

MEMORANDUM

DATE:	September 5, 2024
TO:	Sam Nisley (Vaughn Bay Construction)
FROM:	Todd Prager, RCA #597, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist
RE:	Tree Removal at Cascade Creek Apartments

Vaughn Bay Construction is requesting the removal of four trees at the Cascade Creek Apartments site. The civil plan sheet with the four trees requested for removal is in Attachment 1. The trees requested for removal and the reasons are summarized in Table 1.

Tree #	Common Name	Scientific Name	DBH	Condition	Retention Tree?	Reason for Removal		
10	blue atlas cedar	Cedrus atlantica	21	good	ves	tree location error, wall is one foot south of		
10	olde allas cedal	ceurus ununneu	21	good	yes	the face of trunk		
42	ponderosa pine	Pinus ponderosa	12	fair	no	increased risk of windthrow after removal		
42						of surrounding trees		
12	nondonoso nino	Pinus ponderosa 10	nderece nine Diaus neu deness 10 fein	10	foir			increased risk of windthrow after removal
43	ponderosa pine		10	fair	no	of surrounding trees		
74	Douglas-fir	Pseudotuga menziesii	9	fair	no	tree location error, sidewalk is directly		
74						adjacent to north side of trunk		

Table 1: Four Trees Requested for Removal¹

Note that trees 42, 43, and 74 were not consider retention trees in the Final Order by the City of Sandy because they were either not in good condition and/or not over 11-inch trunk diameter (DBH).

Tree 10 was considered a retention tree in the Final Order. Final Order item 165 required a final arborist report to determine whether tree 10 could be retained. If tree 10 could not be retained, Final Order item 165 allowed the replacement of tree 10 with two additional native mitigation trees.

Note that Civil Sheet C-102 from the permit set dated March 7, 2024 included the following note:

¹ All tree information tree information in Table 1 except for "Reason for Removal" are from the Tree Protection Plan by Washington Forestry Consultants dated December 22, 2022 and the Final Order for File Number 22-039 DR/VAR/MP/TREE dated July 11, 2023 by the City of Sandy. Note that the Final Order was partially based on a 3rd Party Review by Todd Prager & Associates dated May 11, 2023. The "Reason for Removal" was provided to Todd Prager & Associates on September 5, 2024 by Vaughn Bay Construction. This memorandum summarizes the reasons Vaughn Bay Construction is requesting the removal of four additional trees for review by the City of Sandy.

GENERAL NOTES:

1. TREE LOCATIONS ON PLAN HAVE NOT BEEN SURVEYED. LOCATIONS REFLECT TREE PROTECTION PLAN REPORT PREPARED BY WASHINGTON FORESTRY CONSULTANTS, INC., DATED 09/19/2023.

This lack of survey for tree locations may explain the discrepancies and conflicts associated with trees 10 and 74 on the civil plans when compared with their locations at the site.

In summary, three of the four trees requested for removal are not retention trees. Tree 10 requested for removal is a retention tree. The specific location of tree 10 was not surveyed, and appears to be in conflict with a proposed retaining wall based on markings at the site.

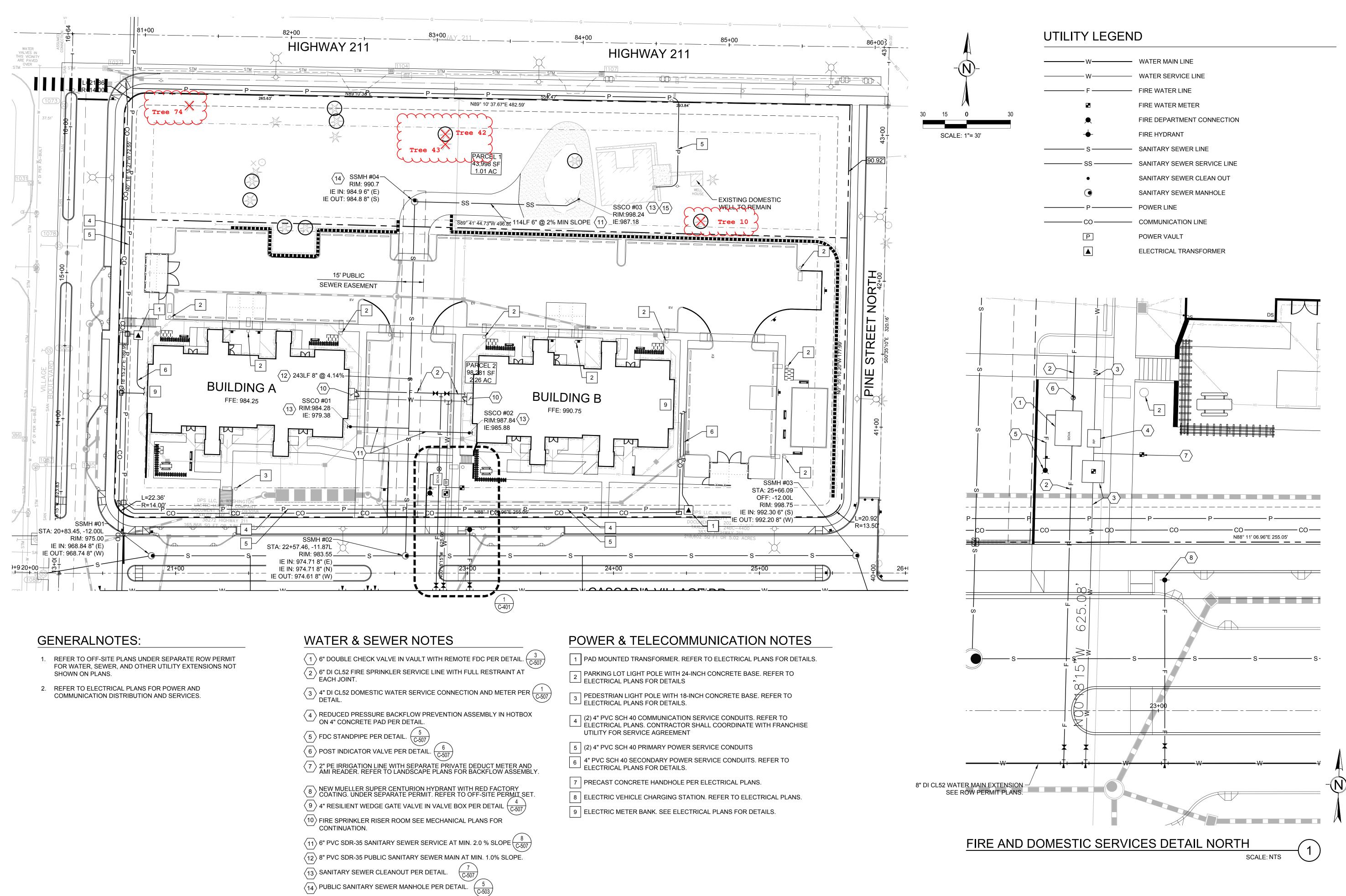
Please contact me if you have questions, concerns, or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Todd Prager

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Attachment 1: Civil Plan Sheet with the Four Trees Requested for Removal



- (15) CONNECT TO EXISTING SEWER CLEANOUT. CONTRACTOR SHALL FIELD VERIFY SIZE LOCATION AND DEPTH PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

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