



"Preserving Lowcountry Live Oaks"

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Tree Assessment for 1305 Thompson Ave., Sullivan's Island, SC

At your request, we conducted a level 2 Tree Risk Assessment of the tree on the above-mentioned property. This is an in-depth, ground-based evaluation that uses systematic observation to identify, analyze, and evaluate the risk of a specific tree. It covers a 360-degree visual inspection of each individual tree from the ground only. It evaluates the tree crown, trunk, root flare and above ground roots of the tree. It also takes into consideration the site factors, and potential targets (people, structures, and infrastructures). The aim is to determine an overall risk rating for a defined time window (usually 1-5 years) using observable defects, likelihood, and consequence information. Our findings are as follows:

Tree #1 – 27” dbh Red Maple tree - This tree has weakly attached limbs that are very common structural issues. They form narrow branch unions (acute angles). These branches have a tight V-shape trap between the trunk and the limbs. This is known as included bark, and it prevents the wood from fusing properly. The entire crown of this tree consists of epicormic shoots that grow rapidly, although the attachment is weak. They are extremely prone to failure – see photo 1. There are multiple dead leaders with open non-compartmentalized cavities – see photo 2. This tree has reached its genetic capabilities, due to its age, location and species. There is no standard or reasonable arboricultural practice to correct the deficiencies of this tree. Therefore, it is considered hazardous and failure is imminent. It should be removed.

Please contact me at 843-224-1629 if you have any questions or concerns.

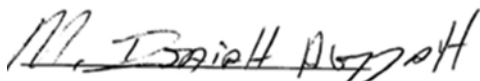
Respectfully,



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