



LAYTON TREE CONSULTING, LLC

Milestone NW

To: Greg Arms
From: Bob Layton
CC: Scott McMillen
Date: October 27, 2025
Re: Lot 3 Tree Retention/Protection (7621 SE 22nd ST Mercer Island Project)

Dear Mr. Arms,

I have reviewed the final site plan for Lot 3 - attached. A few trees will be impacted by the foundation excavation and driveway work, but the anticipated root disturbance would not be expected to compromise long-term health or stability, given their proximity to the proposed improvements. Expand the tree protection fencing as shown on the attached map where appropriate to provide more optimal tree protection.

Tree #12 will be most impacted by the new house foundation. To adequately protect the tree, position the tree protection fence at 5-feet from the new house wall as shown on the attached plan map to allow for adequate construction clearance. The ground between the cut for the new foundation and protection fence shall be covered with a +/- 6-inch layer of coarse wood/bark chip mulch or hog fuel to protect soil and surface roots during construction. Place mulch or hog fuel prior to the start of work. Also place mulch north of Tree #9 for optimum protection.

The project arborist shall be on-site to oversee the foundation excavation, to ensure all available protection measures are applied. Any roots damaged during site work outside of the tree protection area shall be pruned clean at sound tissue prior to backfilling or finishing areas. Sound tissue is where the root is undamaged and the bark is completely intact with the root. This will help roots to seal off potential decay and allow them to sprout new growth. Any disturbed areas near protected trees shall be watered weekly during the dry season of June through September. This will help to create a favorable environment for new root growth and reduce the overall stress associated with root loss and disturbance.

It's all about trees.....

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Care shall be taken when finishing the landscape within the tree protection area, utilizing hand-labor only. Simply finish the landscape by cutting/hand-pulling any unwanted vegetation and applying a 3 to 4-inch covering of organic mulch/beauty bark.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



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ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified

ARBORIST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

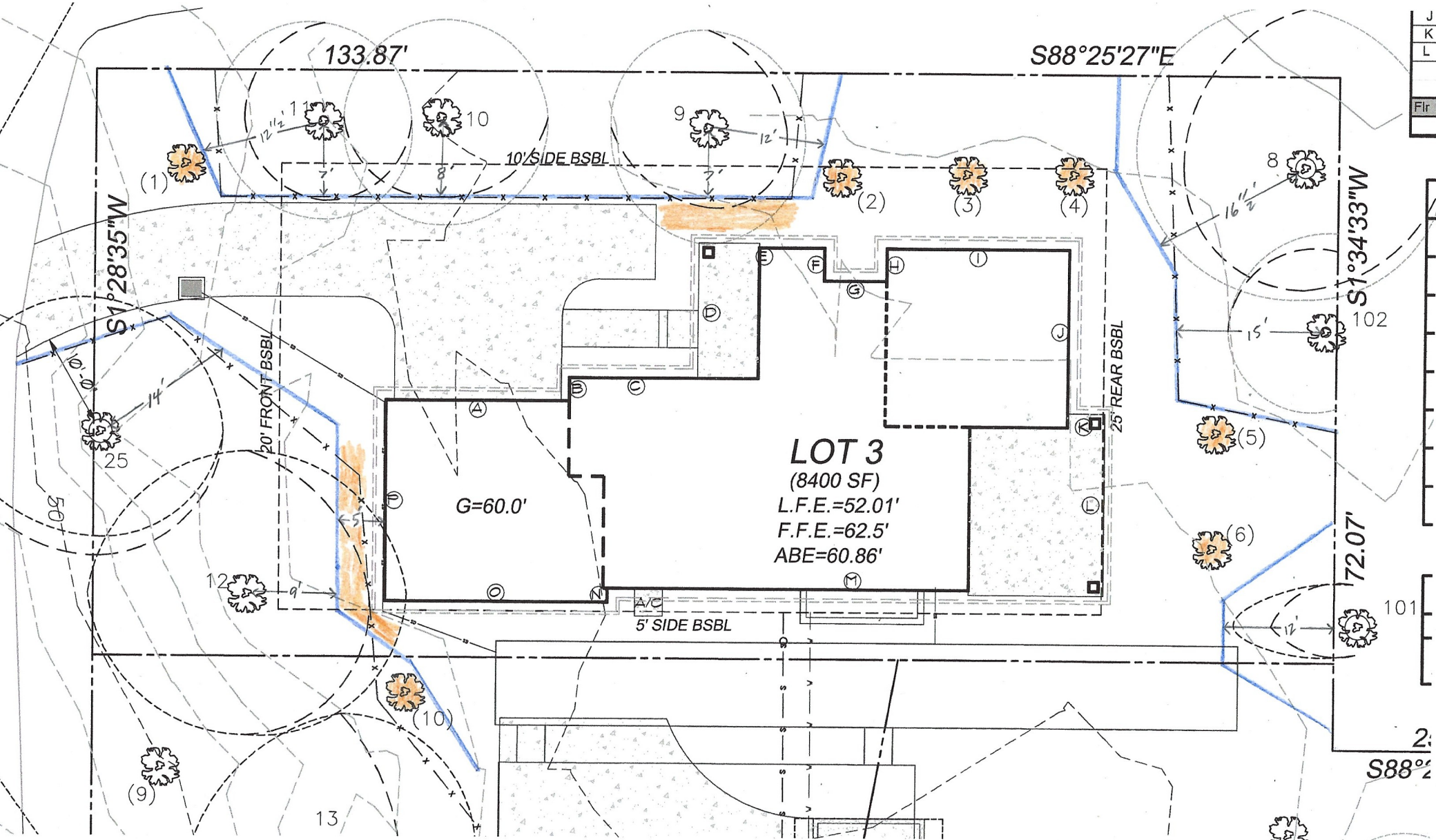
Arborists are tree specialists who use their education, knowledge, training and experience to examine and assess trees, recommend measures to enhance the beauty and health of trees, and attempt to reduce the risks associated with living near trees. Clients may choose to accept or disregard the recommendations of the arborist, or to seek additional advice.

Arborists cannot detect every condition that could possibly lead to the structural failure of a tree. Trees are living organisms that grow, respond to their environment, mature, decline and sometimes fail in ways we do not fully understand. Conditions are often hidden within trees and below ground. Arborists cannot guarantee that a tree will be healthy and/or safe under all circumstances, or for a specified period of time. Likewise, remedial treatments, like any medicine, cannot be guaranteed.

Treatment, pruning and removal of trees may involve considerations beyond the scope of the arborist's services such as property boundaries, property ownership, site lines, disputes between neighbors, and other issues. Arborists cannot take such considerations into account unless complete and accurate information is disclosed to the arborist. An arborist should then be expected to reasonably rely upon the completeness and accuracy of the information provided.

Trees can be managed, but they cannot be controlled. To live near trees is to accept some degree of risk. The only way to eliminate all risk associated with trees is to eliminate all trees.

LOT 3 TREE PLAN



LOT 3
 (8400 SF)
 L.F.E.=52.01'
 F.F.E.=62.5'
 ABE=60.86'

- TREE PROTECTION FENCE
- COVER GROUND WITH +/- 6" LAYER OF COARSE WOOD CHIP MULCH OR HOG FUEL TO PROTECT SOIL AND SURFACE ROOTS - PRIOR TO THE START OF WORK
- REPLACEMENT TREE

APPROX. SCALE
 1" = 14.4'