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Mr. James Sheldon
Mrs. Jennifer Sheldon
4471 NW Honeysuckle Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

RE: Tree Removal Request for 4471 NW Honeysuckle Drive (Lot 61 of Meadowridge Phase I Subdivision)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon:

You have indicated your interest in removing an oak tree from the landscaped area in your front yard. The tree in question is shown on Attachment A of this letter. It is clear from this graphic that the tree is located within a landscape planter area that is between your house and the sidewalk that leads from your driveway to your front door.

The conditions of approval for your subdivision require all but 8,000 sq. ft. of your lot to be preserved in a natural state. The conditions of approval allow up to 8,000 sq. ft. to be disturbed/developed. With Mrs. Sheldon's assistance, I used the City's GIS system to estimate the square footage of your site that is currently developed. Our GIS system indicates this area to be a total of 8,000 sq. ft (see Attachment B).

Because the tree you propose to remove is located within a landscape planter area between your home and the sidewalk leading to your front door, it is clearly in a portion of your site that staff considers "developed." Further, staff finds that this developed area is within the 8,000 sq. ft. developable area shown on Attachment B. Therefore, no additional review is needed and the tree may be removed at your discretion.

Thank you very much for inquiring about the tree, as it is important that the distinction between required preserved area and the 8,000 sq. ft. allowed developable area be maintained.

As a point of information, the other tree you are concerned about is on your neighbor's property at 4475 NW Honeysuckle. Preliminary review indicates that removal of that tree requires a different level of scrutiny because it appears to be located in an area required to be preserved. It appears to be outside of the 8,000 sq. ft. area allowed for development

on that lot. I will send a letter to your neighbor in this regard and send you a copy of the letter, since you are coordinating with your neighbor.

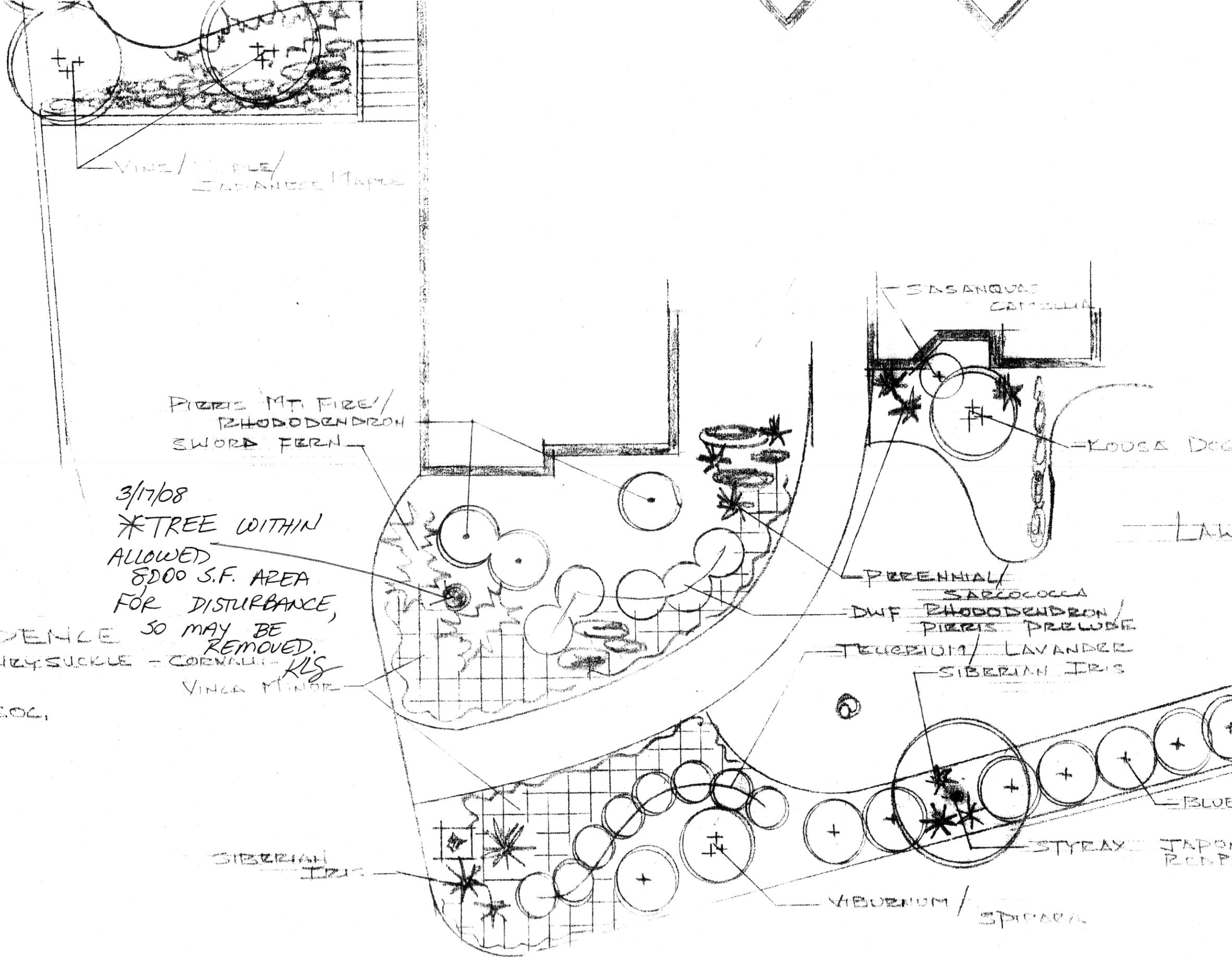
Please let me know if you have any additional questions and thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Schlesener". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Kelly Schlesener
Senior Planner

cc: Becky Merja, Urban Forester



PLANTING PLAN

SHELDON-RESIDENCE

HONEY SUCKLE - CORNELL - KLS
VINEA MINOR

HAM / MOCK & ASSOC.
758-0380

3/17/08
*TREE WITHIN
ALLOWED
8000 S.F. AREA
FOR DISTURBANCE,
SO MAY BE
REMOVED.

Partial Planting/Site Plan
4471 NW Honeysuckle Drive



ATTACHMENT A

Vicinity Map

4471 NW Honeysuckle



The yellow area identifies the allowed 8,000 square foot developable area. The required preserved area is outside the yellow area. The subject tree which the owner wants to remove is within the yellow area, within a planter that is between the house and a sidewalk leading to the front door. Therefore, the tree may be removed without further review.

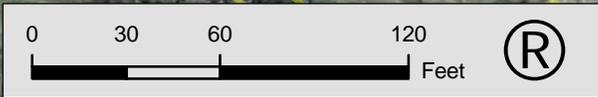
Legend

- Address #s
- Street Centerlines & Labels
- Street Curblines
- City Limits Boundary
- UGB Boundary
- Building Footprints
- Benton County parcels

2004 aerial photograph

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ATTACHMENT B