped around them once and larger diameter trees to have hose looped around them twice. If using hoses with emitters then multiple emitters are required for larger trees.
2. Watering times will depend on soaker hose system but deeper, less frequent waterings is ideal (possibly a couple of hours once or twice per week.) Check soil periodically to determine how deeply the water is soaking in. Trees that are planted near other large, established trees will likely need more water.
3. Watering to be applied for at least two full seasons (April - October or longer if little rainfall.)
4. 2-3" mulch to be applied over soaker hoses to aid water retention. Care should be taken to keep soaker hose and mulch away from the trunks.

LIMITATIONS

This report was based on the conditions of the trees and site at the time the report was written. Weather and site changes can alter the conditions at any time. Trees inherently pose a certain degree of hazard and risk from breakage, failure or other causes and conditions. Recommendations that are made by Laughing Trees Landscapes are intended to minimize or reduce hazardous conditions that may be associated with trees. However, there is and there can be no guarantee or certainty that efforts to correct unsafe conditions will prevent breakage or failure of the

tree. Any recommendations made should reduce the risk of tree failure but they cannot eliminate such risk, especially in the event of a storm or any act of God. There can be no guarantee or certainty that all hazardous conditions will be detected.



TREE PROTECTION / DRAINAGE PLAN
 Kim Etzari - ISA Arborist PNT3101A/TRAQ
 Laughing Trees Landscapes

ARBORIST NOTES:

1. Any digging within the highlighted corridor must be dug by hand. Absolutely no mechanized equipment is permitted in these areas.
2. No excavated debris is to be dumped under the drip line of any retained or off-site exceptional tree.
3. Consult the project arborist if any roots larger than 2" in diameter require cutting on any retained or off-site tree.

THE LAWN AND LANDSCAPE AREAS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ROOT PROTECTION, SOIL QUALITY AND GRASS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BMP 11.1. THE PROJECT OWNER ENGINEER MUST PROVIDE A LETTER OF CERTIFICATION TO INDICATE THAT THE LAWN AND LANDSCAPE AREAS ARE INSPECTED ON THE PROJECT.

ALL AREAS SUBJECT TO CLEANING AND GRADING MUST HAVE NOT BEEN COMBED OR AMENDED SURFACE, INCORPORATED INTO A DRAINAGE FACILITY OR ENGINEERED AS STRUCTURAL FILL OR SOIL SHALL AT PROJECT COMPLETION, DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE TOPSOIL SHALL BE AT LEAST 18" DEEP AND MATCHES THE TYPE OF THE UNDERLIEING SOIL. THE TOPSOIL LAYER SHALL HAVE A CRITICAL SUBSOIL BELOW THE TOPSOIL LAYER SHOULD BE COVERED AT LEAST 18" DEEP WITH SOME INCORPORATION OF THE UNDERLIEING SOIL TO AVOID STRATIFIED LAYERS, WHERE RELEASED.
- 2. USE COMPOST AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT MEET THESE ORGANIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS.
- 3. USE COMPOST AND OTHER MATERIALS THAT MEET THESE ORGANIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS.

THE RESULTING SOIL SHOULD BE CONFORMANCE TO THE TYPE OF VEGETATION TO BE ESTABLISHED. THE COMPOST MUST ALSO HAVE AN ORGANIC MATTER CONTENT OF 40% TO 50%, AND A CARBON TO NITROGEN RATIO BELOW 25:1. THE CARBON TO NITROGEN RATIO SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM. THE CONSTRUCTION TEAM SHALL PROVIDE A LETTER OF CERTIFICATION THAT THE COMPOST MEETS THESE REQUIREMENTS. THE COMPOST SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE SOIL AND AMENDED.

1. LAWN UNDERLIEING NATIVE VEGETATION AND SOIL, AND PROTECT FROM COMPACTION DURING CONSTRUCTION.

2. TO MAINTAIN THE SOIL QUALITY, THE SOIL SHOULD BE TESTED FOR NUTRIENT LEVELS, PH, AND ORGANIC MATTER CONTENT. THE TEST RESULTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE PROJECT ARBORIST AS A LETTER OF CERTIFICATION.

3. TO MAINTAIN THE SOIL QUALITY, THE SOIL SHOULD BE TESTED FOR NUTRIENT LEVELS, PH, AND ORGANIC MATTER CONTENT. THE TEST RESULTS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE PROJECT ARBORIST AS A LETTER OF CERTIFICATION.

THE PROJECT ARBORIST SHALL PROVIDE A LETTER OF CERTIFICATION THAT THE SOIL QUALITY MEETS THE CRITERIA AND ORGANIC MATTER QUALITY STANDARDS, AND IS NOT COMPACTED. DOES NOT NEED TO BE AMENDED.

PRE-APPROVED AMENDMENT METHOD:
 1. 5% A/C
 2. 5% A/C
 TOTAL QUANTITY = 5% A/C

Hard Surface Data	
Lot Size	12,438 sf
New + Replaced Hard Surface	1,001 sf
Hard Surface to Remain	4,546 sf
Total Proposed Hard Surface	5,512 sf
Proposed Vegetation	7,126 sf

Spurlock Addition
 Site Address: 8427 SE 62nd St
 Jurisdiction: Mercer Island
 Parcel No.: 192405-9171
 Applicant: CHED
 Permit No.:
 Engineer Project No.: 58-124-113

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Revisions:

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Drainage Site Plan
 Scale: 1" = 10'

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 PART OF THE SOUTH 1/4 OF THE QUARTERLY 16 OF THE
 RANGE 16 EAST, 36 N, SECTION 09 WEST, COUNTY