



DeKalb County Department of Planning & Sustainability

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APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission

- Address of Property:** 1125 Oxford Rd., Atlanta, GA 30306
 Owner: Scott and Sarah Ellyson Owner Telephone: _____
 Owner Address: ~~same~~ current- 224 Glendale Ave, Decatur, GA 30030 → moving to Oxford Rd. in January.
- Name of Applicant:** Sarah Ellyson and Scott Ellyson
 You or your representative may be present at the meeting of the commission, but attendance is not mandatory.
 You will be notified of the time, date, and location of the meeting. Email: ellyson.sarah@comcast.net
 Mailing Address: 224 Glendale Ave, Decatur GA 30030
 Daytime Telephone: 770-241-7850
 Relationship of Applicant to Property Owner: Owner Architect Contractor
 Other
- Age of Structure:** Approximate date of construction for the primary structure on the property and any secondary structures affected by this project: ~ 1928
- Nature of Proposed Work:**

<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Preparation/Clearance
<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Moving a Building
<input type="checkbox"/> Addition	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign Erection or Replacement
<input type="checkbox"/> New Freestanding Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Repairs or Alterations
<input type="checkbox"/> Fence/Wall	<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Architectural Features
<input type="checkbox"/> Exterior Environmental Feature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
<input type="checkbox"/> Change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Deck or Patio	

Please describe your proposed work as simply and accurately as possible. Use the attached submittal criteria checklist to guide you in your description. Be sure to indicate building and landscape materials to be used. Accurate drawings and photographs are **required**. (Use extra sheet, if necessary.)

Please see Addendum 7

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed before the Historic Preservation Commission can consider the approval of any material change to a Historic Property or within a Historic District. This form, along with supporting documents (plans, material, color samples, and photos), must be filed with the Historic Preservation staff, DeKalb County Planning Department, 330 West Ponce de Leon Avenue, Suite 500, Decatur, Georgia 30030. Provide nine (8) collated sets of the application form and all supporting documentation. In addition, provide eight (8) collated sets of plans reduced to 11"x 17" or smaller and three (3) additional sets at scale. All documents submitted in hard copy must also be submitted in .pdf format. All applicable items from the attached checklist of Submittal Criteria must be addressed. Incomplete applications will not be docketed for consideration by the Historic Preservation Commission.

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Date received: _____

Initials: _____

Sign given: Yes No

Sarah Ellyson 12-12-10
Signature of Applicant Date

Addendum to Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)

Property: 1125 Oxford Rd., Atlanta, GA 30030 (DeKalb County)

Applicants: Sarah and Scott Ellyson

Re: Tree Removal and Replacement

4. Nature of the Proposed Work:

We recently bought the property in question and are in the process of landscaping. Aside from getting the property ready for our move-in at the end of January, we are also in a slightly urgent mode, as we have agreed to be a part of the upcoming Druid Hills' tour of homes.

As part of the landscaping process, we are seeking the removal of two mature Bradford Pear trees in the strip along the front of the property between the sidewalk and the street. We, along with our landscaper, Dottie Myers, feel that the pear trees are no longer appropriate for the space. They appear far too big for the strip, especially when compared to the other trees in the strip that run along Oxford Rd. More concerning, they infringe upon the power lines, and because they do, they have been cut back harshly over time. (See photos in Attached envelope).

We seek to replace these trees with two more appropriate trees, namely Coral Bark Japanese Maples. These trees have been selected by our seasoned and experienced landscaper. (See Attachment 1, Letter by Dottie Myers; see also images of a Coral Bark Japanese Maple, Attachment 2).

We contacted David Cullison, the Senior Planner, and he explained that, to remove the trees in the strip, we would need to file this application. He also provided us with the applicable provision, 9.2, which clearly requires tree plantings in the strip. He suggested that removing the pear trees is probably a good idea, but only if our new plantings fit the environment and the strip. Our landscaper is an expert in this matter and has picked these Coral Bark Japanese Maples with these factors in mind.

We are also seeking to remove an 8-inch Red Maple that was planted too close to the Bradford Pears (and too close to another tree) and, over time, has been compromised severely. We seek to replace it with an American Yellowwood tree, also a tree selected by Dottie Myers. (See letter, Attachment 1). This tree is not actually in the strip, and thus it is unclear if we need to make this tree part of this application, but we are including it in this write-up just in case.

If needed, we have also included a copy of the existing landscaping plan to give an overhead view of where these trees are located. (See Attachment 3.) Please let us know what more you need from us to process this application.

Thank you,

Sarah Ellyson

770-241-7850

A Hachment 1

Dottie Myers and Associates

Landscape Architects

1024 Forrest Blvd. Decatur, GA.30030

404-580-9585

dottiemyers@gmail.com

November 29, 2016

Sarah and Scott Ellyson

1125 Oxford Road

Atlanta, GA.

Dear Sarah and Scott,

When I met with Mark Collins of Appleseed Tree Service on July 13th and we walked the yard and looked at the condition of the trees, there were three trees we were going to wait to see how they looked once the others were removed as they were so crowded together, it was difficult to tell at the time.

It is now obvious that the other 2 Bradford Pears ^{in the strip} need to be removed. Even with the center one being removed, due to their location in the verge and their position directly under the power lines which has caused the power companies to pollard them, they are totally inappropriate for the space. Once removed, we can plant 2 more appropriate street trees.

Also there is also an 8" Red Maple that was planted so close to the 3 Bradford Pears and was also overwhelmed by the mulberry that was removed. Due to close proximity to these trees and shading, it has almost no head and is leaning at a strong angle when it was competing for sun. I recommend its removal and replanting an American Yellowwood tree a bit further back in the yard to allow for its growth. It is a beautiful native tree that I think is much better suited to the space and site.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

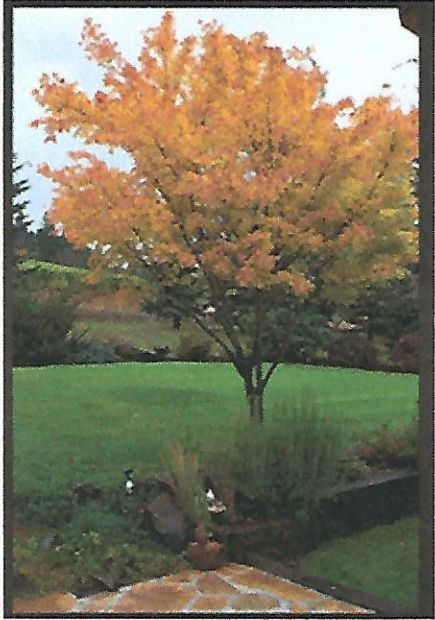
Sincerely,

Dottie Myers

but not in the strip

ATTACHMENT 2

Coral Bark Japanese Maple in season and in winter:





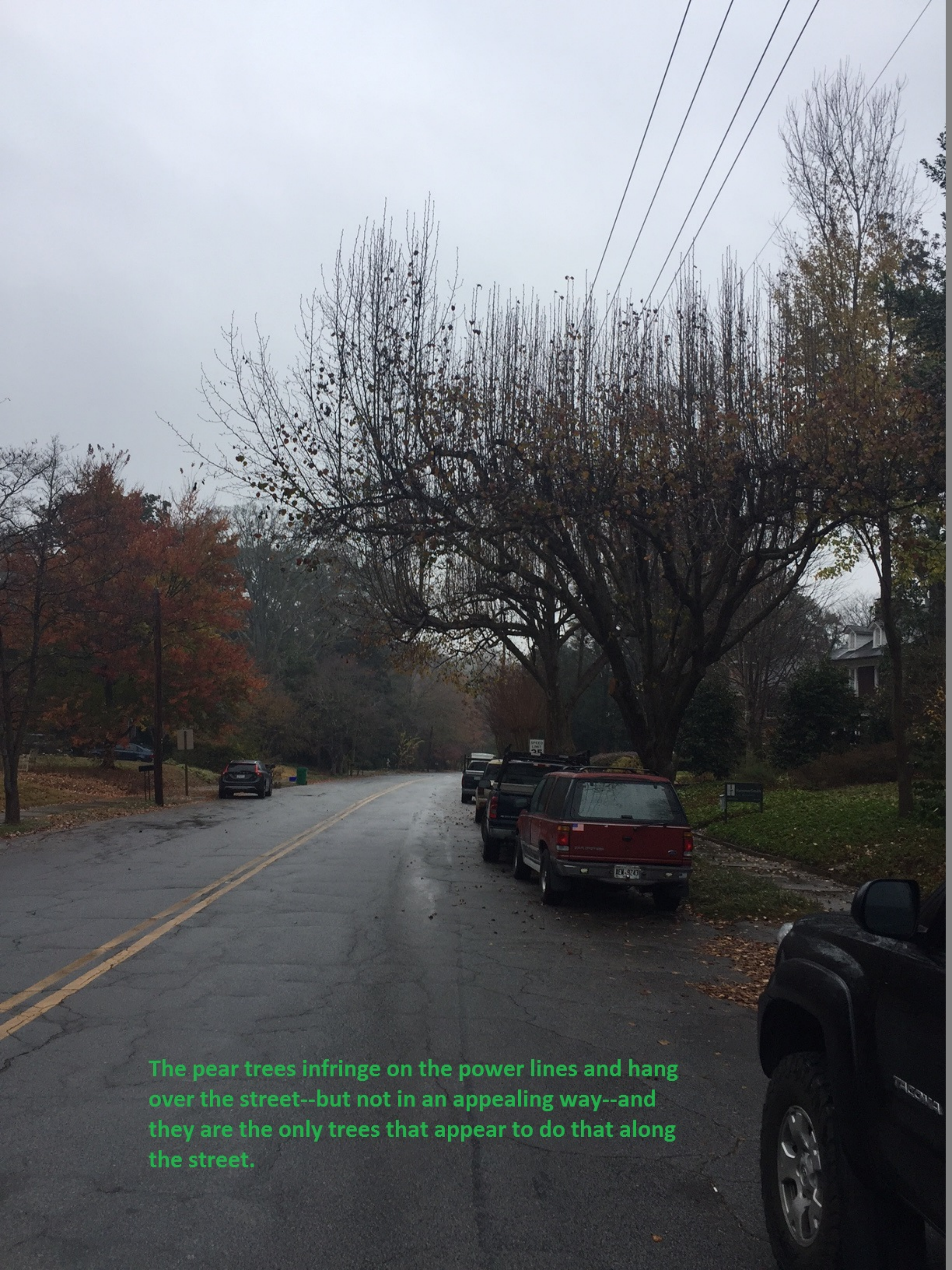
Trees from north side, showing that they infringe on power lines and hang over the street.







Comparison to neighbor's trees in the strip in terms of size/height. Neighbor's trees are fully inside the red circle. Also shows the pear trees tangling in power lines.



The pear trees infringe on the power lines and hang over the street--but not in an appealing way--and they are the only trees that appear to do that along the street.





This picture shows how large the tree is compared to the strip and compared to our neighbor's trees in the background. It also shows how the trees infringe on the power lines, and the effects of the trees being cut back over the years.

