

# STAFF REPORT

DATE: October 4, 2023

RE: 906 Georgia Street (permit application # T2023-0298)

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

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

Tree Species: Sapodilla (*Manilkara zapota*)

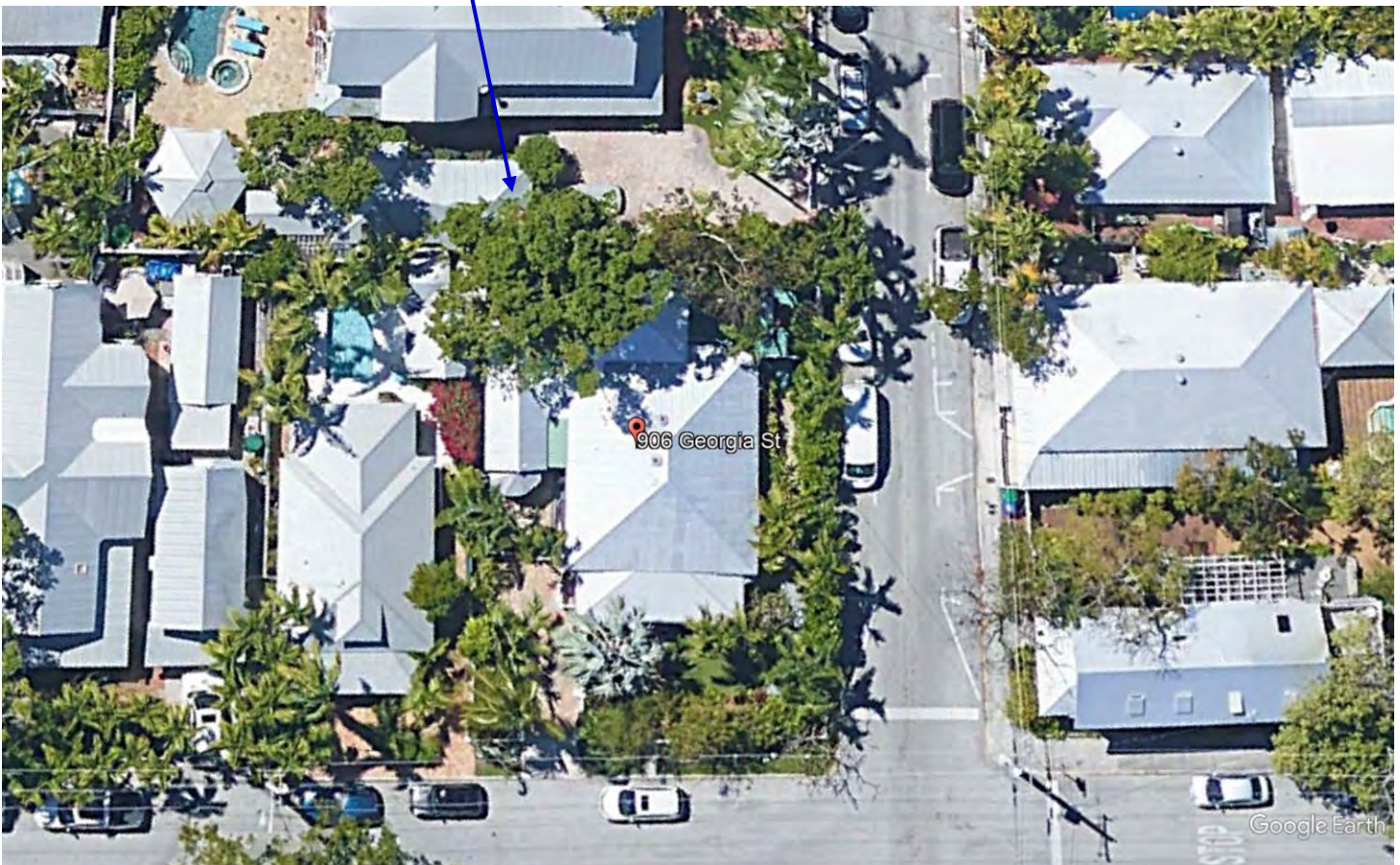


Photo showing location of tree, view 1.



Photo showing location of tree, view 2.



Two photos of canopy and canopy branches, views 1 and 2.





Photo of canopy and canopy branches, view 3.



Photo of base of tree, view 1.



Photo of base of tree, view 2.



Photo of base of tree, view 3.



Photo of base of tree, view 4.



Photo of tree trunks, view 1.



Photo showing large canopy trunk section over structure.





Photo of tree trunks, view 2.



Photo of tree trunks, view 3.



Photo of tree trunks, view 4.



Photo of tree trunks, view 5.



Close up photo of one of the tree crotches.



Two photos showing termites mud in tree trunk bark, views 1 & 2.





Two photos showing  
termites mud in tree trunk  
bark, views 3 & 4.





Two photos showing termites mud in tree trunk bark, view 5.

Diameter: 49.6"

Location: 50% (growing in back yard-not very visible from streets. Base of tree within 5 ft of historic structure.)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (Based on site visit and additional information submitted by representative-overall condition is poor. Areas of decay throughout canopy with evidence of termites throughout the tree (trails and mud))

Total Average Value = 63%

Value x Diameter = 31.2 replacement caliper inches

# Application



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care LLC <shortystlc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2023 11:58 AM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Fwd: 906 Georgia, Buffett sapodilla

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Susan Rice <[s.mesmer@att.net](mailto:s.mesmer@att.net)>  
**Date:** Mon, Oct 2, 2023 at 11:56 AM  
**Subject:** 906 Georgia, Buffett sapodilla  
**To:** <[Shortystlc@gmail.com](mailto:Shortystlc@gmail.com)>

We are Susan and Richard Rice, owners of 910 Georgia Street. Our neighbor is 906 Georgia. We understand their backyard Sapodilla Tree is infested with termites. As it is very large and hangs over our property, we are fully supportive of its removal, to prevent potential future damage to our property and structures.

Susan and Richard Rice  
910 Georgia St  
Key West, Fla 33040  
[rmrice1000@gmail.com](mailto:rmrice1000@gmail.com)  
(216)970-1685

Susan Rice:  
Sent from my iPhone



T2023-0298

### Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 8/31/2023

Tree Address 906 Georgia St

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

List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1 Sapodilla

Species Type(s) check all that apply ( ) Palm ( ) Flowering (x) Fruit (x) Shade ( ) Unsure

**Reason(s) for Application:**

(x) Remove (x) Tree Health ( ) Safety (x) 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 Lifting up the building and has termites. Declining in health.

Property Owner Name Lucy Anne Buffett

Property Owner email Address lucybuffett@me.com

Property Owner Mailing Address P.O. Box 5265, Gulf Shores, AL 36547

Property Owner Phone Number 251-751-5858

Property Owner Signature Lucy Anne Buffett

Representative Name Clifton Turner Shorty's Tree & Lawn Care LLC

Representative email Address shortystlc@gmail.com

Representative Mailing Address 19463 date palm dr

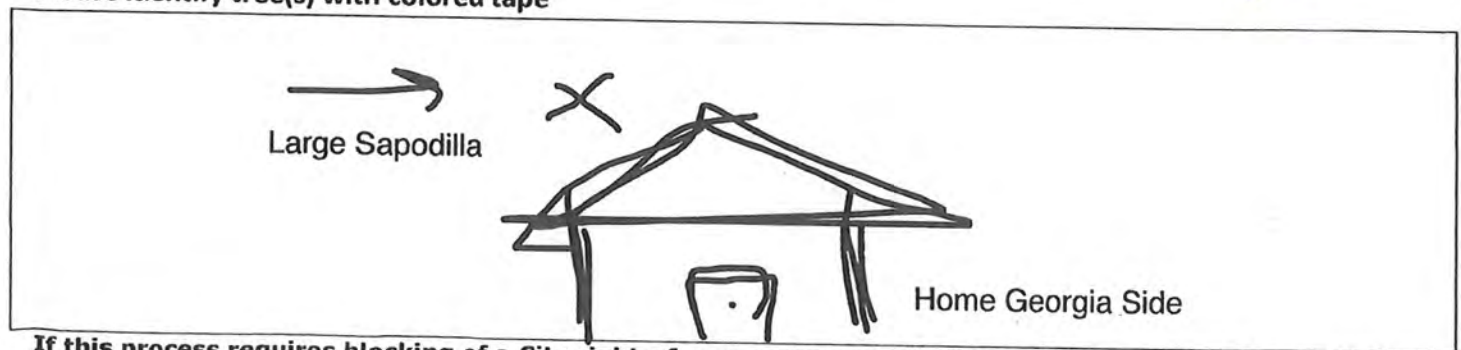
Representative Phone Number 3056479261

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

Please identify tree(s) with colored tape

13 ft



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



# 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** 9-12-23  
**Tree Address** 906 Georgia St, Key West, FL  
**Property Owner Name** Lucy Buffett  
**Property Owner Mailing Address** P.O. Box 5265, Gulf Shores, AL 36547  
**Property Owner Mailing City,**  
**State, Zip** Gulf Shores, AL 36547  
**Property Owner Phone Number** 251-751-5858  
**Property Owner email Address** lucybuffett@me.com  
**Property Owner Signature** [Signature]

**Representative Name** Clifton Turner  
**Representative Mailing Address** 19463 Date Palm Dr  
**Representative Mailing City,**  
**State, Zip** Sugarloaf Key FL 33042  
**Representative Phone Number** 3056479261  
**Representative email Address** shortystlc@gmail.com

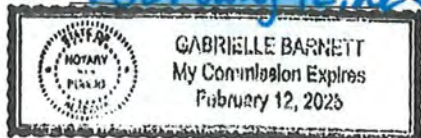
I Lucy Buffett hereby authorize the above listed agent(s) to represent me in the matter of obtaining a Tree Permit from the City of Key West for my property at the tree address above listed. You may contact me at the telephone listed above is there is any questions or need access to my property.

Property Owner Signature [Signature]

The forgoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this 12 day September 23  
By (Print name of Affiant) Lucy Buffett who is personally known to me or has produced as identification and who did take an oath.

**Notary Public**  
Sign name: Gabrielle Barnett  
Print name: Gabrielle Barnett

My Commission expires: February 12, 2025 Notary Public-State of Alabama (Seal)



# Monroe County, FL

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

## Summary

Parcel ID 00024510-000000  
 Account# 1025305  
 Property ID 1025305  
 Millage Group 10KW  
 Location Address 906 GEORGIA ST. KEY WEST  
 Legal KW W C MALONEY DIAGRAM PB1-22 LT 6 AND PT LT 7 SQR 1 TR 7 G33-420/21 OR411-634 OR536-299 OR626-786 OR1158-615 OR1501-1836/38 OR1703-1488/89 OR2021-2331/32 OR2533-545/47 OR2598-878/79 OR2672-2131 OR2676-956/58  
 Description (Note: Not to be used on legal documents.)  
 Neighborhood 6284  
 Property Class SINGLE FAMILY RESID (0100)  
 Subdivision  
 Sec/Twp/Rng 05/68/25  
 Affordable No  
 Housing



## Owner

BUFFET LUCY A  
 906 Georgia St  
 Key West FL 33040

## Valuation

|                            | 2023 Preliminary Values | 2022 Certified Values | 2021 Certified Values | 2020 Certified Values |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| + Market Improvement Value | \$478,878               | \$484,383             | \$422,051             | \$431,429             |
| + Market Misc Value        | \$22,008                | \$22,694              | \$23,379              | \$24,065              |
| + Market Land Value        | \$1,254,825             | \$916,988             | \$623,025             | \$640,575             |
| = Just Market Value        | \$1,755,711             | \$1,424,065           | \$1,068,455           | \$1,096,069           |
| = Total Assessed Value     | \$1,133,523             | \$1,100,508           | \$1,068,455           | \$1,078,761           |
| - School Exempt Value      | (\$25,000)              | (\$25,000)            | (\$25,000)            | (\$25,000)            |
| = School Taxable Value     | \$1,108,523             | \$1,075,508           | \$1,043,455           | \$1,053,761           |

## Historical Assessments

| Year | Land Value | Building Value | Yard Item Value | Just (Market) Value | Assessed Value | Exempt Value | Taxable Value | Maximum Portability |
|------|------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 2022 | \$916,988  | \$484,383      | \$22,694        | \$1,424,065         | \$1,100,508    | \$25,000     | \$1,075,508   | \$323,557           |
| 2021 | \$623,025  | \$422,051      | \$23,379        | \$1,068,455         | \$1,068,455    | \$25,000     | \$1,043,455   | \$0                 |
| 2020 | \$640,575  | \$431,429      | \$24,065        | \$1,096,069         | \$1,078,761    | \$25,000     | \$1,053,761   | \$17,308            |
| 2019 | \$774,394  | \$333,683      | \$24,751        | \$1,132,828         | \$1,054,508    | \$25,000     | \$1,029,508   | \$78,320            |
| 2018 | \$745,875  | \$342,464      | \$25,435        | \$1,113,774         | \$1,034,846    | \$25,000     | \$1,009,846   | \$78,928            |

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 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| RES SUPERIOR DRY (01SD) | 5,850.00        | Square Foot | 65       | 90    |

## Buildings

|                |                         |                      |                             |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Building ID    | 1898                    | Exterior Walls       | ABOVE AVERAGE WOOD          |
| Style          | 1 STORY ELEV FOUNDATION | Year Built           | 1938                        |
| Building Type  | S.F.R. - R1 / R1        | Effective Year Built | 2010                        |
| Building Name  |                         | Foundation           | WD CONC PADS                |
| Gross Sq Ft    | 2065                    | Roof Type            | GABLE/HIP                   |
| Finished Sq Ft | 1560                    | Roof Coverage        | METAL                       |
| Stories        | 1 Floor                 | Flooring Type        | SFT/HD WD                   |
| Condition      | AVERAGE                 | Heating Type         | FCD/AIR DUCTED with 0% NONE |
| Perimeter      | 216                     | Bedrooms             | 3                           |
| Functional Obs | 0                       | Full Bathrooms       | 3                           |
| Economic Obs   | 0                       | Half Bathrooms       | 0                           |
| Depreciation % | 13                      | Grade                | 500                         |
| Interior Walls | WD PANL/CUSTOM          | Number of Fire Pl    | 0                           |

| Code  | Description    | Sketch Area | Finished Area | Perimeter |
|-------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| OPX   | EXC OPEN PORCH | 499         | 0             | 0         |
| FLA   | FLOOR LIV AREA | 1,560       | 1,560         | 0         |
| SFB   | UTIL FIN BLK   | 6           | 0             | 0         |
| TOTAL |                | 2,065       | 1,560         | 0         |

## Yard Items

| Description   | Year Built | Roll Year | Size    | Quantity | Units  | Grade |
|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|----------|--------|-------|
| RES POOL      | 2005       | 2006      | 8 x 12  | 1        | 96 SF  | 5     |
| WATER FEATURE | 2005       | 2006      | 0 x 0   | 1        | 1 UT   | 1     |
| WOOD DECK     | 2005       | 2006      | 0 x 0   | 1        | 193 SF | 2     |
| TILE PATIO    | 1998       | 1999      | 3 x 21  | 1        | 63 SF  | 3     |
| BRICK PATIO   | 2013       | 2014      | 0 x 0   | 1        | 846 SF | 2     |
| FENCES        | 2013       | 2014      | 4 x 217 | 1        | 868 SF | 2     |
| FENCES        | 2013       | 2014      | 6 x 52  | 1        | 312 SF | 2     |



1075305 - 906 GEORGIA ST 09/23/18

Map



TRIM Notice

[2023 TRIM Notice \(PDF\)](#)

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Contact Us



## Karen DeMaria

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**From:** Karen DeMaria  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2023 2:34 PM  
**To:** LUCY BUFFETT  
**Cc:** Clifton Turner  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] October Tree Commission

Lucy:

I did inspect the tree this morning with Clifton. It would be good to have some additional information and documentation for the file regarding your concerns about the tree. Letters from your neighbors regarding their concerns, any issues with the roots (photos showing cracks or unlevel floors from the roots), documentation from the landscaper regarding issues he has seen. Any photos of termite swarms? Clifton and I did find some termite mud but nothing that would alarm me so I asked him to look close at the crotch areas of the tree.

That is a big, old tree so any information or documentation that can be submitted to the file regarding your request will be helpful in the decision.

Any additional information should be submitted to my office by Monday, October 2, 2023 at noon so I can include it in my review when I finalize my report. The absolute last day to submit additional information to the file for the meeting is noon October 13.

Sincerely,

Karen

*Karen DeMaria*

Urban Forestry Manager  
Certified Arborist FL-6585A  
City of Key West  
305-809-3768



**From:** LUCY BUFFETT <lucybuffett@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2023 4:53 PM  
**To:** Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] October Tree Commission

Hi Karen

Yes, you can easily get to the tree without anybody being there. The only two gates that are locked are the driveway gate and the one in the back on Olivia Street. None of the other gates are locked. There is some makeshift fencing for my puppy but that can be moved or taken down if you need that.

Here is the easiest way:

Go through the front gate and onto the brick front porch.

Turn to the left and walk past the two chairs. There is a small gate that opens onto the driveway.

Go through that gate and then to the right is a large gate that opens to the guest quarters. Go through that gate.

You can then walk around the left side of the house to the back corner where that beloved old tree is.

My greatest concern now is that the tree is filled with termites and is a danger to my house and my neighbors' homes. There was a Gumbo Limbo tree between on the property line between my house and my Olivia Street neighbor that just blew down in a very small storm a couple of years ago. Luckily did not hit any houses but did hit a car and the fencing.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out via email or call me at 251-751-5858..

Thanks so much for your help.

With appreciation,

Lucy Buffett