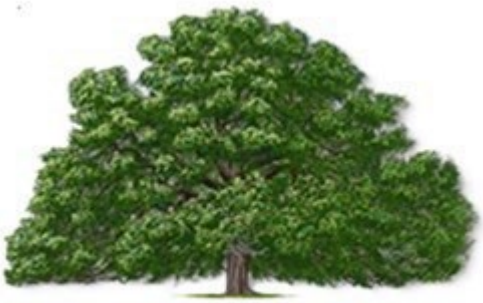

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Tree Assessment for 3019 Jasper Blvd., Sullivan's Island, SC

At your request, a level one basic tree assessment was conducted for the trees listed on the provided site survey for the above-mentioned property. We conducted a 360-degree visual inspection of the protected trees from the ground only, with no site restriction. Our evaluation includes the tree crown, trunk, root flare and above ground roots. We also considered the site factors, and the potential targets (people, structures, and infrastructure). Our aim is to determine an overall risk rating for a defined time window of one to five years, using observable defects, the likelihood and consequence information.

Tree #2 – 25" dbh Red Cedar tree – This tree is one sided, due to the proximity of an existing house. The original house foundation was within five ft. from the trunk of this tree. A root exploration trench will be dug, as described in the Tree Preservation Plan. See photo 2. This tree is listed in POOR condition.
Tree #3 – 36" dbh Hackberry tree – This tree is dead. See photo 3.
Tree #4 – 23" dbh Live Oak tree – This tree has a medium dense crown and becomes codominant at approximately 28 ft above grade. At the bifurcation, there are interlocking and intermeshing fibers which formed a strong attachment. The tree has non-chlorotic foliage and only a slight amount of interior deadwood. This tree is located on the edge of the right property line. See photo 4. We list this tree in FAIR condition.

Tree #5 – 10” + 9” + 8” +8” dbh White Mulberry tree – This tree has multiple weak attachments with included bark and cavities. See photo 5. As this tree matures, the associated issues are likely to become increasingly severe. Therefore, this tree should be removed. We list this tree in EXTREMELY POOR condition.

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

Respectfully,

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DEFINITIONS:

Bifurcation - The point or area at which something divides into two branches or parts.
Codominant - which refers to branches which arise from the same point on the trunk and are roughly equal in size and vigor,
Interlocking fibers – This refers to the biomechanics to the way wood grain grows, in a spiral or twisted pattern, rather than a straight, parallel line. This natural adaptation can significantly influence a tree’s strength and flexibility.
Intermeshing fibers – Simply put, intermeshing fibers achieve a higher strength between two limbs and promote a better adhesion. It contributes to the stability of the bifurcation.