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RE: Tree Assessment Letter for 2910 Jasper Blvd., Sullivan's Island, SC

At your request, we have examined a 16.5"+16"+12" dbh Pecan tree located on the left side of the driveway on the above referenced property. Our findings are as follows:

This tree has codominant leaders, which refer to stems which arise from the same point on the trunk and are roughly equal to size. They may appear stable, but codominant limbs can create structural challenges, especially for Pecan trees, as they rely on strong central trunks for support. The union between the codominant limbs created a "V" shaped junction which has included bark and visible cracks- see photos attached. The bark has grown between the limbs and weakened their connection. As this tree continues to grow, limb size will increase, and the stress can lead to splitting or breakage. There is a constant target, which will include construction activity. There was an attempt to compensate the central cavity with cement filling. This has caused further damage to the tree, and failure is imminent. Please refer to the attached field notes listed on the ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form, along with the photos included.

Since there is no standard or reasonable arboricultural practice to correct the deficiencies of this tree, it is considered hazardous and should be removed

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

Respectfully,

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