



**VAN YAHRES
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To Whom It May Concern:

Van Yahres Tree Company recommends the removal of eleven trees and clearing an overgrown area surrounding the building and parking lot of Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood (PP) is going to reestablish its common ground and privacy borders. The trees selected for removal are either posing an unreasonable risk to the property and its surroundings, or, they will be standing in the way of improving the privacy and aesthetics for Planned Parenthood, Garden Court, and Townwood. Below is a list of the selected trees for removal.

Hackberry 4" -- This tree is growing in the retention pond and is currently an understory tree. PP will replant an Oak in this space which will be much more desirable in terms of longevity and entrance aesthetics. Additional Service Berries will also be planted for improved privacy.

Misc Tree 20" - Tree is dead and poses an unreasonable risk to the both properties.

White Pine, 2 trees, 10" 10" -- These two trees are side by side. These pine trees are still relatively young and will overcrowd their current area. Due to their close proximity to the parking lot and an inferior root system, they will only pose a greater risk to the parking spaces and Townwood as they mature. A Thuja will be planted close by and their removal will allow the Thuja to grow with less competition. Thuja will also maintain low foliage which will improve screening, and the White Pines will not.

Triangular section of invasive trees behind the dumpster -- This area is completely overgrown and unmanageable in terms of occupying the space. Although these trees are still relatively young, they are already growing in wayward directions which make them more unstable as time goes by. PP will replant the area with a Red Maple, Dogwoods and Redbuds which will replace the upper canopy and provide more low to midrange privacy which will benefit both PP and their two neighbors.

Mimosa 9" -- This tree is invasive and has a significant lean towards the parking lot. It is understory to a Black Locust and Red Maple. Due to its wayward growth it doesn't provide much privacy. Dogwoods will replace the Mimosa which will not only look better long term but also be less of a maintenance issue.

Cherry 12' -- This tree has a weak structure and the majority of the growth is on the parking lot side making the canopy unbalanced and prone to failure. It is growing extremely close to the parking lot which will be an increasing stress factor as the tree ages. A Holly hedge will be planted along the parking lot curb which is more suitable for the space. Having the tree taken down will also give more room for the Redbuds and Dogwoods that will be replanted as well as the existing large Red Maple.



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Black Locust 17", Wild Cherry 21", Sycamore 16" – These trees are growing next to each other and all pose the same hazards. The canopies of these trees are all completely engulfed in ivy which not only makes the tree more susceptible to storm damage but is also unsightly to Garden Court. The height of the canopies starts roughly 20-25 ft off of the ground so these trees are not currently providing much screening. Shadbushes will be replanted for better privacy screening and a Red Maple will be planted to serve as a better canopy tree to the new courtyard, building, and Garden Court. Additionally, removing these three trees will give the large remaining Sycamore and Red Maple more space to grow.

Red Maple 6", Red Maple 7" – These two trees stand next to each other on the backside of the building. Both trees have broken tops and are completely overgrown with vines as well as being overextended towards Garden Court. They do not serve as canopy trees due to their midrange height nor do they provide attractive privacy to either property. A Dogwood and a Redbud will be replacing the two Red Maples which will give more privacy to both PP and Garden Court. Removing the Red Maples will also benefit the large remaining Red Maple and Sycamore.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,

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