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Grace Manahan, Assistant Planner  
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RE: **CAO24-008** Review Response Letter; 6236 SE 22<sup>nd</sup> ST, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Grace Manahan,

Thank you for the review of our critical area permit. Please see our responses to your comments below:

1. All comments on building permit 2402-094 have been addressed and updated plans have been reviewed and approved by Mercer Island.
2. A Critical Area Notice on Title has been recorded with King County and uploaded to the Mercer Island permit portal.
3. The project landscape architect has produced a landscaping plan and it has been uploaded to the Mercer Island permit portal.
4. Regarding the public comment dated 5/22/24, the writer is correct that the plans include the removal of only four trees. Of these four, two are Portuguese laurels, which are unlikely to be used as eagle perches. The doug-fir proposed for removal has a fungus that causes root decay and is therefore more susceptible to windthrow. In addition, the plans call for a total of 30 new trees to be planted, 24 of which will be Katsuras and 4 of which will be doug-firs. More information on tree removal and replacement is contained in the arborist's report.

The owners and their contractor understand the importance of adhering to the approved plans.

Sincerely,

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