



Urban Forest Management, Inc.

June 23, 2014

Mr. David Lothspeich
Village Manager
Village of Long Grove
3110 Old McHenry Road
Long Grove, IL 60047

RE: Gart L G Trees
Tree Mitigation Waiver

Dear Dave,

I've reviewed Mr. Jordon Glazov's letter dated June 18, 2014, regarding a tree mitigation waiver request for the property located southeast of Rt. 53 and Long Grove Road, as requested.

He had requested a waiver of trees being removed or impacted that rated a condition 3, or fair, on the tree inventory listing by SavATree. The trees had been rated on a scale of 0 – 5, with 0 being dead, 1 being very poor, 2 being poor, 3 being fair, 4 being good and 5 being perfect.

Mr. Glazov stated that most of the trees located in the interior of the property have dead lower branches and only foliage near the top of the crown. This is typical for an interior tree in an unmaintained woodland and does not indicate the tree is in declining condition. The one issue with such a tree is that when the edge trees from a woodland are removed, the newly exposed interior trees are more prone to windthrow or failure as they have been protected by the edge trees from the prevailing winds.

Mr. Glazov had indicated that they are willing to pay the mitigation fees for the condition 4, or good condition, trees, which according to his calculations, amounted to \$171,600.00. The condition 3 and 4 trees together, would require mitigation of \$665,700.00. Ash trees were never figured in the mitigation calculations.

In all previous reviews of tree inventories in this Village and other Villages that we work in, trees rated in fair or better condition have always required mitigation. I believe waiving mitigation of the condition 3 trees would have to be a policy change that the Village Board should review and determine.

One option the Village board could consider would be for the applicant to develop a reforestation plan using the protected species listed in the ordinance as the site constraints allow.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT, INC.

Todd R. Sinn
Senior Forester