

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 22, 2014

RE: 1508 Washington Street (permit application #6836)

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

An application was received for the removal of **(2) Gumbo Limbo trees**. A site inspection was done on April 10, 2014 and documented the following:

1. Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursea simaruba*)



Diameter: 23"

Location: 30% (roots impacting pool and water lines)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 70% (fair)

Total Average Value = 66%

Value x Diameter = **15 replacement caliper inches**





2. Tree Species: Gumbo Limbo (*Bursea simaruba*)



Diameter: 25.5"

Location: 10% (major issues with tree impacting structure)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 60% (fair)

Total Average Value = 56%

Value x Diameter = **14" replacement caliper inches**







Recommendations: Recommend approval of the removal of (2) Gumbo Limbo trees located at 1508 Washington Street, to be replaced with a total of 29 caliper inches of FL#1 native dicot or fruit tree.

Note: The yard is heavily vegetated. A suitable alternative replacement requirement would be (2) 8ft tall native dicot or fruit trees, FL#1, minimum 1” diameter each tree.



Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

1508 Washington St. (T14-6836) letter

bill@amoebafarm.com <bill@amoebafarm.com>

Fri, May 2, 2014 at 2:24 PM

To: "kdemaria@keywestcity.com" <kdemaria@keywestcity.com>

Hi Karen,

I spoke with Ken King and he indicated that I should send you the attached letter about the damage with some photos and invoices--you and I also discussed this when we met.

Please confirm that you received and let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do or help with.

Thanks,
Bill

Bill Hamilton
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Key West, FL 33040-4912
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May 2, 2014

City of Key West, Tree Commission
Post Office Box 1409
Key West, FL 33041-1409

Re: Request for relief for replacing removal of two Gumbo Limbos (T14-6836)

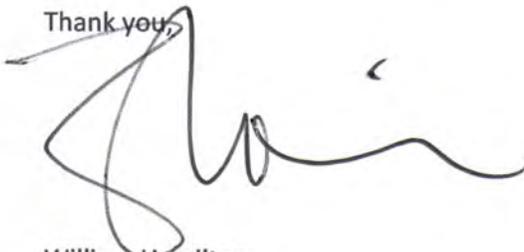
I'm writing to request relief for replacing removal of two Gumbo Limbos from my property. While I enjoy both trees (and all trees and plants), I have hesitated requesting their removal up until now—they are now causing significant damage to both my home and my pool that will only get worse:

- Gumbo Limbo near pool at rear of property has damaged/cracked pool resulting in the pool needing to be rebuilt last year. Subsequent to that, earlier this year, the tree roots cracked pool plumbing resulting in another costly repair (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). Invoices for both repairs are attached to this letter.
- Gumbo Limbo near back of house is extremely close to the house and the roots are causing cracks to develop in the foundation and in the CBS structure of my home (see Figure 3). Additionally, the tree is just touching the roof of the house—I have already modified the roof of the house once to accommodate the tree but there is no room for further modification and this contact will start to cause additional damage to the structure (see Figure 4 and Figure 5).

When I purchased this property in 1997, there was virtually no landscaping as shown in Figure 6 and Figure 7. Since then, I have extensively planted hundreds of trees and plants on the property leaving little room for relief planting (see Figure 8 through Figure 13).

Please consider my request for relief for replacing these two Gumbo Limbos.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Hamilton', written over the printed name below it.

William Hamilton

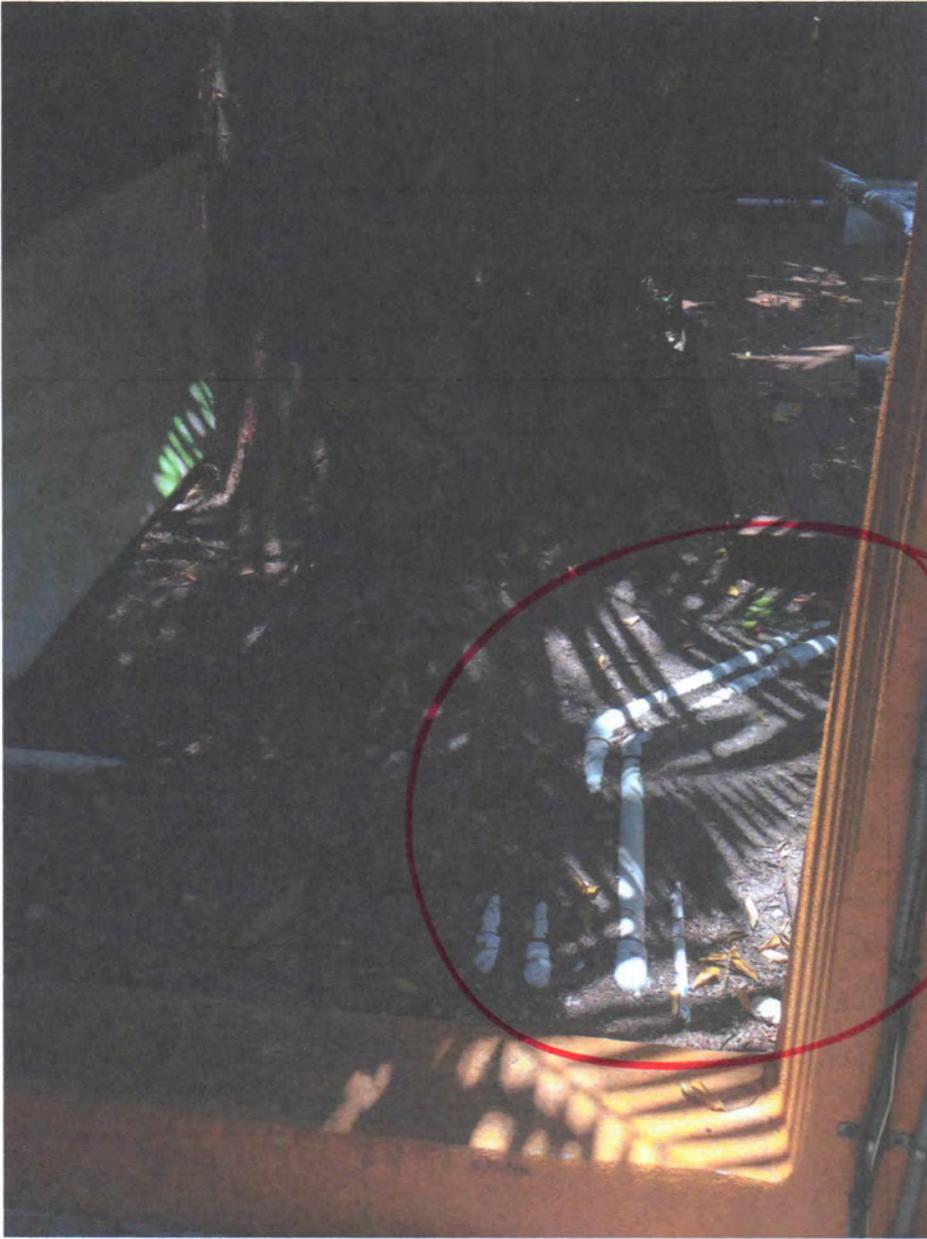


Figure 1. Pool plumbing damaged and replaced



Figure 2. Pool plumbing damaged and replaced

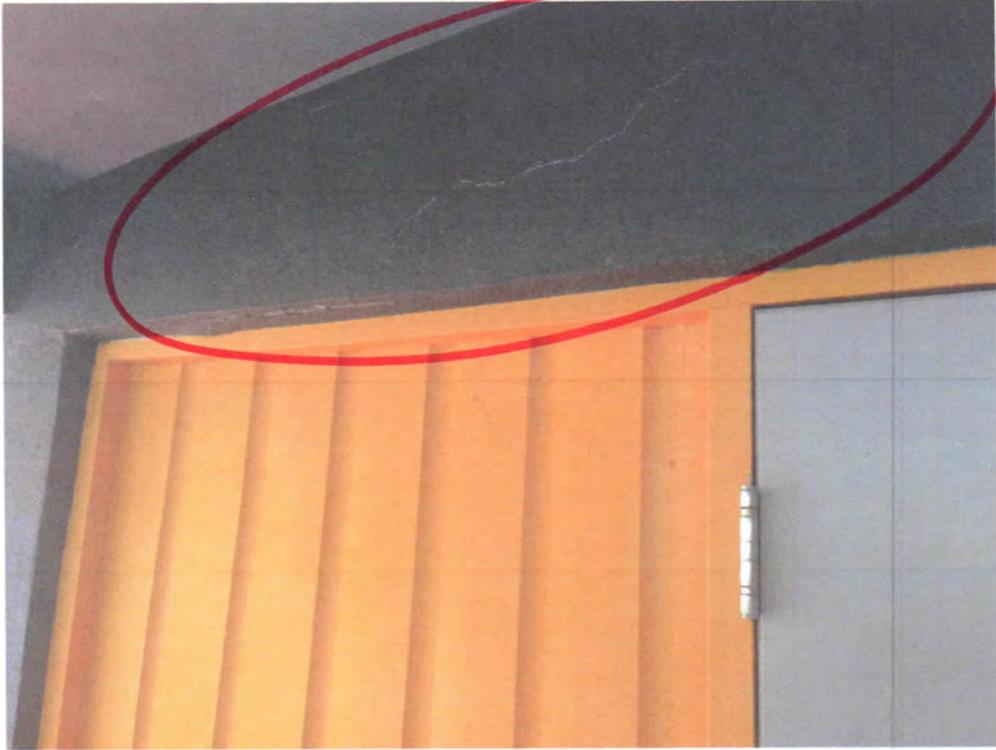


Figure 3. CBS structure cracking from Gumbo Limbo root pressure



Figure 4. Gumbo Limbo encroaching on house roof (with existing cutout)



Figure 5. Gumbo Limbo proximity to house causing damage to foundation and CBS structure



Figure 6. 1508 Washington (front, from street), 1997



Figure 7. 1508 Washington (front, from street), 1997



Figure 8. 1508 Washington (front, from street), 2014



Figure 9. 1508 Washington (front, from street), 2014



Figure 10. 1508 Washington (front), 2014



Figure 11. 1508 Washington (front), 2014



Figure 12. 1508 Washington (rear), 2014



Figure 13. 1508 Washington (rear), 2014

Haskins Plumbing, Inc.
 17088 Flying Fish Lane
 Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042-3629
 (305) 296-4149
 Fax: (305) 296-4113



Invoice

Date	Invoice #
1/24/2014	23382

Bill To Bill Hamilton 1509 Washington Street Key West FL 33040	Ship To Re: Pool
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P.O. Number	Terms	Due Date	Rep	Ship Date	Ship Via	FOB	Project
Bill	Due on receipt	3/21/2014	TJH	1/24/2014			

Item	Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
Labor	2	01/24 YF Exposed both 1 1/2" lines so TH can look at it and make decision on which one we are cutting to test the line.	98.00	196.00
Labor	6	02/19 HK Cut pipe and isntall two stand pipes, found out leak on side going to pump house. Started digging up to loacte leak.	98.00	588.00
discount		special discount	-30.00%	-176.40
Helper	6	02/19 TF Work with the plumber	49.50	297.00
discount		special discount	-30.00%	-89.10
Labor	9	02/20 HK Core bore through concrete wall and reroute pool jet lines.	98.00	882.00
Helper	9	02/20 TS Work with the plumber	49.50	445.50
11/2	6	coupling	8.95668	53.74
11/2	2	45 ell	1.15935	2.32
1 1/2	4	90 ellbow	3.07686	12.31
11/2	1	90 st ell	5.131	5.13
1 1/2	12	pipe	0.66741	8.01
Labor	1	03/04 HK Patch hole in concrete wall from relocation of pool pipe	100.00	100.00

Thank you for your business.	Total	\$2,324.51
<u>Effective 1/1/03 - Please remit payment within 10 days in order to avoid 18% finance charge, adverse credit rating, or property lien. We accept Discover, Visa and Mastercard. All amounts due already include a 3% discount for cash or check.</u>		
<u>Mastercard. All amounts due already include a 3% discount for cash or check.</u>		
	Balance Due	\$2,324.51

Florida Keys Pool, Inc

701 3rd Street
Key West, FL 33040

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
7/1/13	321

Bill To
Bill Hamilton 1508 Washington St. Key West, FL 33040

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
Deposit	1	6,875.00	6,875.00
PAID			

Thank you for your business.	Total	\$6,875.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$6,875.00

Florida Keys Pool, Inc

701 3rd Street
Key West, FL 33040

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
8/9/13	336

Bill To
Bill Hamilton 1508 Washington St. Key West, FL 33040

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
50% Upon Shotcereting of new steps and bench		13,750.00	13,750.00

Thank you for your business.	Total	\$13,750.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$13,750.00

Florida Keys Pool, Inc

701 3rd Street
Key West, FL 33040

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/15/13	337

Bill To
Bill Hamilton 1508 Washington St. Key West, Fl 33040

P.O. No.	Terms	Project

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
25% Upon Completion		6,875.00	6,875.00
Materials plus Labor			
Extras Tile Work		600.00	600.00
New Skimmer		300.00	300.00
Fix Pond		200.00	200.00

Thank you for your business.	Total	\$7,975.00
	Payments/Credits	\$0.00
	Balance Due	\$7,975.00

Application

4-7-14
NO ACCESS



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Tree Permit Application

Date: 4-7-2014

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise.

Tree Address 1508 Washington St. Key West, FL 33040
Cross/Corner Street Lean
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity Gumbo Limbo 2
Species Type(s) check all that apply () Palm () Flowering () Fruit Shade () Unsure
Reason(s) for Application:

- REMOVE () Tree Health () Safety Other/Explain below
- () TRANSPLANT () New Location () Same Property () Other/Explain below
- () HEAVY MAINTENANCE () Branch Removal () Crown Cleaning/Thinning () Crown Reduction

Additional Information and Explanation The tree next to the pool has already caused the owner to spend thousands on repairs. The tree at the corner of the house is growing into and certainly causing damage to the structure

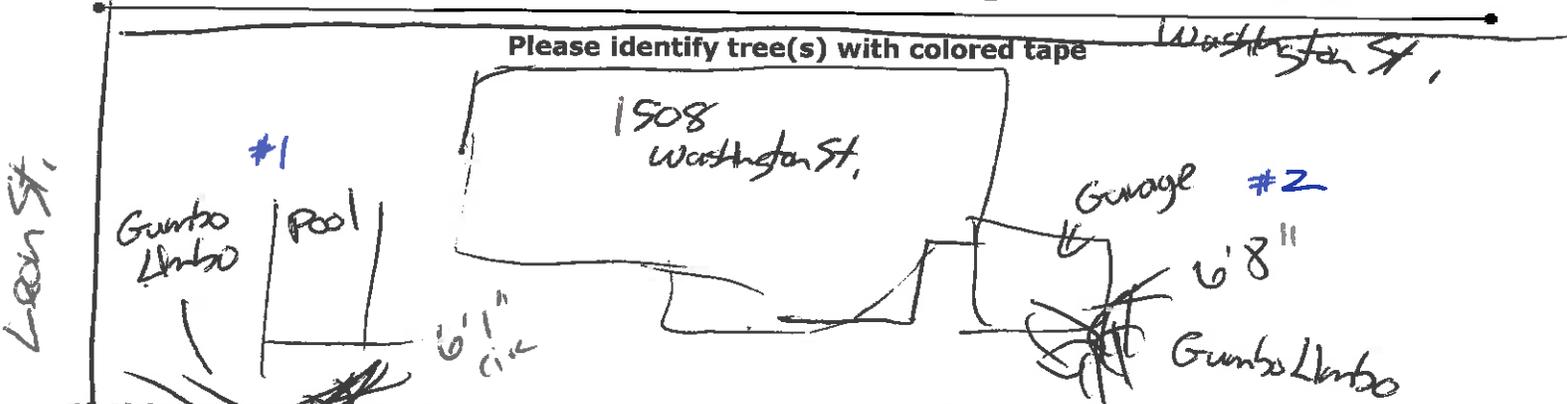
Property Owner Name William Hamilton
Property Owner eMail Address _____
Property Owner Mailing Address 1508 Washington St
Property Owner Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040
Property Owner Phone Number (____) 394-0957
Property Owner Signature _____

Representative Name Kenneth King
Representative eMail Address _____
Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laird St.
Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040
Representative Phone Number (305) 296-8101

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.

Tree Representation Authorization form attached ()

<<<<< Sketch location of tree in this area including cross/corner Street >>>>>



If this process requires blocking of a City right-of-way, a separate ROW Permit is required. Please contact 305-809-3740.



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Tree Representation Authorization

Date: April 2, 2014

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.

Tree Address 1508 WASHINGTON ST, Key West FL 33040

Property Owner Name WILLIAM HAMILTON

Property Owner eMail Address BILL@AMOEBAFARM.COM

Property Owner Mailing Address 1508 WASHINGTON ST. KEY WEST FL 33040

Property Owner Mailing City KEY WEST State FL Zip 33040

Property Owner Phone Number (305) 394-0957

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

Representative Name Kenneth King

Representative eMail Address _____

Representative Mailing Address 1602 Laurel St.

Representative Mailing City Key West State FL Zip 33040

Representative Phone Number (305) 296-8101

I WILLIAM HAMILTON, 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 if there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature

[Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 2 day APRIL 2014.

By (Print name of Affiant) William Hamilton who is personally known to me or has produced FL DL as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sign Name: Kevin C Leander

Notary Public - State of Florida (seal)

Print Name: Kevin C Leander

My Commission Expires: 1-27-2017

