

24.75" Eastern Red Cedar located at NW corner of driveway to Town Hall and Boat Ramp within Pinckney Street R/W

- (f) Public Tree Removal. A permit is required for any person, except for Town staff and those acting at the request or direction of the Town, to remove a public tree. Such permit must be applied for no less than ten (10) days in advance of a regularly scheduled Tree Committee meeting. The Tree Committee shall notify the jurisdiction owning the tree and rule on the application using the criteria for tree removal in subsection §6.5(d) and such other criteria as it deems relevant. If granted, the Zoning Administrator shall issue a Tree Removal Permit, valid for six (6) months.
- (g) The Town Administrator shall notify the Tree Committee of the Town's intent to remove a grand tree located on public property no less than ten (10) days in advance of a regularly scheduled Committee meeting.
- (h) In cases where a person or entity proposes removal of a public tree, the applicant or entity shall submit a report detailing the results of an inspection and recommended maintenance by a Certified Arborist. Such report may not be prepared or submitted by the person or entity seeking a contract to remove the tree. The report shall be based upon a visual, on-ground inspection and shall include as a minimum the following information:
- (1) Tree identification information, including species, CHB or DBH, and location in relationship to a street intersection or property address.
 - (2) Condition value as determined by an experienced arborist that has been trained on Tree Appraisal Methods and uses the rating system published in the current edition of the Guide for Plant Appraisal developed by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers and published by the International Society of Arboriculture.
 - (3) Hazard rating using the current edition of the Photographic Guide to the Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas written by Nelda P. Metheny and James R. Clark, and published by the International Society of Arboriculture. Reference may be made to a finding of the tree's condition in the Town's most recent Public Tree Inventory.
 - (4) Alternate recommendations for maintenance action (prune, cable and brace, remove or other) and priority (routine or immediate).
- (i) The Town Administrator or his/her designee shall notify citizens of the scheduled removal of a Grand Tree(s) on public property at least ten (10) days prior to removal. Notification shall be accomplished through the posting of two signs, at least 8.5 x 11 inches in size, on the street and sidewalk sides of the tree and by public notice in the local newspaper or town newsletter. The signs shall remain on the tree for ten (10) days. The signs and public notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
- (1) Tree species, circumference and location.
 - (2) Date of posting.
 - (3) Reason for removal.
 - (4) Contact number for the Town for more information.
- (j) This provision shall not apply in emergency situations as defined in Section 6.7 below or during storm damage clean up.

24.75" Eastern Red Cedar Findings

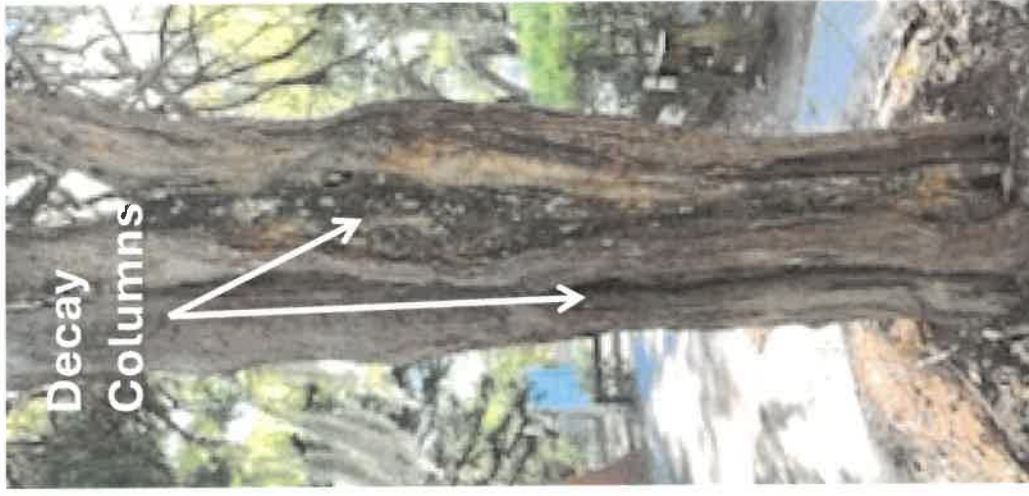
Species: The eastern red cedar is a very resilient species, well adapted to moist areas as well salt air and periodic inundation from salt water. Many of this species can be seen along marsh edges, hammock islands and maritime forests along beach fronts. It is not however overly tolerant of shaded conditions and will have thin canopies with increased shade.

Specimen: This specimen was only recently released from the Wisteria vine which was around it and overtopping the canopy and robbing it of light. With this having been removed, the canopy of the tree should benefit. The Wisteria is present in the 2007 image so it has long affected the tree. The tree however is also partially shaded by oaks and other trees which are to the east and south.

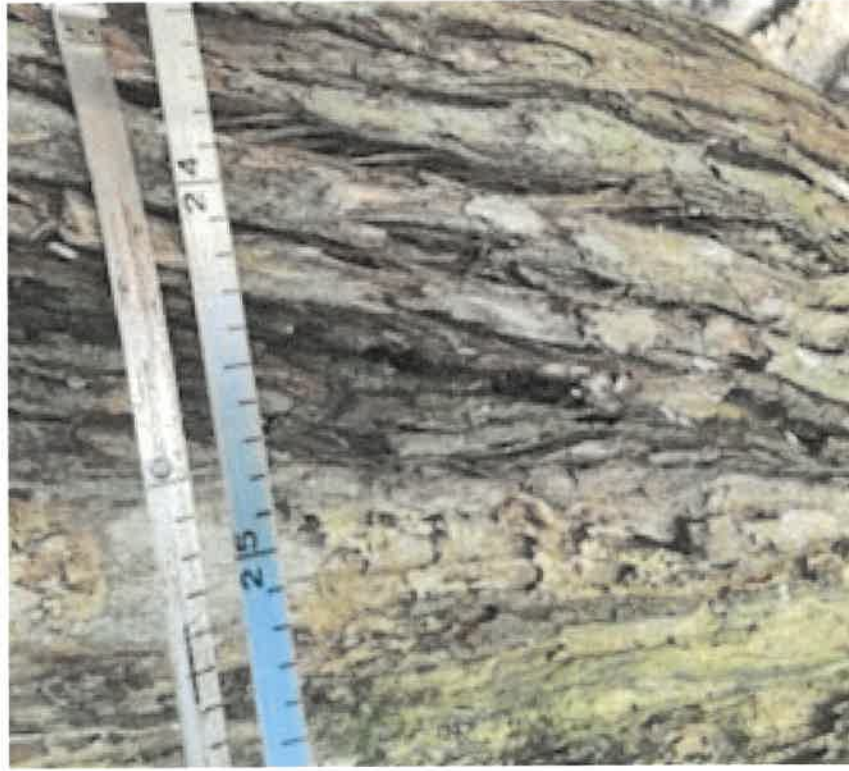
The tree is located about 4'-5' from the edge of the driveway radius and ruts and other altered soil topography suggest that this turn is commonly sharply taken such that wheels either of vehicles and/or trailers are using the shoulder to make the turn. Ruts are evident within a foot or so of the trunk. Surprisingly, there are no appreciable signs that a vehicle or trailer strikes have occurred. These ruts however are not a recent condition, as the December 2007 image show the same ruts in place.

The tree exhibits several decay columns along its trunk, with some extending from the ground up into the canopy. Some of these columns are not connected and due to them running more or less parallel, it is likely the tree will split in some fashion before dying. Cedars will often develop vertical cracks which will continue to open under stresses such as weight, wind, ice, etc. which will cause the trunk or main scaffold limb to fail. While this is not the tallest tree in the area, canopy to ground decay columns are sometimes the result of lightning strikes which may have occurred in the past.

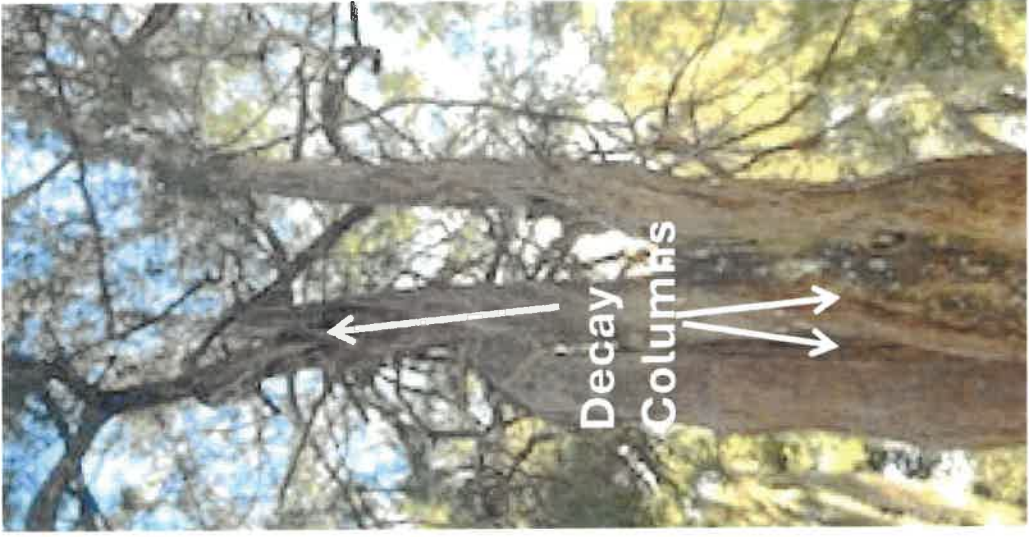
The tree is not in the best of health with noticeable deadwood in the upper canopy and structurally suffers from the strength loss from the decay columns, but with the resilience of cedars I do not see anything that would leave to believe it is in danger of dying anytime soon. When an eventual strike occurs from a vehicle or trailer, portions of the truck may get torqued such that they split from their current positions. Without the tree which is currently acting also as a bollard, other elements behind it will likely be the next things hit like the fence and hedge.

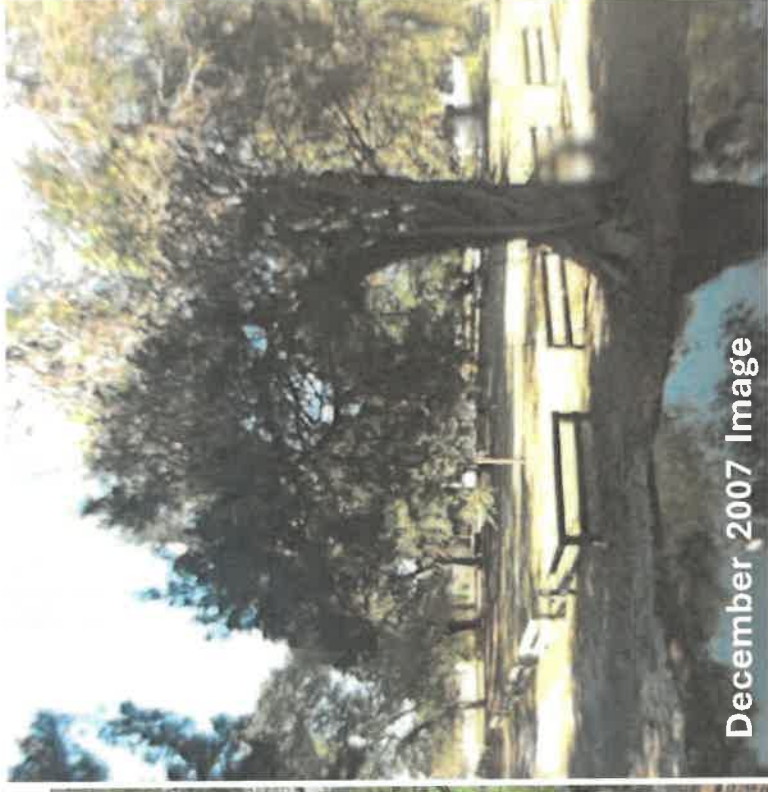


24 3/4" Eastern Red Cedar









December 2007 Image



Wisteria Vine
(removed in 2024)

April 2023 Image

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From: Larry Mellichamp <lmellichamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 10:47 AM
To: Natalie Lewis; Michelle McClellan
Cc: Kathryn Basha; Kathryn Basha
Subject: The Cedar tree at the entrance to Town Hall and the boat landing

It has been requested that the tree committee look at the subject tree as it has been proposed for removal to facilitate large-boats -entering the boat landing. After consulting with several of the tree committee members the tree is a grand tree and is the host to several wisteria vines. The tree poses no danger to any one from the standpoint of low limbs or falling branches. To take the tree down the BZA would need to grant a waiver. The tree committee is in favor of keeping the tree.

Larry Mellichamp
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From Tree Committee meeting January 14, 2025-

The Tree Committee feels that the tree should remain.