

# Hearst Heritage Trees

## ANC Update



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# Agenda:

- Welcome
- Current Issues
- What has been done to date
- Next Steps
- Closing

# Presenters:

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# Current Issues:

## Water has intruded the SW Corner of Heritage Trees

- There are five heritage trees adjacent to the pool/tennis courts
- Standing Water led to the death of one tree
- Two additional trees are under stress
- Two center trees are currently healthy
- The tree adjacent to Idaho Avenue will likely perish
- UFD will plant three new trees to replace oak
- UFD will also plant additional trees this fall



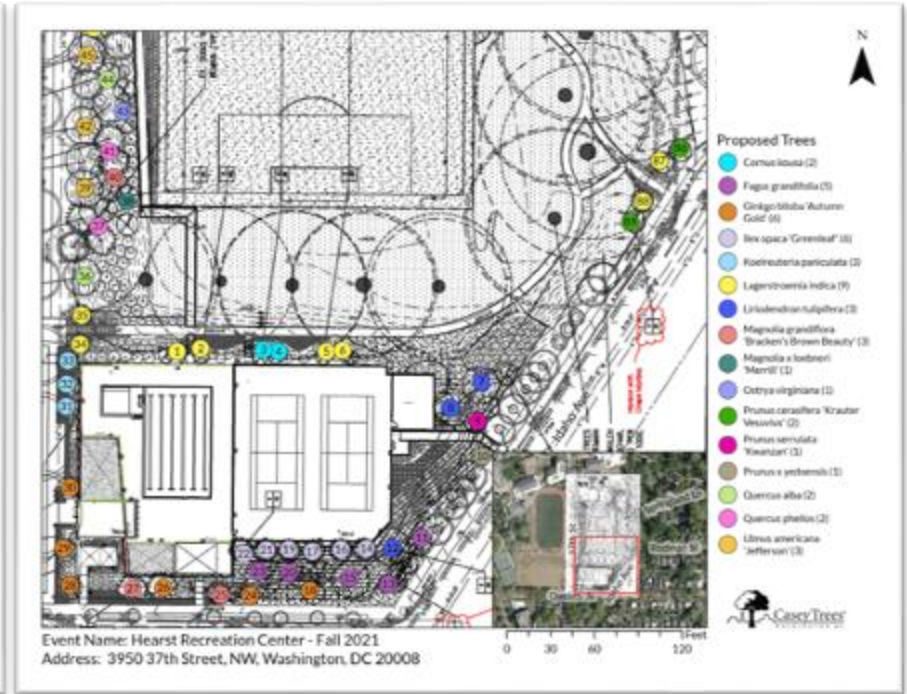
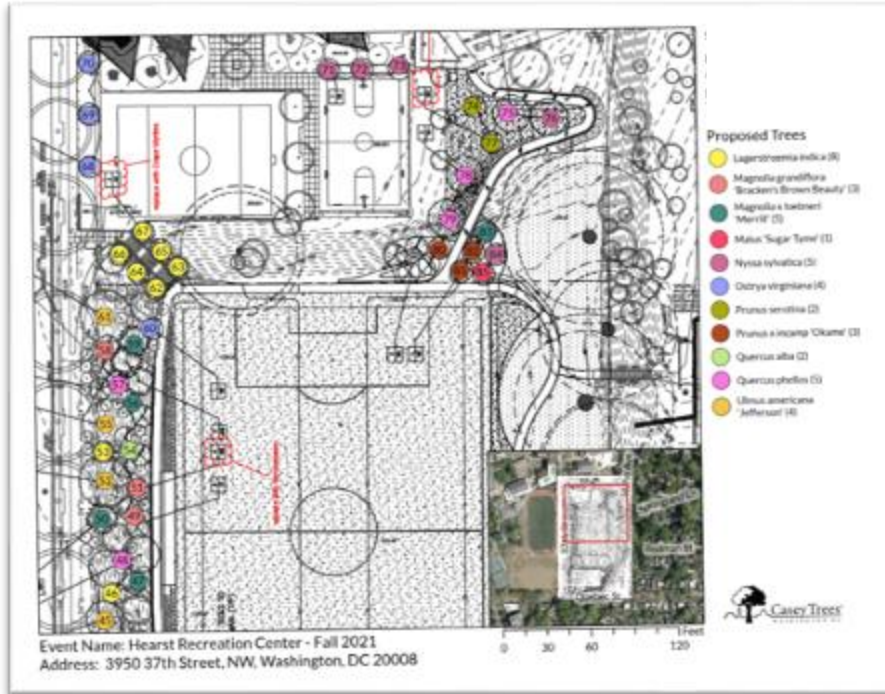


# What has been done to date:

- Casey Trees has planted over 45 trees along 37<sup>th</sup> Street and nearly 100 trees total in the park
- Routine Tree Inspections
- Pruning Stressed Trees
- Removed Oak that perished
- DPR/DGS/UFD/DOEE/private arborist/project architect met onsite to inspect and strategize on a plan forward
- Installed swale near Idaho Avenue to redirect water
- Dug three test pits to determine ground water location



# Initial Tree Planting Plan: (nearly 100 new trees)



# Next Steps: UFD

## Tree Pruning and Planting Plan:

- Plant three trees to replace lost oak
- Plant additional trees in the park
- Continued Bi-Annual Inspections of all trees
- Proactive and Routine Pruning as needed
- Please contact 311 with additional concerns
- UFD is reviewing Heritage Tree Laws to see what violation may have occurred to cause the loss and stress of the heritage trees.



Current Pending UFD Pruning Work Orders



Current Planned UFD Tree Plantings



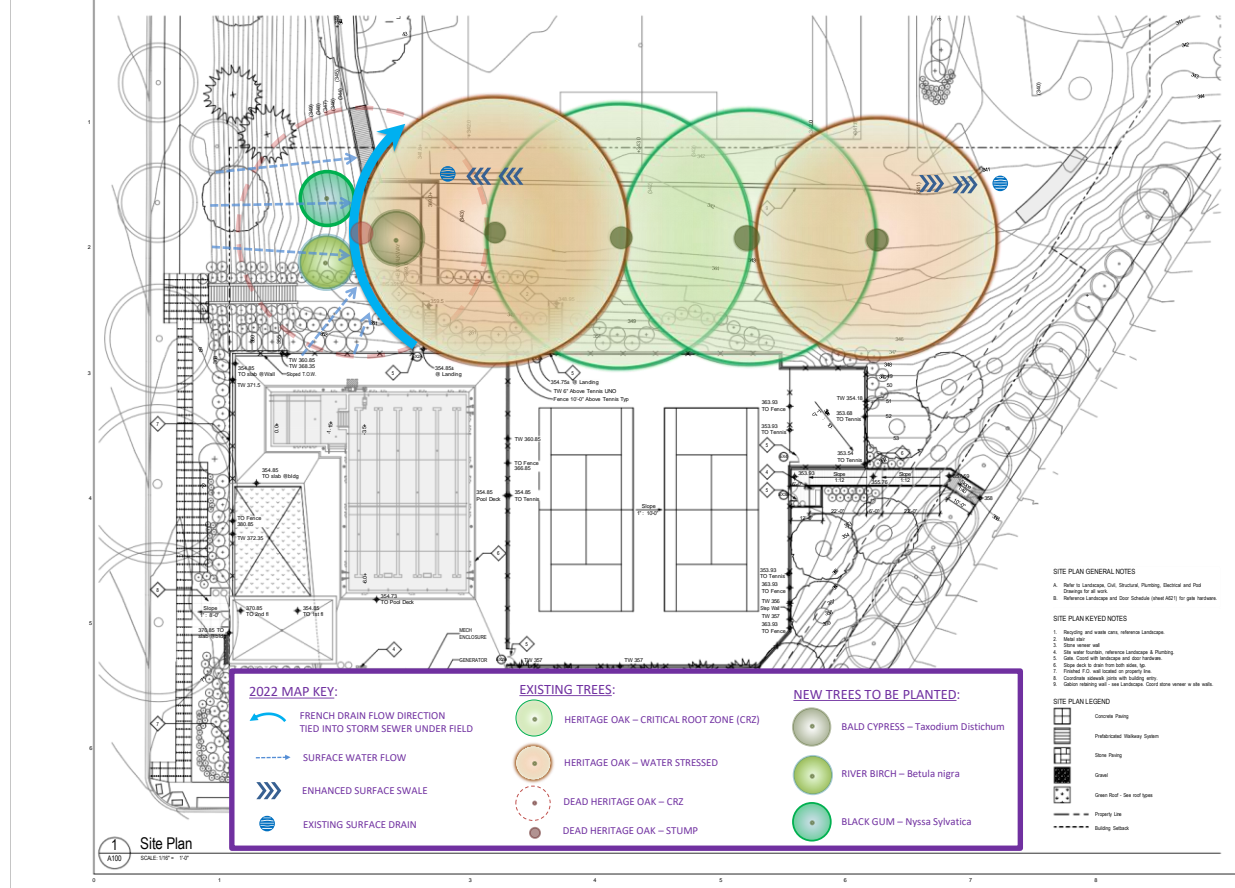
## Next Steps: DPR/DGS

## Mitigate Water Intrusion

- Remove remaining oak stump
- Install an 18" wide x 36" deep French Drain with a permeable pipe to absorb the ground water and pipe it into the storm sewer under the field
- Install a second surface swale
- Completed by the end of the year
- Plant three trees to replace lost oak

## Continued Maintenance

- Continued removal of sprouts from existing stumps. This will allow the newly planted trees to thrive.
- Continued removal of invasive vines





# Closing Comments:

- DPR, DGS and UFD are saddened at the loss of this heritage tree.
- DPR, DGS and UFD thank the community for their activism and advocacy for the preservation of the heritage trees in Hearst Park.

# Additional Resources:

- Urban Forestry Website on Tree Preservation:

<https://trees.dc.gov/pages/tree-preservation>

- Project Website:

<https://dgs.dc.gov/node/1135096>

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