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George,

I can certainly understand the concerns raised by the county regarding the additional parking for the apartments at Oakleigh. In our previous discussion, I had advocated for an option that would have less impact on the root zone. The meeting you arranged with the project landscape architect, the site supervisor and the representative for the permeable grass pavers resulted in a solution that addresses the concerns of additional root damage from the new parking spaces.

Using four inches of VDOT approved #8 stone over a geotextile fabric in place of the traditional twelve inches of stone, will vastly reduce any impact on the root systems. Only having to remove the topsoil instead of excavating into the root zone will be far less detrimental as well. Additionally, with the use of the permeable pavers the root system will get the water and oxygen necessary to continue to grow after construction, reducing any long term impact. The addition of a strategically placed island will also reduce the impact on the root system. I will be happy to continue to monitor and evaluate the implementation of the process.

The plan as proposed should have minimal impact on the trees from the additional parking spaces. Let me know if you need anything further.

Dave Rosene

Project Arborist