

STAFF REPORT

DATE: April 27, 2023

RE: 3409 Eagle Avenue ROW (permit application # T2023-0145)

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

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

Tree Species: Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)



Photo showing location of tree, view 1.



Photo showing location, view 2, and whole tree.



Photo of tree canopy and trunks, view 1.



Photo of base and trunks of tree.



Photo of main trunk and crotch area.



Photo of
tree
canopy,
view 1.



Photo of
tree
canopy
and trunk,
view 2.



Photo
of base
of tree.



Closeup photo of main crotch
area with baby Gumbo limbo
tree growing from it.



Close up of large decay area in main trunk and baby gumbo limbo tree growing from main crotch area.



Photo of
tree
canopy,
view 2.



Close up
photo of
baby palm
growing
from
decay
area
in canopy.



Photo of
tree
canopy,
view 3.



Closeup
photo of
decay
area on
canopy
branch
growing
over right
of way.



Two photos of whole tree showing location, taken in December 2022.





Two
photos of
tree
canopy
taken in
December
2022.





Photo of
base of
tree taken
in
December
2022.



Photo of tree
trunks taken
in December
2022.



Close up photo of decay area in second main trunk.



Photo of whole tree showing location, taken in December 2022.

Diameter: 21.3"

Location: 80% (growing on City right of way-very visible)

Species: 100% (on protected tree list)

Condition: 40% (overall condition is poor-several areas of decay in main trunks and canopy branches.)

Total Average Value = 73%

Value x Diameter = 15.5 replacement caliper inches

Application



T2023-0145

Tree Permit Application

Please Clearly Print All Information unless indicated otherwise. Date: 4-21-23

Tree Address 3409 Eagle Ave ROW
Cross/Corner Street CLO0118
List Tree Name(s) and Quantity 1- Royal Poinciana tree

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

*Oct 2022
Property owner verbally
asked about tree
removal - told him to
submit request in writing
due to neighbor
upset

Property owner would like city to remove tree. Tree
has termites and is located where he wants to
install a driveway. He is willing to plant any
required replacement trees in other ROW areas
City of Key West

Property Owner Name
Property Owner email Address

Property Owner Mailing Address

Property Owner Phone Number

Property Owner Signature

TODD C. STOUTON, ALM
4-24-23

*Representative Name

Representative email Address

Representative Mailing Address

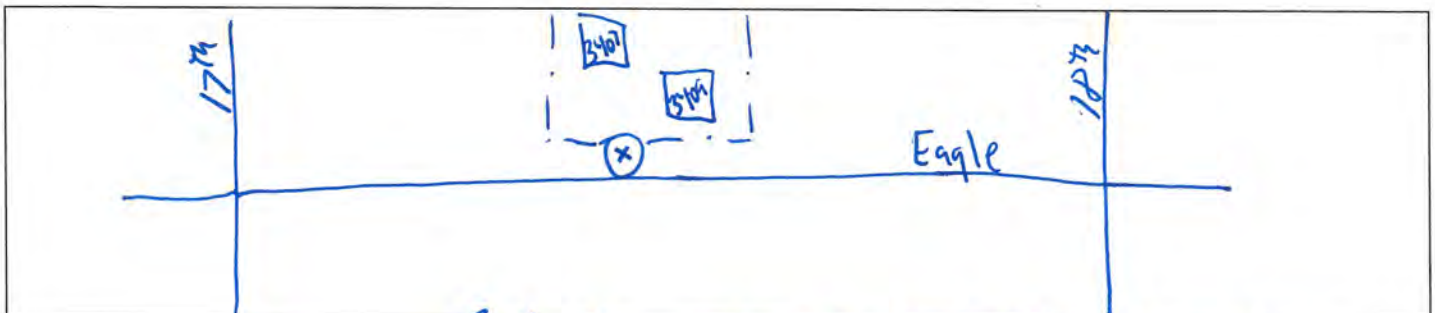
Representative Phone Number

Gary Burchfield
800 Simantan Street Key West FL 33040
gary@garythecarpenter.com
305 797 7778

*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.



4-20-23
5.7" circ
21.3" dbh

several areas of decay in main
trunks. bumblebee tree grazing
in main crotch - palm grazing out
of main horizontal branch.

Karen DeMaria

From: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 5:01 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: tree removal request

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Thank you. I think the city should remove it because of the condition of it. But I will replace it with approval and recommendations.

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2023 3:27:26 PM
To: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Subject: tree removal request

Attached is a copy of the meeting notice letter. A hard copy is being sent to you.

It is understood that you, being the person requesting the removal, will be responsible for the required replacements. Who will be removing the tree, if approved? The City or you?

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria

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





Karen DeMaria

From: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:22 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] FW:

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I would prefer to put an offer to plant another Royal Poinciana on some other parcel for the City of KW. I love gumbo limbo's, and I plan on putting another one on the property to the right.

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:19:27 PM
To: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] FW:

No, Royal Poinciana trees have a slightly higher value as they are the official City tree.


Gumbo Limbo have a 4:1 replacement value.

Royal Poinciana have a 4:25 replacement value.

Sincerely,

Karen

4-20-23
5'7" CIR
→



From: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:15 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] FW:

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I'd be happy to plant a royal Poinciana on city property. And still plant a gumbo limbo here. You told me that gumbo limbo have a higher value than Poinciana tree. But I will send you photos of the tree

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From: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:10:41 PM
To: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW:

Karen DeMaria

From: Karen DeMaria
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:11 PM
To: Gary Burchfield
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] FW:

As I mentioned on the phone several months ago, the first step is for you to request in writing, that the City review the potential request to remove the tree. With this email I can initiate the review to include review to the City Manager's office as the City Manager must sign the application as it is a City tree then I will put it on the Tree Commission agenda.

I have reviewed the tree once before but will be doing another review soon based on your email request. You state that the tree is rotten to the core and full of termites. Do you have evidence of this? If so, please send that to me so I can add the information to your request. Also, any additional documentation you want me to add to the file, now is the time to get it to me.

Removal of the tree will require Tree Commission approval and if you want to remove the tree, you will need to attend the meeting to speak to the Tree Commission. Based on previous similar requests regarding Royal Poinciana trees, and previous comments from the property owners in the area, it might be best to offer to plant a Royal Poinciana tree instead of a Gumbo Limbo tree in the new right of way location.

Sincerely,

Karen

Karen DeMaria

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



From: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Karen DeMaria <kdemaria@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW:

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I am in the process of applying for a right away easement in front of my property at 3409-3411 Eagle ave. There is a poinciana tree there now and I would like to have it removed at my cost and replace with a 8 inch gumbo limbo in the area depicted in these plans as well as some other native small plants. My plan includes a dot sidewalk with two curb cuts and I would like to curb the area around the new tree to protect it. The Poinciana tree is rotten in the core and full of termites. Since I do not own the city of Key West I can not apply for a tree permit. Please direct me on what I should do . Thank you Gary Burchfield
305-797-7778

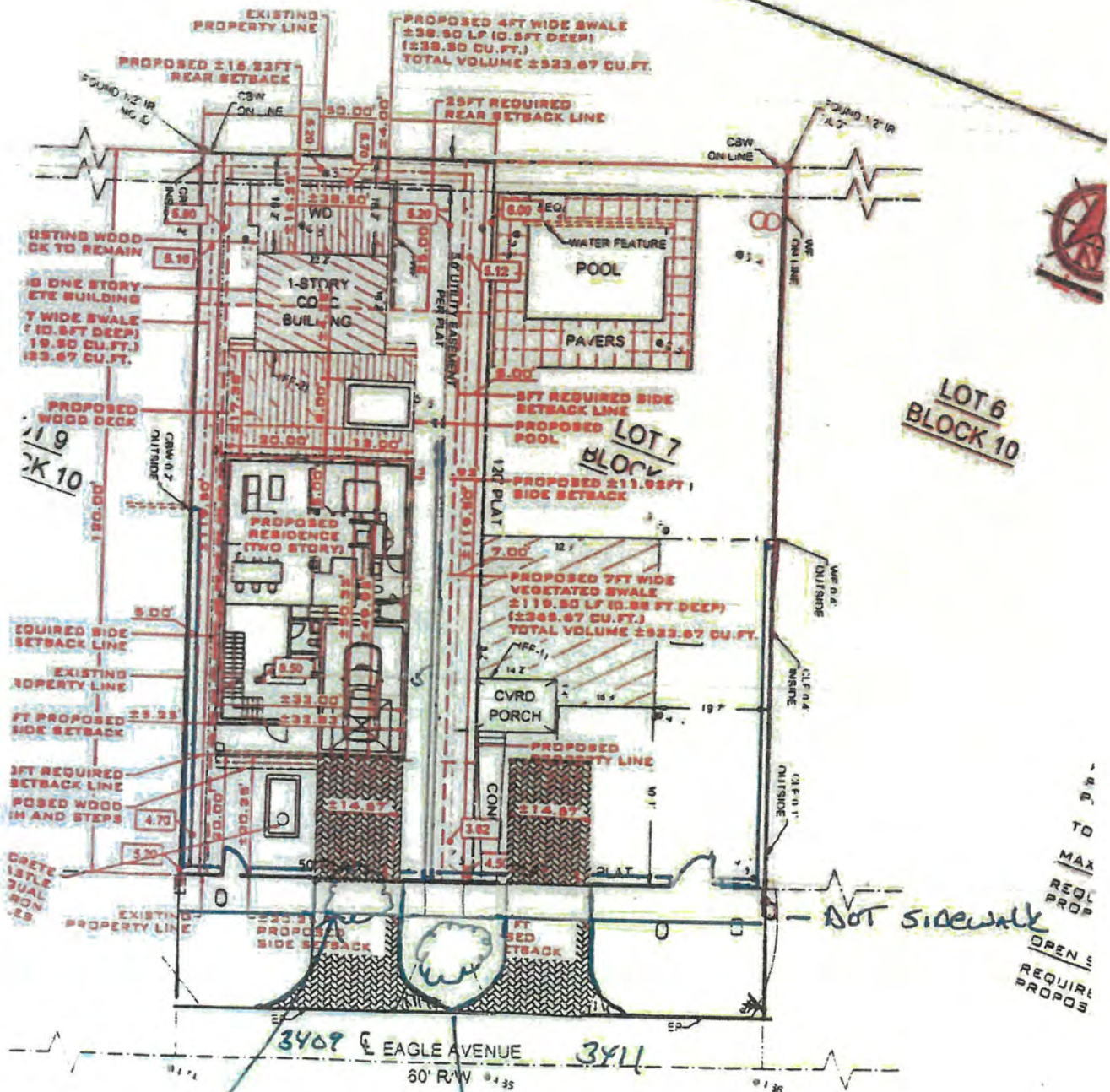
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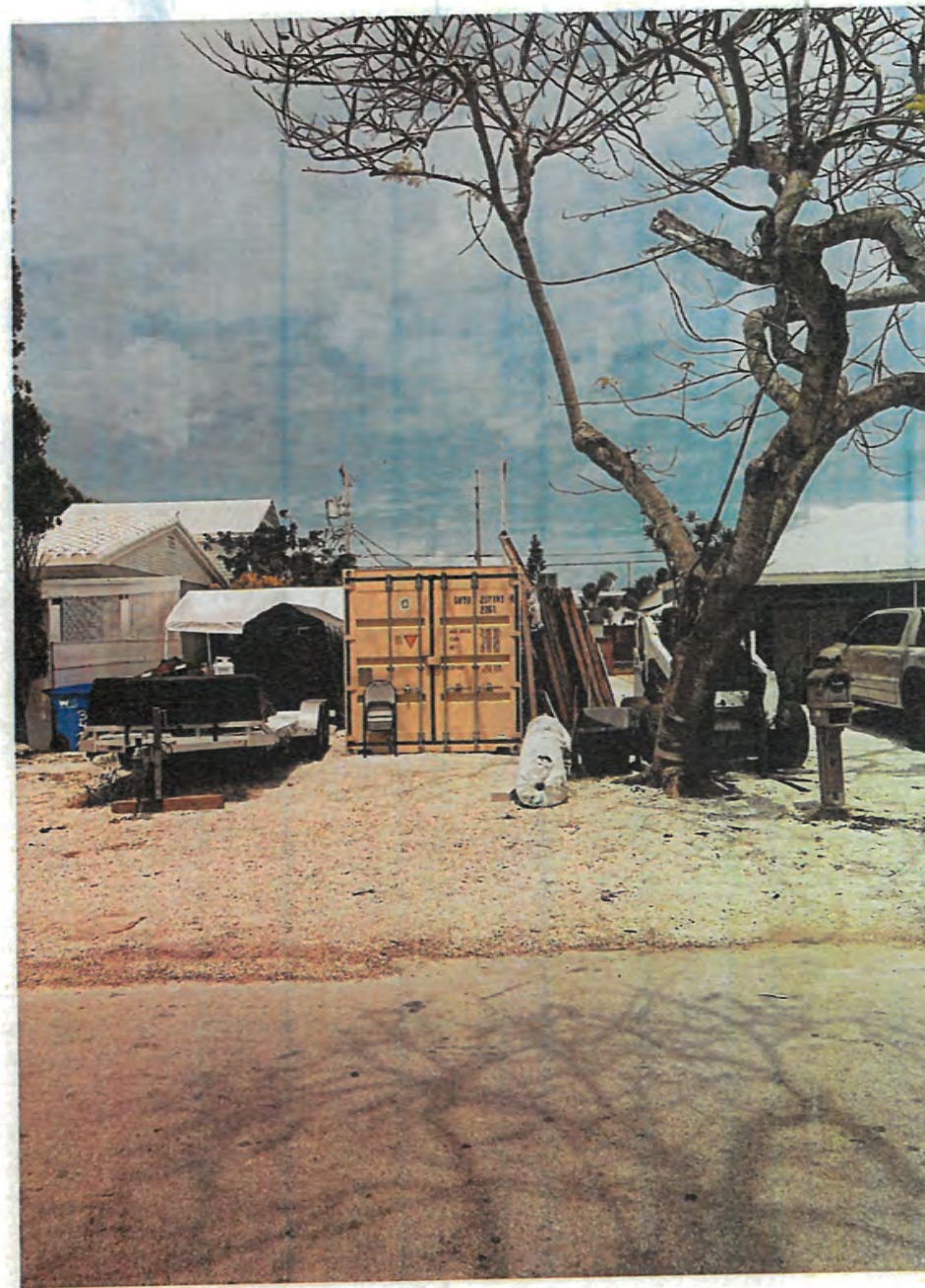
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To: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>

Cc: Gary Burchfield <gary@garythecarpenter.com>

Subject:



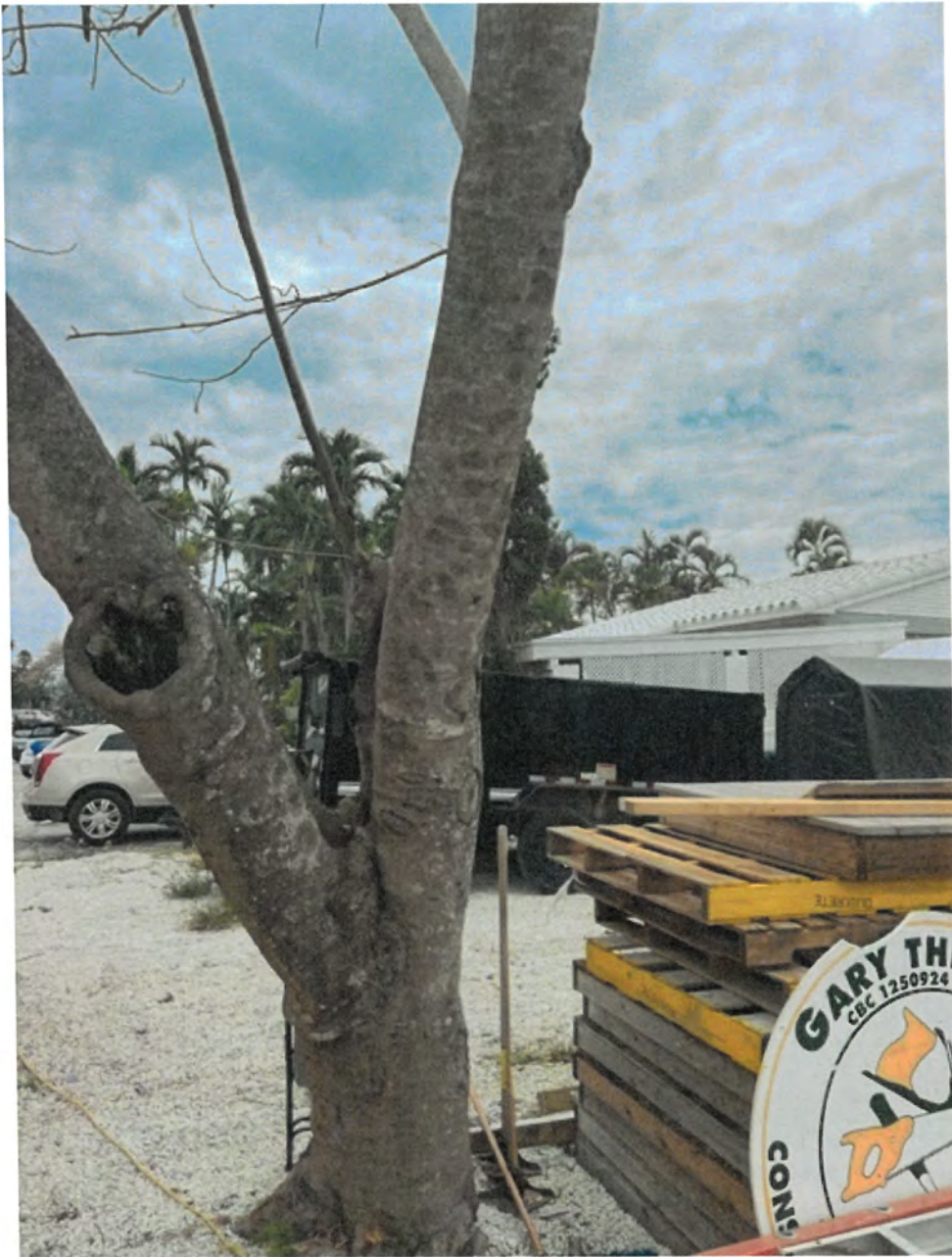


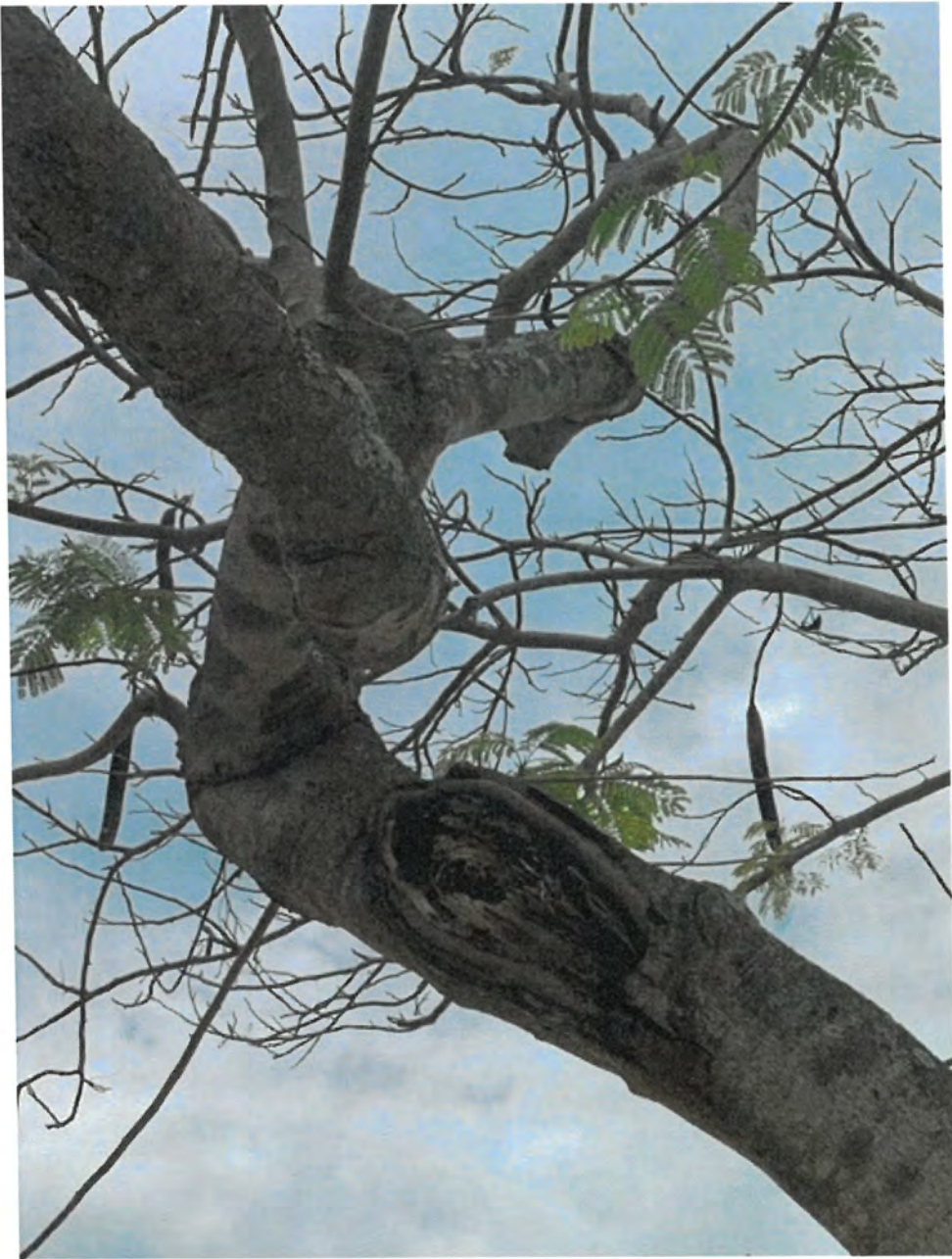
Karen DeMaria

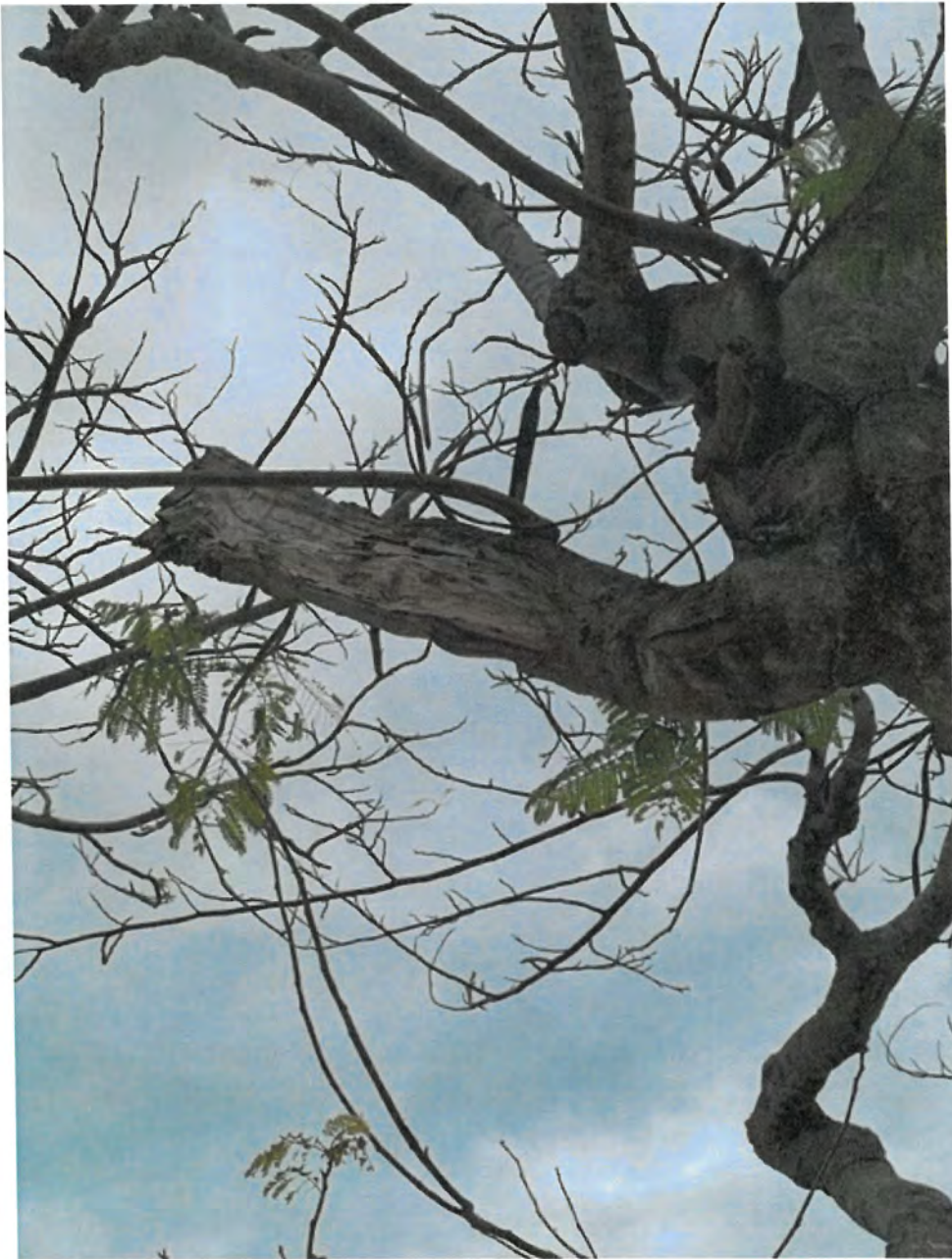
From: Gary Burchfield <garybthecarpenter@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Karen DeMaria
Subject: [EXTERNAL] 3409 Eagle

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