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From: Scala, Mary Joy
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2013 3:01 PM
To: 'JIMPTHINC@aol.com'
Subject: RE: Valley Rd Tree

I approve your request to remove the leaning 15" red maple tree from the rear of the property at 205-207-209 Valley Road.

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Mary Joy

I got your phone message and appreciate your prompt response to the request. I would like to get that approval in an email just for our records. Thanks again.
Jim Mooney

Mary Joy Scala, Preservation and Design Planner

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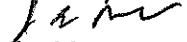
I am writing on behalf of the Valley Rd LLC, owners of 205, 207, and 209 Valley Road in Charlottesville, VA. I am a certified forester with a BS in Forestry from Virginia Tech with over 30 years' experience as a forester, timber manager, timber harvester, and hazardous tree removal specialist. We are requesting permission to remove a red maple tree that is leaning drastically towards unit 207 and is in imminent danger of falling. The property has three duplexes built in 1964 and are considered "noncontributing" structures to the neighborhood. The property features a number of large "native" trees that were preserved during construction but this maple is not one of them. A diagram is included showing the location of the other trees including some tulip poplars ranging from 46" diameter at breast height (DBH) to 38" DBH as well as some southern red oak and white and shortleaf pine ranging from 30" DBH to 28" DBH. Most all of these have an age of 80 to 100 years and a height of approximately 180 feet. These trees are the ones that enhance the property, not a "volunteer" maple.

The maple tree in question was not "native" to the site as it volunteer seeded in approximately 5 – 10 years after construction of the duplexes on a slope bank that was "cut" to bare soil during the site work for the building construction. The tree is approximately 15" DBH and 70' tall it is leaning at an angle of close to 45 degrees directly toward the middle building, 207. The tree is eminent to fall directly into the bedrooms of this unit. In addition to the lean, the tree is already exhibiting root deflection of approximately 8" on the uphill side. It is not a question of "if" but "when" this tree will fall and it needs to be removed in the interest of tenant and public safety.

The adjoining Osteen property features a number of trees that are also prominent to the neighborhood including some planted and some native. They include maples, magnolias, cherry, holly, hemlock, short leaf pine, white pine and sumac. We believe the removal of the one hazardous tree will not be detrimental to the tree cover of the neighborhood and in the interest of public safety the tree should be removed promptly. The best removal time to prevent building damage from accidental work is in the Fall with the leaves off the tree.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require any addition information, we appreciate your prompt response as we would like to have this hazard removed prior to the winter while the leaves are off the tree.

Sincerely:

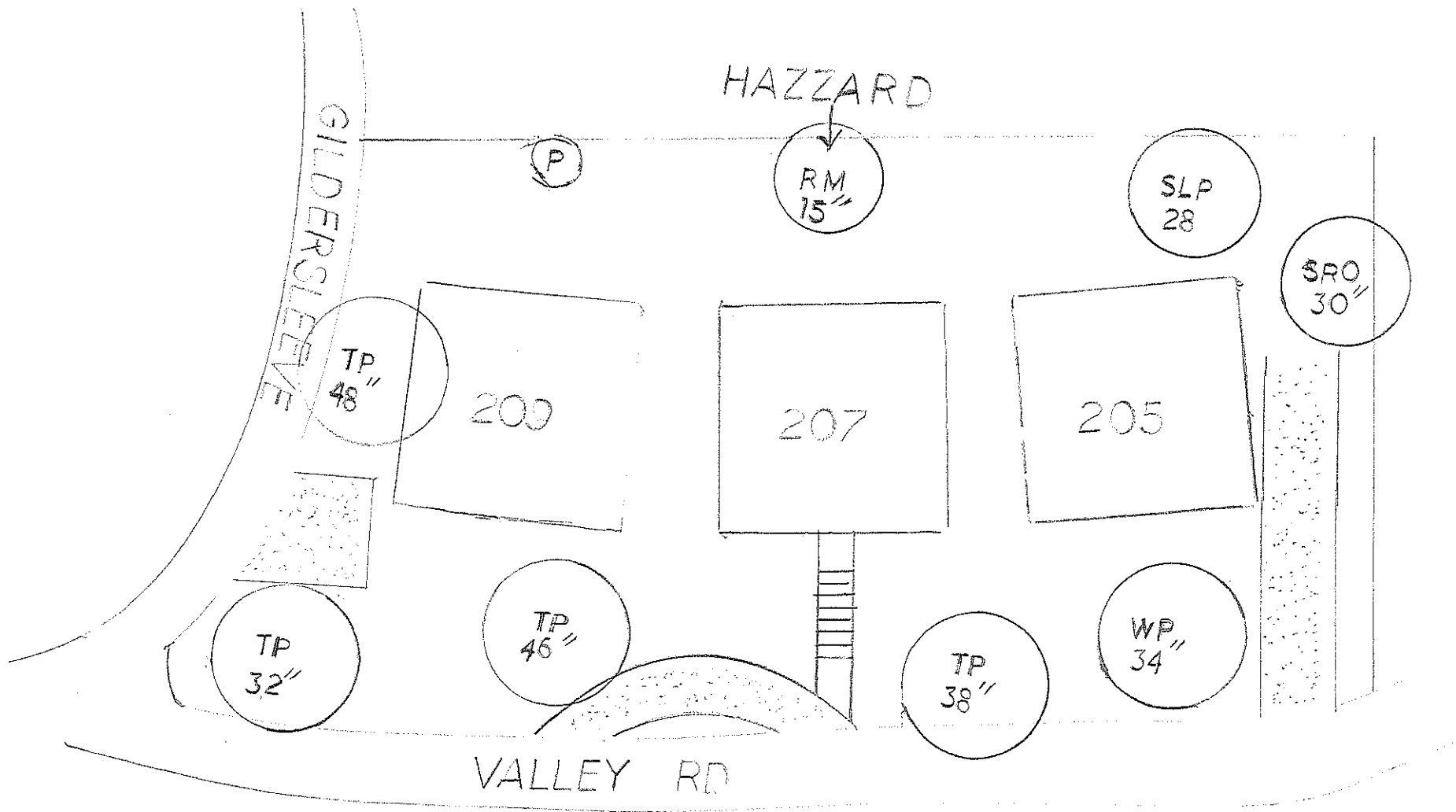

Jim Mooney, Forester

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Verbal OK
Oct. 29, 2013



TP-TULIP POPLAR
 WP-WHITE PINE
 SRO-S,RED OAK

SLP-SHORT LEAF PINE
 RM-RED MAPLE
 P-PERSIMON

NOT TO SCALE
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