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Dear Mr. Crane,

Property located at 4611 NE 178th Street in Lake Forest Park Washington contains a single-family home under construction on the property. Mature trees are present there and questions regarding excavation near mature trees arose.

On August 30, 2019 Kurt Fickeisen from Symbiosis Tree Care came to the 4611-property to observe excavation under the canopies of a Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), a big leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), and a black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*).

This report provides information on observations made during vactor truck excavation under tree canopies and a description of found roots and required root pruning.

Recommendation for additional work requirements is provided. Please see Assumptions and Limitations for this report ([Assumptions and Limitations](#)).

Summary

Observations of excavation under the canopy of a 52-inch diameter Douglas fir took place on August 30, 2019. While some roots measuring 1-inchs diameter were cut, no larger roots were cut. The Douglas fir remains in good condition

Continued excavation did not expose an old sewer and water line, so additional exploration with cameras is required to locate a more accurate route used by sewers and ensure significant roots are protected during replacement of the water/sewer line.

Observations

On August 30th, 2019 excavation under the canopy of a 52-inch diameter Douglas fir was performed due to requirements for a new sewer and water line to a house currently under construction.

Excavation was performed with a water and a vactor truck and was observed by Kurt Fickeisen of Symbiosis Tree Care ([Figure-1](#), [Photo-1](#)).

During the excavation process, structural roots with diameters greater than 3inches were encountered ([Photo-2](#)), but fine roots were also exposed ([Photo-3](#)).

Root Pruning

Based on a need to locate preexisting sewer and water lines, some root pruning took place.

Roots measuring 1-inch diameter and less were cut cleanly with loppers. No roots of larger diameter took place.

Discussion

Root exploration with a vactor truck and performed on August 30th, 2019 failed to locate pipes that were reported to exist.

Further exploration of sewer lines with cameras may provide superior information on pipe location.

Conclusion

While excavation did not find old sewer or water lines, a portion of a pathway required for new lines was exposed.

Use of an underground camera placed in sewer lines is recommended to provide additional information required to install new sewer and water lines and protect significant trees.

If you have questions about the contents of this report contact Symbiosis Tree Care.

Sincerely



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Figure-1

King County iMAP Aerial Image

Photo-1**Photo-2****Photo-3****Photo-4**

Assumptions and Limitations

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