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#NY-5539B

# Arborist Report

12 Star Island Drive  
Miami Beach

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On March 30th, 2019 I visited the property located at 12 Star Island Drive at the request of Carly Grimm. I evaluated the hardwood trees on the site in anticipation of future home construction. For each tree, I confirmed species, location, and size (Height, Spread, DBH); evaluated condition (Poor, Fair, Good); provided relevant comments about health and disposition; and took photographs. All trees' suggested disposition is based solely upon my recommendation, and may need to be updated following completion of landscape architectural plans.

For all trees that are to remain, protective barriers shall be placed at the drip line of the tree. Barriers shall be installed prior to the start of any construction or demolition, and shall remain in place until development is completed and until the department authorizes their removal. Barriers shall be a minimum of 4ft high, and shall be constructed of continuous chain link fence with metal posts at 8ft spacing, or of 2x4 posts with three equally spaced 2x4 rails. Posts may be shifted to avoid roots. No oil, paint, fill, equipment, building materials, building debris, or any other material shall be placed or disposed of within the TPZ. Natural grade shall be maintained, and no vehicles or equipment shall be permitted within the TPZ.

Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise. Thank-you for the opportunity to assist in this manner.

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**Property Location -**

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Miami Beach, FL 33139

**Client -**

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## Tree #20

**Common Name -**  
Live Oak

**DBH (in) -** 24

**Height (ft) -** 30

**Condition -**  
Good

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Quercus virginiana*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 55

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #20 is a Live Oak located at the front of the property. It is in good condition, with a full, green canopy. The canopy hangs low on the west side, nearly touching the ground. Bacterial wetwood is present, coming from an old pruning wound that has closed over. A palm is growing over the trunk flare on the north side. The tree should be crown-cleaned for deadwood. This tree should be monitored on a periodic basis for health and structural integrity.



## Tree #26

**Common Name -**  
Pongam

**DBH (in) -** 39

**Height (ft) -** 28

**Condition -**  
Good

**Native? -**  
No

**Scientific Name -**  
*Pongamia pinnata*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 57

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #26 is a large Pongam located at the center of the property. It is in good condition - new leaves are emerging at this time of year. The tree is multi-trunked, with included bark. There is one cavity on a trunk. Soil has been mounded up around the tree - this should be removed as soon as possible, because a limited amount of air and water will be able to reach the tree roots. The tree should be crown-cleaned for deadwood. This tree should be monitored on a periodic basis for health and structural integrity.



## Tree #27

**Common Name -**  
Live Oak

**DBH (in) -** 38

**Height (ft) -** 35

**Condition -**  
Good

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Quercus virginiana*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 70

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #27 is a large Live Oak located towards the center of the property. It is in good condition. The canopy is dense and wide-spreading. Old pruning cuts have closed over. Bracing materials left around a main limb should be removed so it is not girdled. Soil has been mounded up around the tree - this should be removed as soon as possible, because a limited amount of air and water will be able to reach the tree roots. The tree should be crown-cleaned for deadwood. This tree should be monitored on a periodic basis for health and structural integrity.



## Tree #57

**Common Name -**  
Mahogany

**DBH (in) -** 19

**Height (ft) -** 30

**Condition -**  
Poor

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Swietenia mahagoni*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 15

**Disposition -**  
Remove



Tree #57 is a Mahogany located on the north side of the property. It is in poor condition - it has poor form with multiple trunks with included bark that have begun to fuse together. The canopy is narrow and a number of limbs have broken. Old pruning cuts are present with decay. It is recommended that this tree be removed.

## Tree #58

**Common Name -**  
Earleaf Acacia

**DBH (in) -** 7.5, 12

**Height (ft) -** 26

**Condition -**  
Fair

**Native? -**  
Prohibited

**Scientific Name -**  
*Acacia auriculiformis*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 19

**Disposition -**  
Remove



Tree #58 is an Earleaf Acacia located on the north side of the property. It is in fair condition with a dense crown and poor form. It is double-trunked with included bark. This species is highly invasive and is on the Miami-Dade County Prohibited Plant List and will therefore need to be removed.



## Tree #60

**Common Name -**  
Live Oak

**DBH (in) -** 32

**Height (ft) -** 35

**Condition -**  
Good

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Quercus virginiana*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 71

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #60 is a large Live Oak located towards the rear of the property. It is in good condition with a dense, wide-spreading canopy. A number of limbs on the west side of the tree had been hatracked or broken many years ago. Although no decay is visible, it is anticipated that the limbs that have regrown do not have as strong attachments as regular limbs. Bracing materials left around a limb should be removed so it is not girdled. The tree should be crown-cleaned for deadwood. This tree should be monitored on a periodic basis for health and structural integrity.



## Tree #61

**Common Name -**  
Live Oak

**DBH (in) -** 22.5

**Height (ft) -** 28

**Condition -**  
Fair

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Quercus virginiana*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 33

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #61 is a Live Oak located on the north side of the property. It is in fair condition. The trunk divides into two, and there is much sucker growth in the canopy. The tree should be crown-cleaned for deadwood. This tree should be monitored on a periodic basis for health and structural integrity.

## Tree #69

**Common Name -**  
Seagrape

**DBH (in) -** 13, 9.5, 8.5, 28

**Height (ft) -** 25

**Condition -**  
Good

**Native? -**  
Yes

**Scientific Name -**  
*Coccoloba uvifera*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 34

**Disposition -**  
Remain



Tree #69 is a Seagrape located in the rear north corner of the property. It is in good condition. It is multi-trunked and has a dense canopy. It is doing well on the water's edge. There is one relatively large pruning cut and some limbs that are crossing. The small diameter deadwood can be removed.



## Tree #154

**Common Name -**

Live Oak

**DBH (in) -** 6**Height (ft) -** 18**Condition -**

Good

**Native? -**

Yes

**Scientific Name -**

*Quercus virginiana*

**Canopy Spread (ft) -** 17**Disposition -**

Remain / Relocate / Remove



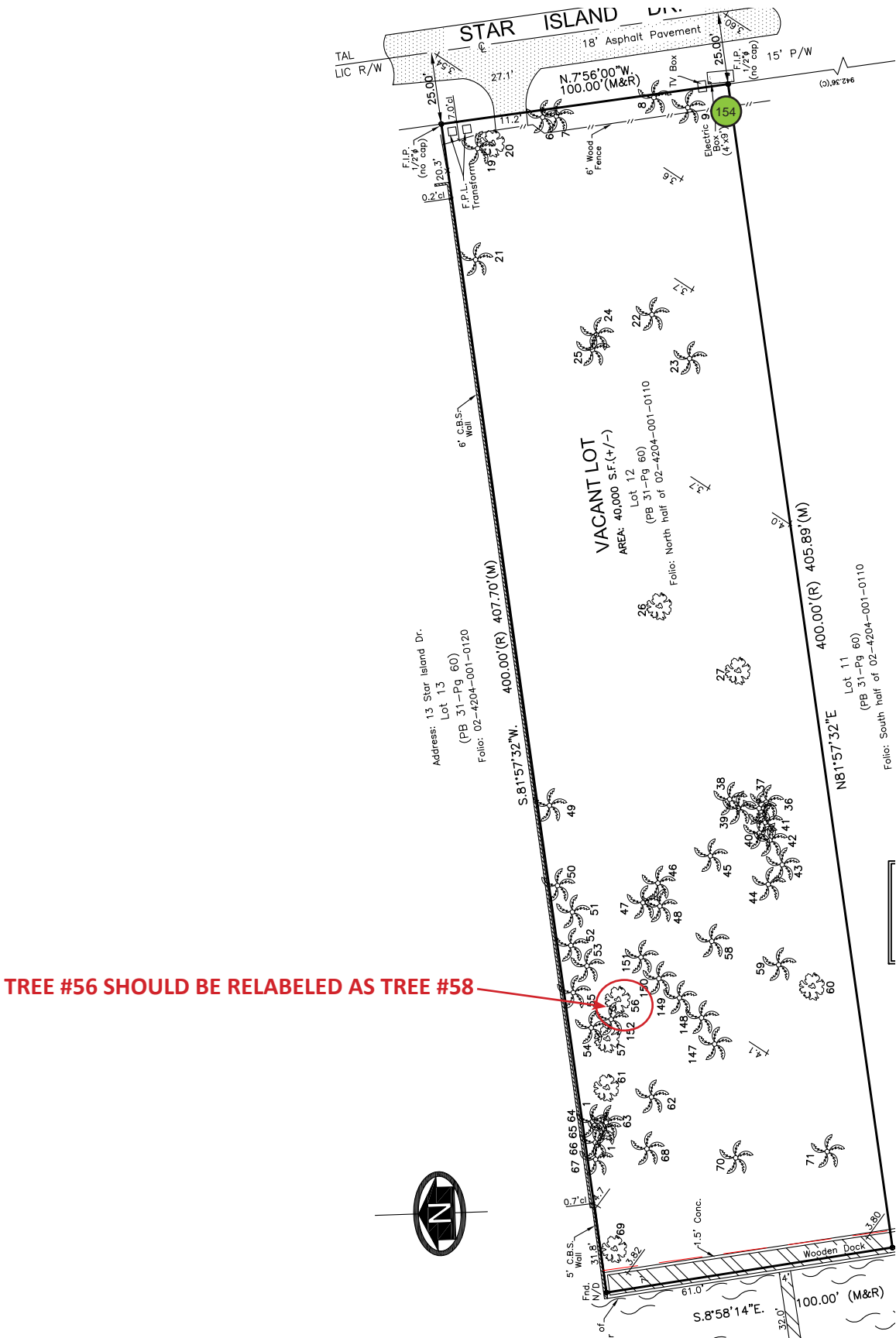
Tree #154 is a small Live Oak located at the front of the property. It is in good condition with a full, green canopy. Some of the lower branches can be removed and thinned to improve the tree's appearance. This tree's location is approximated in the diagram on the following page.



# Tree Location Diagram

NOT TO SCALE

# Additional Existing Hardwood Tree





# Notes - TPZ Calculations & Tree and Palm Relocation

## **Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) -**

- Protective barriers shall be placed at the dripline of trees that are to remain.

## **Tree and Palm Relocation Notes -**

1. All phases of transplanting trees and palms to be performed or supervised by Certified Arborist.
2. Trees to be relocated shall be root pruned six to eight weeks prior to transplanting. Landscape Contractor shall maintain transplanted material during construction period by watering, moving, spraying, fertilizing, and pruning.
3. Landscape Contractor is responsible for verifying locations of all underground and overhead utilities and easements prior to commencing work. All utility companies and/or the General Contractor shall be notified to verify locations prior to digging. Utility trenching is to be coordinated with the Landscape Contractor prior to beginning of project. The Owner and Certified Arborist shall not be responsible for damage to utility or irrigation lines.
4. The Landscape Contractor shall comply with all local and state codes and shall be responsible for obtaining all applicable permits.
5. The Landscape Contractor shall regularly inspect the relocated material to ensure compliance with standard horticultural practices.
6. The Landscape Contractor is responsible for guaranteeing the transplanted trees and palms for a period of one year. At the time of the final inspection all transplanted trees and palms that are not in viable condition shall be replaced by the Landscape Contractor.
7. The Landscape Contractor shall take all precautions to minimize shock of root pruning and transplanting in accordance with standard arboriculture practices.
8. The diameter of the root ball to be transplanted shall follow the guidelines set forth in the latest edition of the Florida Grades and Standards for Nursery Plants.
9. Roots shall be cleanly cut with a sharp spade, hand saw, chainsaw, or other approved root-pruning equipment.
10. Trees shall not be pruned at transplanting to compensate for root loss. Any pruning required shall be as per the ANSI A300 Standards.
11. For all palms except Sabal palmetto, only dead fronds shall be removed. Sabal palmetto shall have all fronds cut without damaging the bud. Fronds shall be securely tied around the bud prior to relocation and shall be untied after placement in the new planting hole. The bud shall be protected from damage or injury during relocation.
12. After root pruning trees, backfill roots to original existing grade with existing soil free of any deleterious material to root growth.
13. Provide a layer of 3" mulch over backfill area to prevent weed growth, conserve moisture and prevent evaporation. Keep mulch 6" away from the trunk.
14. Provide tree protection as per Landscape Architect's Tree Protection Detail to ensure that the tree or root system is not damaged during the root-pruning period.
15. After root pruning and prior to relocation, tree(s) shall be watered a minimum of twice weekly.
16. Transplanting shall occur within 24 hours after being dug for relocation. The root ball shall be kept moist.
17. Digging and preparation of the new hole for the transplant shall be done prior to removing the tree from the existing location.
18. The depth of the new hole shall be equal to the depth of the root ball and the width shall be equal to two to three times the width of the root ball.
19. Trees and palms shall be lifted from the ground with heavy equipment designed specifically for tree relocation so that the trunk and crown is not impacted and damaged by the equipment.
20. The slings used to lift the trees and large palms shall be non-binding nylon slings that are wrapped under the root ball to support the weight of tree or palm. Slings shall not be solely wrapped around the trunk of the tree. Padding the sling may be necessary so that the trunk is not damaged.



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## Notes - Tree and Palm Relocation (Contd.)

21. Trees and palms shall be planted so that the top of the rootball is flush with the existing grade. Ensure that deep planting does not occur. The tree and palm shall be centrally positioned in the planting hole and set straight, plumb or normal to the growth pattern prior to transplanting.
22. Transplanted trees and palms shall be backfilled with a uniform mix of 25% fully decomposed compost and 75% existing site soil cleaned free of weeds and rocks.
23. Trees and palms shall be watered to eliminate air pockets in the backfill mix prior to mulching.
24. A 4" soil berm shall be created around the edge of the planting hole to hold water, or as per the Landscape Architect's Planting Details.
25. Install tree and palm bracing as per the Landscape Architect's Planting Details, to ensure stability of trees and palms.
26. After transplanting trees and palms, the Landscape Contractor shall be responsible for watering to maintain soil moisture during the guarantee period. The following schedule is suggested: First month - Daily; Second month - 3 times per week; Third and Fourth month - 2 times per week; Last Eight months - 1 time per week. For trees over 4" in caliper at the time of planting, the suggested schedule is: First 6 weeks - Daily; from 1.5 months to 6 months - 3 times per week, last 6 months - 1 time per week.

## Notes - Tree and Palm Protection

1. Fences shall be erected to protect trees and palms to be preserved. Fences define a specific protection zone for each tree or group of trees. Fences shall be installed prior to the beginning of construction and are to remain until all site work has been completed. Fences may not be relocated or removed without the written permission of the Arborist. Refer to the Landscape Architect's Tree Protection Detail.
2. Construction trailers, traffic, and storage areas must remain outside fenced areas at all times.
3. All underground utilities and drain or irrigation lines shall be routed outside the tree protection zone. If lines must traverse the protection area, disturbance shall be minimized by using techniques such as tunneling or boring.
4. No materials, equipment, spoil, or waste or washout water may be deposited, stored, or parked within the tree protection zone.
5. Additional tree pruning required for clearance during construction must be approved by the Certified Arborist and shall be performed by trained arborists, not by construction personnel.
6. If injury should occur to any tree during construction, it should be evaluated as soon as possible by the Landscape Contractor and the Certified Arborist should be notified immediately.
7. Any grading, construction, demolition, or other work that is expected to encounter tree roots must be monitored by the Landscape Contractor.
8. All trees shall be irrigated at least two times a week. Each irrigation session shall wet the soil within the tree protection zone to a depth of 30 inches.
9. Before grading, pad preparation, or excavation for foundations, footings, walls, or trenching near trees the trees shall be root pruned at the edge of the tree protection zone by cutting all roots cleanly to a depth of 36 inches. Roots shall be cut manually by digging a trench and cutting exposed roots with a saw, vibrating knife, rock saw, narrow trencher with sharp blades, or other approved root-pruning equipment.
10. Any roots damaged during grading or construction shall be exposed to sound tissue and cut cleanly with a saw.
11. Spoil from trenches, basements, or other excavations shall not be placed within the tree protection zone, either temporarily or permanently.
12. No burn piles or debris pits shall be placed within the tree protection zone. No ashes, debris, or garbage may be dumped or buried within the tree protection zone.
13. Maintain fire-safe areas around the fences. Also, no heat sources, flames, ignition sources, or smoking is allowed near mulch or trees.
14. Protective barriers shall be placed around each tree, cluster of trees, or the edge of the preservation area at the specified distance. Protective barriers shall be a minimum of four feet above ground level and shall be constructed of wood, plastic, or metal, and shall remain in place until development is completed. Protective barriers shall be in place prior to the start of any construction.
15. Understory plants within protective barriers shall be protected.
16. No excess oil, fill, equipment, building materials or building debris shall be placed within the areas surrounded by protective barriers, nor shall there be disposal of any waste material such as paints, oils, solvents, asphalt, concrete, mortar or any other material harmful to trees or understory plants within the areas surrounded by protective barriers.
17. Trees shall not be braced in such a fashion as to scar, penetrate, perforate or otherwise inflict damage to the tree.
18. Natural grade shall be maintained within protective barriers. In the event that the natural grade of the site is changed as a result of site development such that the safety of the tree may be endangered, tree wells or retaining walls are required.
19. Fences and walls shall be constructed to avoid disturbance to any protected tree. Post holes and trenches located close to trees shall be dug by hand and adjusted as necessary, using techniques such as discontinuous footings, to avoid damage to major roots.

*Note: Trees inherently pose a certain degree of hazard and risk from breakage, failure or other causes and conditions. Recommendations that are made are intended to minimize or reduce such hazardous conditions. However, there can be no guarantee or warranty that efforts to discover or correct unsafe conditions will prevent future breakage or failure, nor can there be any guarantee that all hazardous conditions have been detected. The client should not infer that a tree is safe either because services have been recommended or done to reduce risk, or because no services have been recommended or done on a specific tree. The client assumes any and all risks associated with pursuing consultant's advice and fully understands that he or she is engaged in securing professional consultation regarding the above-mentioned property.*