

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: August 2, 2023

RE: 1716 Laird Street (permit application # T2023-0241)

FROM: Karen DeMaria, City of Key West Urban Forestry Manager

An application was received requesting the removal of (2) Mahogany and (1) Green Buttonwood tree. A site inspection was done and documented the following:

Buttonwood

Mahogany #1



Photo showing location of Buttonwood tree and Mahogany tree #1.

Tree Species: Mahogany (Swietenia mahagoni)

Tree #1:



Photo showing whole tree.



Photo of tree canopy in relation to utility lines.



Photo of tree canopy, view 1.

Buttonwood tree



Photo of  
base of tree,  
view 1.



Photo of  
trunk and  
base of tree,  
view 1.



Photo of tree trunk.



Photo of tree canopy, view 2.



Photo of trunk and canopy branches showing depth of trunk injury in trunk.



Closeup photo of trunk injury area, view 1.



Photo of trunk and base of tree, view 2.





Photo of tree canopy, view 3.



Photo of base of tree, view 2.



Two photos of the base of the tree, views 3 & 4.





Closeup photo  
of trunk injury  
area, view 2.

Diameter: 18.4"

Location: 75% (growing in front yard-very visible tree)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (overall condition is fair, old tear/wound in main trunk at crotch area for canopy trunks, exposed surface roots with damage-decay and girdled roots.)

Total Average Value = 75%

Value x Diameter = 13.8 replacement caliper inches

Mahogany tree #2:



Photo of whole tree, view 1.



Photo of tree showing location.



Photo of base of tree, view 1.

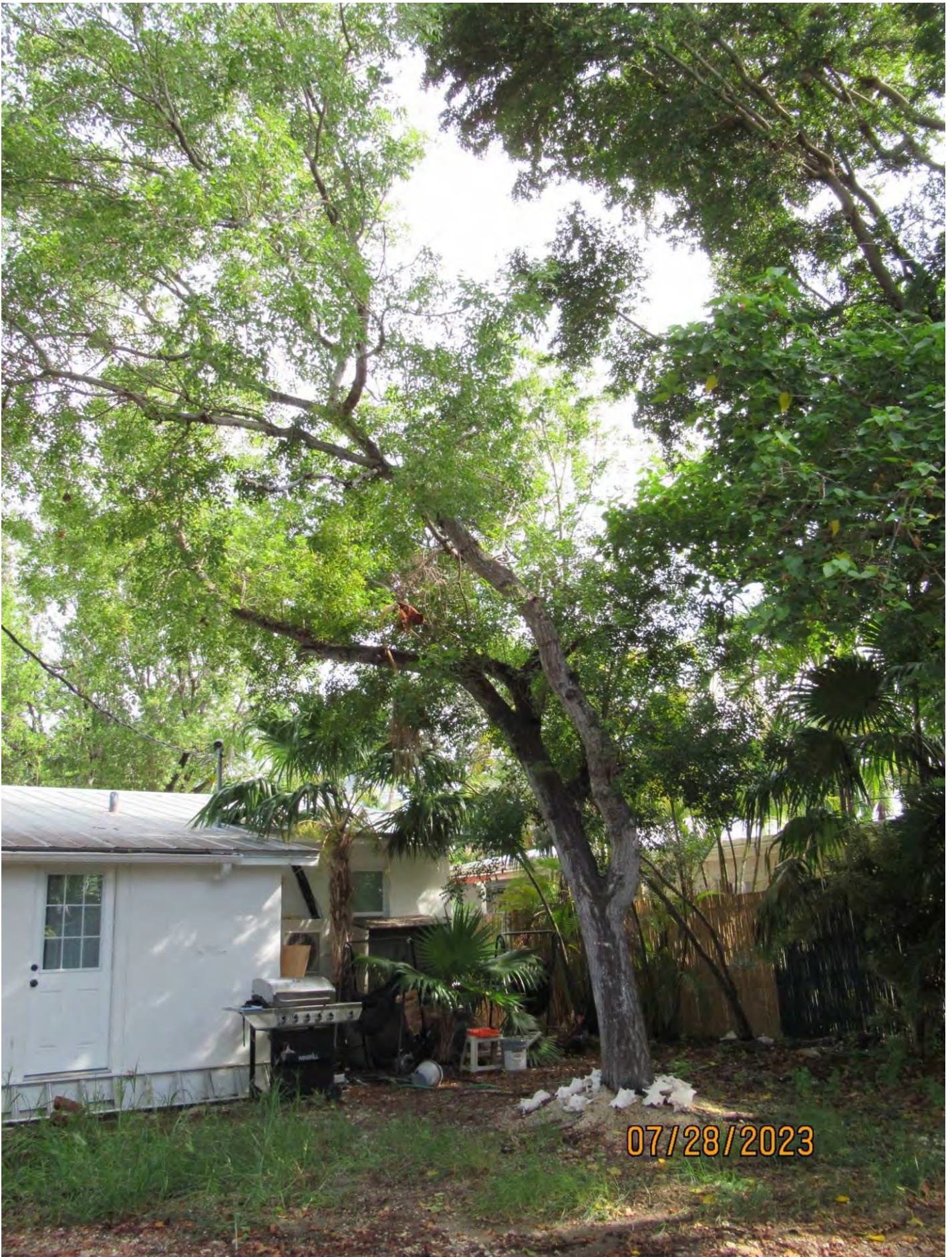


Photo of whole tree, view 2.



Photo showing tree and canopy trunks.





Two photos of the base of the tree, views 2 & 3.





Photo of trunk and base of tree.



Two photos  
of tree  
canopy,  
views 1 & 2.





Photo showing canopy trunks.

Tree #2 Diameter: 14.6"

Location: 70% (growing in back yard)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (overall condition is fair to poor, poor structure, exposed root flare with damaged surface roots, canopy needs proper trim-dead branches throughout.)

Total Average Value = 70%

Value x Diameter = 10.2 replacement caliper inches

Tree Species: Green Buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*)



Photo of whole tree.



Photo of tree trunks and base of tree, view 1.



Photo of tree canopy, view 1.



Photo of base of tree, view 1.



Photo of tree trunks and base of tree, view 2.





Two photos of base of tree, views 2 & 3.





Photo of tree trunks and base of tree, view 3.



Two photos of tree canopy, views 2 & 3.





Photo of tree trunks.



Photo of tree trunks and base of tree, view 4.

Diameter: 49.3"

Location: 75% (growing in front yard, very visible tree. )

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 50% (overall condition is fair, large, old tree with codominant trunks.)

Total Average Value = 75%

Value x Diameter = 36.9 replacement caliper inches

Note: property is being redeveloped (demo with modular being installed).

Total required replacement inches if all trees approved for removal:  
60.9"

# Additional Information

## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** christine debay <zachdeven@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: 1716 Laird Street Tree removal request

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Sorry. I am just seeing this email from you and will try to put together more info and get it to you. . The house is going to be moved a few feet ahead and be 20 feet from the road as the same as the other houses on the road. Where the pilings will be placed are where the tree and all of its roots are and they will have to dig that area down . As to the tree is already on top of the roof and it will be going up 3 stories . The house is 42x28 with wrap around porch everywhere so the tree would have to be trimmed to nothing to fit . The rear tree which is really dead and ugly is the same and the design pool is going in the rear . I will do whatever you think is best but I did not think these would be an issue as the city is making tear it down and build new and I could of fought that but just trying to put it all past us so me and family can move there. Thanks for your help

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

On Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 5:17 PM, Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov> wrote:

Last night the Tree Commission elected to postpone a decision on the tree removal request until the October 16, 2023, meeting pending receipt of some additional information. They have questions specifically regarding the proposed site plan and why the tree in the rear mahogany needs to be removed. Also, what is your plan for placing the modular on the property and why can't a crane go over the trees especially since there are power lines there?

There was a motion made to allow for the removal of the front mahogany and postpone the review on the other two trees in order to seek additional information. The motion did not get a second. There was also a comment regarding allowing the buttonwood tree to remain but have a heavy trimming done to the tree. These are some of the comments I had in my notes.

You can watch the meeting by going to the City of Key West website ([www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov](http://www.cityofkeywest-fl.gov)) - click on meetings and agendas (say yes to leaving the site) then go to down the list to Tree Commission 9-12-23 and on the far right click on the video.

It would be nice to have the additional information by October 6 so I can include it in the meeting agenda packages. Any additional information must be in my office by noon on October 13 in order to be included at the meeting. If no information is received by October 13, the file will be postponed.



If you have any questions, feel to ask.

Sincerely,

Karen

**Karen DeMaria**

Urban Forestry Manager

Certified Arborist FL-6585A

City of Key West

305-809-3768





# Tree Representation Authorization

Attendance at the Tree Commission meeting on the date when your request will be discussed is necessary in order to expedite the resolution of your application. This Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany the application if the property owner is unable to attend or will have someone else pick up the Tree Permit once issued.

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Date Oct 4, 2023  
 Tree Address 1716 LAIRD STREET  
 Property Owner Name RICHARD DEBAY  
 Property Owner Mailing Address 51 DODGE ROAD  
 Property Owner Mailing City, State, Zip Pelham, NH. 03076  
 Property Owner Phone Number 978-758-1539  
 Property Owner email Address ZACHDEVEN @ Yahoo, Com  
 Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name KENNY KING  
 Representative Mailing Address 1602 WASE ST  
 Representative Mailing City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Phone Number 305-296-8101  
 Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I Richard DeBay hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

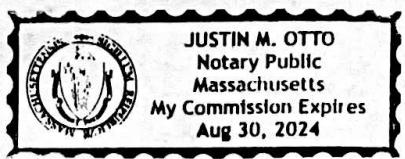
Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 6th day OCTOBER 2023.

By (Print name of Affiant) Richard DeBay who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.  
DRIVERS LICENSE

Notary Public  
 Sign name: [Signature]  
 Print name: JUSTIN OTTO

My Commission expires: 08/30/2024 Notary Public-State of MASSACHUSETTS (Seal)



# Application

RECEIVED  
JUL 21 2023  
BY: KD



T2023-0241

### Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: July 21, 2023

Tree Address 1716 LAIRD Street

Cross/Corner Street \_\_\_\_\_

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Magnolia & 1 Butta wood

Reason(s) for Application:

- Remove     Tree Health     Safety     Other/Explain below
- Transplant     New Location     Same Property     Other/Explain below
- Heavy Maintenance Trim     Branch Removal     Crown Cleaning/Thinning     Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation BUILDING NEW HOME & WITH A MODULAR UNIT AND WILL BE IN THE WAY OF NEW HOME AND BACK POOL AREA. Looking to Remove 2 tree's OUT FRONT & one in middle Back YARD.

Property Owner Name Rick DeBay

Property Owner email Address ZACHDEVEN@YAHOO.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address 51 DODGE ROAD Pelham, NH. 03076

Property Owner Phone Number 978-758-1539

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

\*Representative Name \_\_\_\_\_

Representative email Address \_\_\_\_\_

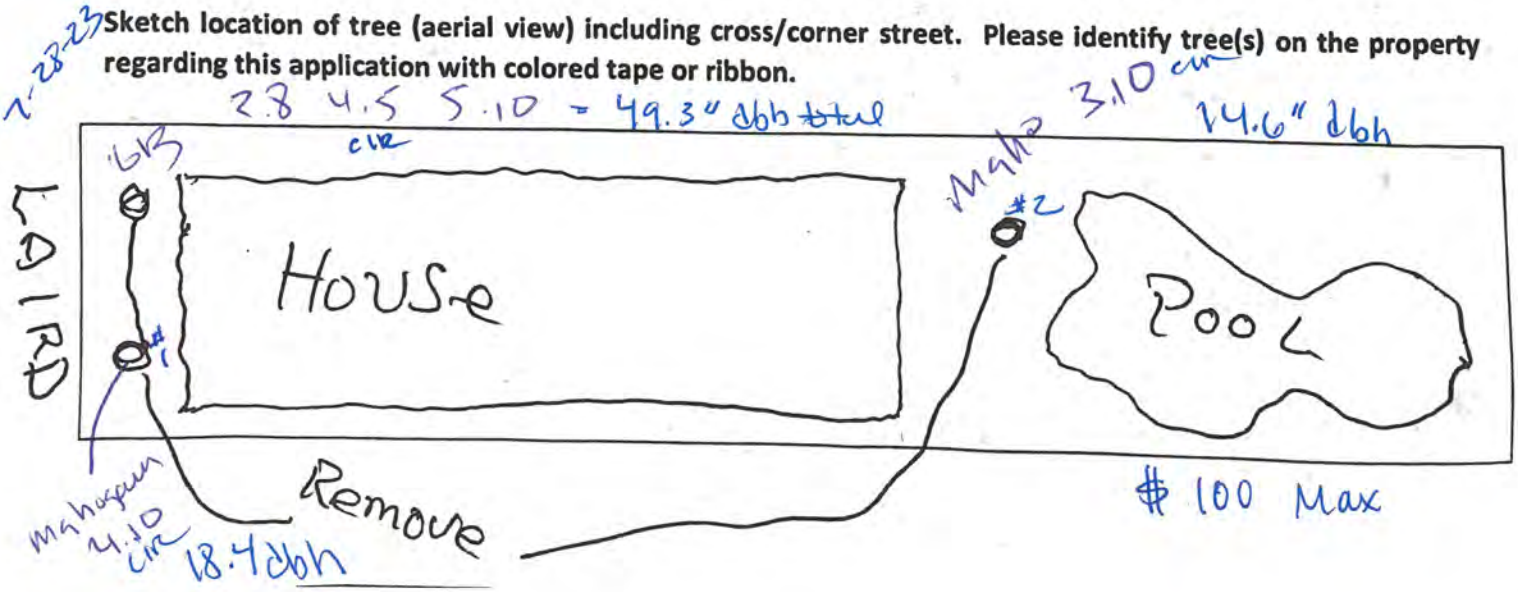
Representative Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Representative Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\*NOTE: A Tree Representation Authorization form must accompany this application if someone other than the owner will be representing the owner at a Tree Commission meeting or picking up an issued Tree Permit.

As of August 1, 2022, application fees are required. See back of application for fee amounts.

Sketch location of tree (aerial view) including cross/corner street. Please identify tree(s) on the property regarding this application with colored tape or ribbon.



# Monroe County, FL

## Disclaimer

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By continuing into this site you assert that you have read and agree to the above statement.

## Summary

Parcel ID 00061670-000000  
 Account# 1062081  
 Property ID 1062081  
 Millage Group 10KW  
 Location Address 1716 LAIRD ST, KEY WEST  
 Legal Description KW PEARLMANS SUBDIVISION PB3-65 LOT 5 BLK 1 OR29-12 OR802-1882 OR988-2287 OR1696-1392 OR3186-1562 OR3189-2342 OR3210-40  
 (Note: Not to be used on legal documents)  
 Neighborhood 6157  
 Property Class SINGLE FAMILY RESID (0100)  
 Subdivision Pearlman's Subdivision  
 Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25  
 Affordable No  
 Housing No



## Owner

DEBAY RICHARD M  
 51 Dodge Rd  
 Pelham NH 03076

## Valuation

	2023 Preliminary Values	2022 Certified Values	2021 Certified Values	2020 Certified Values
+ Market Improvement Value	\$108,484	\$110,128	\$95,029	\$95,029
+ Market Misc Value	\$2,554	\$2,554	\$2,554	\$2,554
+ Market Land Value	\$809,926	\$576,065	\$380,520	\$359,380
= Just Market Value	\$920,964	\$688,747	\$478,103	\$456,963
= Total Assessed Value	\$920,964	\$169,135	\$164,209	\$161,942
- School Exempt Value	\$0	(\$25,500)	(\$25,500)	(\$25,500)
= School Taxable Value	\$920,964	\$143,635	\$138,709	\$136,442

## Historical Assessments

Year	Land Value	Building Value	Yard Item Value	Just (Market) Value	Assessed Value	Exempt Value	Taxable Value	Maximum Portability
2021	\$380,520	\$95,029	\$2,554	\$478,103	\$164,209	\$25,500	\$138,709	\$313,894
2020	\$359,380	\$95,029	\$2,554	\$456,963	\$161,942	\$25,500	\$136,442	\$295,021
2019	\$360,305	\$96,427	\$2,554	\$459,286	\$158,302	\$25,500	\$132,802	\$300,984
2018	\$329,612	\$97,824	\$2,554	\$429,990	\$155,351	\$25,500	\$129,851	\$274,639

The Maximum Portability is an estimate only and should not be relied upon as the actual portability amount. Contact our office to verify the actual portability amount.

## Land

Land Use	Number of Units	Unit Type	Frontage	Depth
RESIDENTIAL DRY (010D)	5,285.00	Square Foot	0	0

## Buildings

Building ID	5122	Exterior Walls	C.B.S.	
Style		Year Built	1955	
Building Type	S.F.R. - R1 / R1	Effective Year Built	1995	
Building Name		Foundation	CONCR FTR	
Gross Sq Ft	1112	Roof Type	GABLE/HIP	
Finished Sq Ft	832	Roof Coverage	ASPHALT SHINGL	
Stories	1 Floor	Flooring Type	CONC ABOVE GRD	
Condition	GOOD	Heating Type	NONE with 0% NONE	
Perimeter	116	Bedrooms	2	
Functional Obs	0	Full Bathrooms	1	
Economic Obs	0	Half Bathrooms	0	
Depreciation %	34	Grade	500	
Interior Walls	MASONRY/MIN	Number of Fire Pl	0	
Code	Description	Sketch Area	Finished Area	Perimeter
CPF	COVERED PARKING FIN	200	0	0
FLA	FLOOR LIV AREA	832	832	0
OPU	OP PR UNFIN LL	40	0	0
OPF	OP PRCH FIN LL	40	0	0
TOTAL		1,112	832	0

## Yard Items

Description	Year Built	Roll Year	Size	Quantity	Units	Grade
CH LINK FENCE	1964	1965	4 x 304	1	1216 SF	1
WOOD DECK	1987	1988	14 x 16	1	224 SF	2

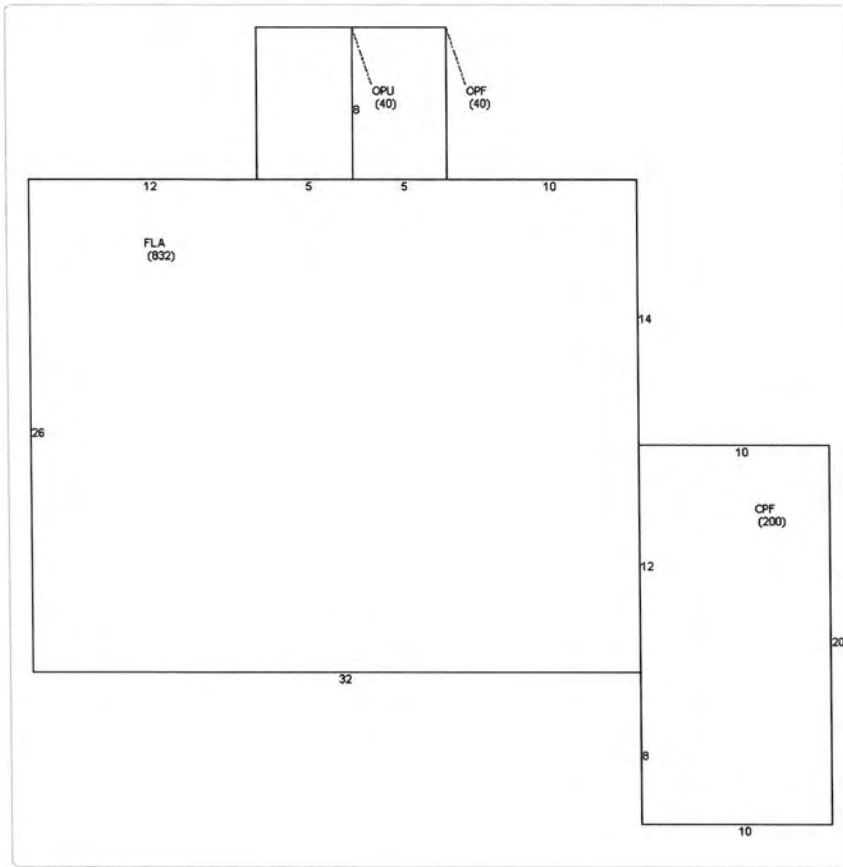
## Sales

Sale Date	Sale Price	Instrument	Instrument Number	Deed Book	Deed Page	Sale Qualification	Vacant or Improved	Grantor	Grantee
1/26/2023	\$600,000	Warranty Deed	2404955	3210	40	19 - Unqualified	Improved		
8/10/2022	\$0	Order (to be used for Order Det. Heirs, Probate in	2388149	3189	2342	30 - Unqualified	Improved		
9/1/1986	\$72,000	Warranty Deed		988	2287	U - Unqualified	Improved		

## View Tax Info

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Sketches (click to enlarge)



Photos



Map



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2022 Notices Only


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## Legend

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