



## VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Date 04/30/2024

### Permit Application

Application Number AT2024-0052

Job Location 1 MYRTLE AVE | Lot # 3.50-17-9

Owner: ADAMOSTROW  
1 MYRTLE AVE  
DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522  
(206)235-6628

Applicant: rafael tigre  
134 Main Street  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522  
(914)356-6000 rtigre24@gmail.com

Application Type: Tree Removal Estimated Cost of Construction: \$

Description of Work: Removal of 5 white pines trees located right side of the entrance of the driveway

#### Form Questions:

Diameter of Tree to be Removed	12" - 24"
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#### Application Parcel Owner Contact:

Parcel Owner Email	kendallostrow@gmail.com
Parcel Owner Phone	2062356628

# RICHARD M. OVALLE HORTICULTURAL SERVICES

4 MARTINE AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK 10606

## **Pine Tree Arborist Letter to Village of Dobbs Ferry,**

My name is Richard M. Ovalle, certified ISA arborist (ID: NY-6059A), and I am writing on behalf of my client, Tigre Tree Service, where the tree in question is at 1 Myrtle Ave, to state my recommendations for tree removal.

The five trees are all *Pinus strobus* or Eastern White Pine. In Britain, this species is also called the Weymouth Pine, in honor of English explorer Captain George Weymouth, who took Eastern White Pine seeds to England from Maine in 1605. The British Crown instituted the first White Pine Act in Massachusetts in 1691 but extended to all New England by 1711. The Act prohibited the harvesting of white pine trees larger than 24" in diameter, White Pines became sought after specimens for use as masts on Royal Navy ships. They had the largest navy at the time but left a bad taste in the mouth of the colonists and they weren't as accommodating in the coming decades with the likes of the Stamp & Sugar Acts.

The Pine trees noted below are part of a 20+ year evergreen screen, my best guess since they seem to be planted in a staggered pattern. They may have been planted as small saplings because the difference in sizes vary too much if they were uniform in size from the start. White Pines are often used as screens because they are cheaper than other trees and were planted heavily during the 80's & 90's without thinking of their long-term ramifications. The reason these trees are ill suited for screening is because they eventually lose their lower limbs and expose the areas originally meant to be screened. Maintaining the trees to act as screens requires more work and money which is often unnecessary with other evergreens and is an undue burden on the new homeowner who inherited the trees on their property. The trees have a shallow root system and buried trunks. The trees are notoriously weak wooded and more susceptible to damage than other trees during storms, making for many sleepless nights.

### **1) Eastern White Pine (1 of 5; DBH-12") – front yard, closest to street**

This pine tree has an exposed no exposed root flare and has rocks and concrete trunks placed at its base. A buried root flare will slowly suffocate the tree since trunks were meant to be above ground and roots below ground. The trunks bark helps with the tree's respiration and when it's buried, it starts to decay and affect the vascular system. The rocks and concrete at the base are accelerating the decay being a constant source of moisture and impediment to the tree's natural growth pattern. It's a slow death but an inevitable one.

This tree is the smallest in the group of pines and clearly the runt of the litter, in terms of girth. The tree only has growth on one side of the tree, the side facing the tree. This is due to the competition the tree has with its brethren, The bald side could not compete for sunlight and eventually all branches withered. The tree's food intake has been cut in half and if you couple that with decay at its base, you do not have a good long-term prognosis. The other knock on this tree is that its leader had broken off within the past few years. When one leader dies, two stems take their place thinking each one is the leader. These stems will use the most energy in the process, adding to the tree's grim prospect of three strikes and you're out. If I were to dig around the buried trunk, I would most likely find girdled roots, but I cannot confirm for this tree.

The long-term prognosis of a healthy and happy tree is not good, so I recommend removal of tree because I consider this a risk tree and should be removed. The tree has growth on only one side and grows towards the street which will eventually become a potential hazard to motorists and passersby.

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## **2) Eastern White Pine (2 of 5; DBH-24") – front yard, 2<sup>nd</sup> closest to street**

This pine tree has an exposed root flare but was growing at a 60-degree angle, trying to get some breathing room from a neighboring tree. It appears within the last five years; this tree lost its leader in a storm creating codominant stems. The weaker of the two broke off and created additional codominant stems. Possibly within the last ten years, the tree started growing in the opposite direction, towards the street. I believe this was due to the tree behind it, another hardwood like the tree to its left. This tree was being squeezed on all sides, so its strategy was to be king of the hill. Unfortunately, the tree may have grown too fast, grew in a weird direction to be more vulnerable to the wind, I can't say without further examination. What I do know is that there are multiple codominant stems at the top of the tree that will be like an umbrella at the beach on a windy day. There are no branches along the sides of the trunk, they lost in the battle for dominance or were sacrificed to push all its growth upwards. What we have now is a top-heavy tree with multi-codominant stems, some growing at a 45-degree angle which is never a good thing. Girdling roots, like a slow bleed, only add to the problem of the tree being able to feed itself.

Codominant stems are two or more main stems that emerge from the same location on the main trunk. Though such stems may look fine to the casual observer, they may be dangerous. The Codominant stems form a "V" union which is more likely to fail than a "U" union. Stems with a "V" union compress bark between them as they grow, leaving little physical connection. The tree is near the street with a moderate lean going backwards and then curving, like an S, in the opposite direction towards the street. Then factor in death by a thousand cuts courtesy of girdling roots hindering the vascular system and coupled with less food intake with fewer branches and needles to photosynthesize leading to the too many mouths to feed scenario. A girdling root is a root that grows in a circular pattern around the trunk at or below the soil line, gradually strangling the tree.

I would categorize this tree as a **hazard** with its several codominant stems and the **risk** it poses because it's the biggest of the bunch and growing in an unsafe manner towards the street. For these reasons stated, I recommend its removal.

## **3) Eastern White Pine (3 of 5; DBH-18") – front yard, 3<sup>rd</sup> closest to street**

This White Pine has growth on only one side. This tree is on the back end of the pine grove and has its growth in the one area that gets sunlight. All the trees in the area are jockeying for position to get the sunlight, being at the edge, this tree found its niche. It does appear there was some damage to its top, almost like a flat top. All new codominant stems that emerge will act as vampires and drain the vital energy the tree needs to survive. There may be beetles that take advantage of mechanical injury or decay may creep in and spread, weakening the tree. The top broke once already, it's a matter of time till it happens again. This time, things will fall towards the neighbor's house.

The tree has no exposed root flare and girdling roots. As mentioned with tree #2, it's a one two punch against the tree. A buried trunk means **decay** at the base and a compromised vascular system. Think of it as pinching an artery and the body part that it fed dies; the same goes for branches. This is a common occurrence and could explain why some larger branches have fallen in the past but cannot know for sure without further inspection. The back side of the tree has more soil build-up, possibly from runoff over the years from the nearby slope, and of course the rocks around the trunk. The tree does pose a **risk** and therefore, I recommend tree removal; it's basically ¼ of a tree. Would you have a tree like that in your yard?

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## **4) Eastern White Pine (4 of 5; DBH-16") – front yard, 4<sup>th</sup> closest to street**

This pine is one of the losers in the battle for dominance. All it could do was to grow straight up and as fast as possible. The pine forwent its lateral growth and focused on top growth and as a result, the tree has a little poof of foliage on top like a poodle tail. It has the same issue with girdling roots and decay from lack of exposed root flare, which weakens the tree and makes it more susceptible to disease and insects. I was not able to inspect the tree high up, so the jury is still out what lies above. Apart from the aesthetics of such an unsightly tree that would be better served in a compost heap, the tree poses a **risk** due to the facts that some roots are being slowly strangled, decay at the base and so little foliage to photosynthesize and feed itself. These all point to a tree in decline and it would be better to remove it now before it becomes unsafe, therefore I recommend tree removal.

## **5) Eastern White Pine (5 of 5; DBH-14") – front yard, 5<sup>th</sup> closest to street**

This pine is another loser in the battle for air space. This tree chose the same strategy as the one above, except this one made a few directional changes which resulted in some cracks along the trunk. The cracks do not help the tree's structure and may weaken the tree as it grows, so that's strike one. The decay at base is strike two. Girdling roots are a foul tip and lack of foliage is strike three. Put them all together and you get a **risk** tree and a recommendation for removal.

Regards,

Richard M. Ovalle



# Arborist Letter to Dobbs Ferry Supplement

Pine tree #1



Not much to it



buried base equals decay

Pine tree #2



moderate lean



canopy congestion

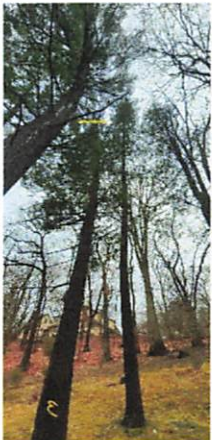


right angles



girdling roots and embedded rocks

Pine tree #3



Flat top



no root flare

Pine tree #4



poodle tail top



backside of trunk is buried and lacerations around trunk base



Pine tree #5



More poof on top



Same old story of girdling roots, buried trunk and decay at the base

George Latimer  
Westchester County Executive

Westchester  
County

James Maisano  
Director, Consumer Protection

**Department of Consumer Protection  
Home Improvement License**

TIGRE TREE CARE AND LANDSCAPING INC.

134 MAIN STREET - #2

DOBBS FERRY, NY-10522

This license is issued in accordance with Article XVI of the Westchester County Consumer Protection Code and is valid only upon presence of the official department seal. Proof of citizenship or immigration status is not required for issuance of this license.  
NOT FOR FEDERAL PURPOSES

License Number

WC-25963-H13



Date of Expiration

05/21/2025

# CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YY)  
04/26/2024

**PRODUCER AND THE NAMED INSURED**  
North America Chemical Users and Applicators Association, Inc. Inc., A Risk Retention Purchasing Group qualified under the Risk Retention Act of 1986; Federal Law 97-45.  
P.O. Box 469  
Sandy, UT 84091-0469

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND, OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE INSURANCE POLICIES BELOW.**

## INSURERS AFFORDING COVERAGE

**INSURED**  
Tigre Tree Care & Landscaping Inc  
DBA:  
134 Main Street  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

INSURER A: NOTICE: Coverage is being provided as part of a Master Group Policy issued to members of the North America Chemical Users and Applicators  
INSURER B: , a Risk Retention 'Purchasing Group' authorized under the Risk Retention  
INSURER C: Prime Insurance Company

## COVERAGES

**"LIMITS SHOWN ARE THOSE IN EFFECT AS OF POLICY INCEPTION"**

**692199**

The policies of insurance listed below have been issued to the insured named above for the policy indicated. Notwithstanding any requirement, term or condition of any contract or other document with respect to which this certificate may be issued or may pertain, the insurance afforded by the policies described herein is subject to all the terms, exclusions and conditions of such policies. Aggregate limits shown may have been reduced by paid claims.

TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE (MM/DD/YY)	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE (MM/DD/YY)	LIMITS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial Liability</b>	LSC4447-23070015	12/01/2023	07/24/2024	\$1,000,000 Per Accident \$1,000,000 Policy Aggregate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims Made				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclude Products				\$50,000 Care Custody & Control
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclude Completed Operations				\$50,000 Premises Liability
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial Auto Liability</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Any Auto				
<input type="checkbox"/> All Owned Autos				
<input type="checkbox"/> Scheduled Autos				
<input type="checkbox"/> Hired Autos				
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Owned Autos				
<input type="checkbox"/> Drive Away				
<input type="checkbox"/> Specifically Described Autos				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Commercial Garage Liability</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> G.K.L.L.				
<input type="checkbox"/> O.T.R.P.D.				
<input type="checkbox"/> D.O.C.				
<input type="checkbox"/> Cargo				
<input type="checkbox"/> On Hook				
<input type="checkbox"/> Contractual Liability Indemnification				
<input type="checkbox"/> Wrongful Repossession				
<input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made				
<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude Completed Operations				
<input type="checkbox"/> Exclude Products				
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Excess Liability</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Claims Made				

**LIMITATION OF COVERAGE FOR ADDITIONAL INSURED**  
Please see the attached Additional Insured Endorsement.

## DESCRIPTION OF OPERATION/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/EXCLUSIONS ADDED BY ENDORSEMENT/SPECIAL PROVISIONS

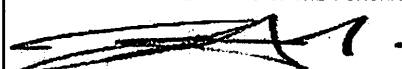
Coverage is limited to only insured activities or operations on the Participant Member Declaration Certificate or as may be separately endorsed. Shrub Planting, Tree Planting., Tree Removal., Chipping., Landscaping (EXC-XCU) (Excluding Irrigation)., Tree Trimming., Landscape Gardening., Mowing & Raking.

☒ **CERTIFICATE HOLDER**    ☒ **ADDITIONAL INSURED**    ☐ **LOSS PAYEE**    ☐ **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION**    ☐ **PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY**

Village of Dobbs Ferry  
  
112 Main St  
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, THE ISSUING INSURER WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL 0 DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED TO THE LEFT, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON THE INSURER, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 'PURCHASING GROUP'







# CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

## NYS DISABILITY AND PAID FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS LAW

### PART 1. To be completed by NYS disability and Paid Family Leave benefits carrier or licensed insurance agent of that carrier

1a. Legal Name & Address of Insured (use street address only) <b>TIGRE TREE CARE AND LANDSCAPING INC</b> <b>70 BROADWAY</b> <b>DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522</b>  <small>Work Location of Insured (Only required if coverage is specifically limited to certain locations in New York State, i.e., Wrap-Up Policy)</small>	1b. Business Telephone Number of Insured  <b>9143566000</b>  1c. Federal Employer Identification Number of Insured or Social Security Number  <b>46-2504663</b>
2. Name and Address of Entity Requesting Proof of Coverage (Entity Being Listed as the Certificate Holder) <b>VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY</b> <b>112 MAIN STREET</b> <b>DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522</b>	3a. Name of Insurance Carrier <b>Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York</b>  3b. Policy Number of Entity Listed in Box 1a <b>L93116-000</b>  3c. Policy Effective Period <b>6/21/2022</b> to <b>7/3/2024</b>

4. Policy provides the following benefits:

☒ A. Both disability and Paid Family Leave benefits.  
☐ B. Disability benefits only.  
☐ C. Paid Family Leave benefits only.


5. Policy covers:

☒ A. All of the employer's employees eligible under the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law.  
☐ B. Only the following class or classes of employer's employees:

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Under penalty of perjury, I certify that I am an authorized representative or licensed agent of the insurance carrier referenced above and that the named insured has NYS disability and/or Paid Family Leave benefits insurance coverage as described above.

Date Signed 04/26/2024 By   
(Signature of insurance carrier's authorized representative or NYS licensed insurance agent of that insurance carrier)

Telephone Number (212) 355-4141 Name and Title SUPERVISOR-DBL/POLICY SERVICES

**IMPORTANT:** If Boxes 4A and 5A are checked, and this form is signed by the insurance carrier's authorized representative or NYS Licensed Insurance Agent of that carrier, this certificate is COMPLETE. Mail it directly to the certificate holder.

If Box 4B, 4C or 5B is checked, this certificate is NOT COMPLETE for purposes of Section 220, Subd. 8 of the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law. It must be emailed to PAU@wcb.ny.gov or it can be mailed for completion to the Workers' Compensation Board, Plans Acceptance Unit, PO Box 5200, Binghamton, NY 13902-5200.

### PART 2. To be completed by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board (Only if Box 4B, 4C or 5B of Part 1 has been checked)

**State of New York**  
**Workers' Compensation Board**

According to information maintained by the NYS Workers' Compensation Board, the above-named employer has complied with the NYS Disability and Paid Family Leave Benefits Law (Article 9 of the Workers' Compensation Law) with respect to all of their employees.

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Authorized NYS Workers' Compensation Board Employee)

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Only insurance carriers licensed to write NYS disability and Paid Family Leave benefits insurance policies and NYS licensed insurance agents of those insurance carriers are authorized to issue Form DB-120.1. Insurance brokers are NOT authorized to issue this form.





New York State Insurance Fund

PO Box 66699, Albany, NY 12206

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## CERTIFICATE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

\*\*\*\*\* 462504663  
J & Y ASSOCIATES OF BREWSTER  
86 MAIN ST  
BREWSTER NY 10509



SCAN TO VALIDATE  
AND SUBSCRIBE

POLICYHOLDER TIGRE TREE CARE AND LANDSCAPING INC 70 BROADWAY DOBBS FERRY NY 10522		CERTIFICATE HOLDER VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY 112 MAIN STREET DOBBS FERRY NY 10522	
POLICY NUMBER W2608 240-4	CERTIFICATE NUMBER 724410	POLICY PERIOD 03/14/2024 TO 12/08/2024	DATE 4/26/2024

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PRESIDENT  
RAFAEL TIGRE  
1 OF 1 TIGRE TREE CARE AND  
LANDSCAPING INC

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NEW YORK STATE INSURANCE FUND

DIRECTOR, INSURANCE FUND UNDERWRITING

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