




# City of Nevada City

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September 27, 2010

To: Planning Commission

From: Cindy Siegfried, City Planner 

RE: **254 Boulder Street – Charlotte and Howard Dewar, Owners**  
Tree Application to remove a four-foot-wide Douglas fir

**PROJECT:**

Please find attached a Tree Removal Application from Charlotte and Howard Dewar, owners of the property at 254 Boulder Street. The application requests removal of a very large Douglas fir tree, 4 feet in diameter. The tree is located in the front yard of the home, close to the historic home on the property.

The site was visited by me and Verne Taylor, Director of Public Works. Attached you will find a report from Verne and his findings and recommendation for removal of the tree.

The owners have planted several trees on their property and because of the many trees on the site, staff is not recommending that additional trees be planted. The owners have indicated that the tree and stump will be completely removed.

*Attachment: Director of Public Works Staff Report  
Application*



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The tree in question is a Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga Menziesii*) with a 48-inch dbh (Diameter at Breast Height) and a height of approximately 120 feet.

The tree has multiple surface roots and a significant lean to the north.

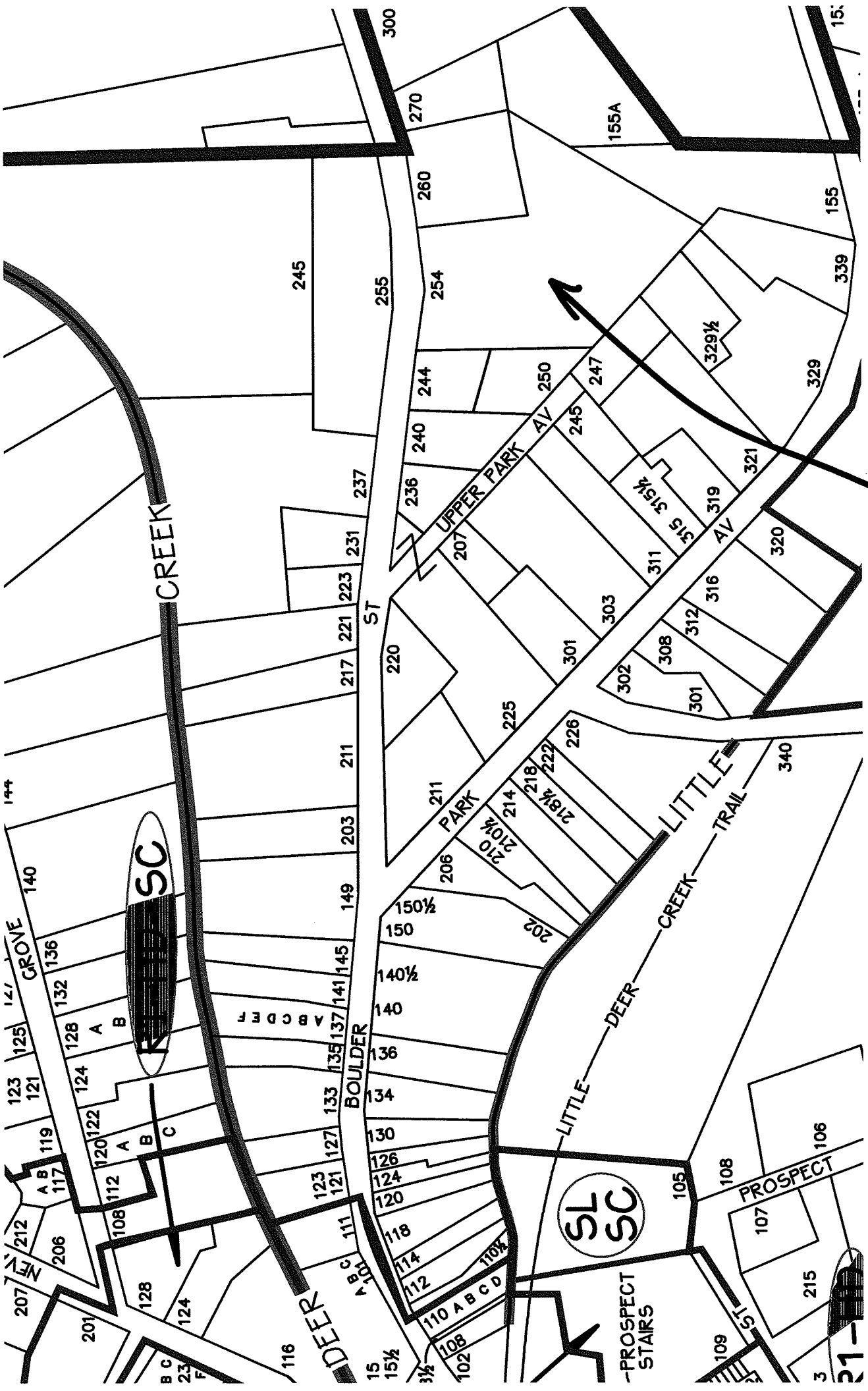
The exposed surface roots have damaged walkways and looks to be under the porch structure. The foundation of the Marsh house is stacked granite blocks which are easily damaged by roots of this size.

While this tree is leaning towards Boulder Street and is not an immediate danger to the house it does represent a significant danger to Boulder Street and the rest of the trees on the property. Other trees on the site include a 60-inch dbh Cedar, a Maple, Linden walnut, and tulip trees. All trees are mature landscape trees and are a solid screen between Boulder Street and the Marsh House.

The removal of this tree will save multiple trees in the future and possibly avoid involving Boulder Street traffic in a catastrophic failure of one and possibly more trees.

I would recommend the Planning Commission approve the removal of this fir tree.

**V. TAYLOR STAFF REPORT**



254 BOULDER ST

TREE REMOVAL



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Filing Fees	
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Bus. Lic.	

# CITY OF NEVADA CITY

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## TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

A City permit is required for removal of any tree with a cumulative diameter at breast height (cbd) of 4" or greater (Mandrone, Manzanita, Oak); or 6" or greater (all other trees). An arborist's report may also be required. See Ordinance 2004-09 (City Code, Ch 18) for criteria.

**NOTE: A \$50 administrative fee must be paid when the application is submitted. All applications must include photographs of the tree(s) to be removed and a site plan showing the location of all trees to be removed and approximate locations of any roads and structures.**

Street Address/Location: 254 Boulder ST APN #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Representative: Charlotte Dewar Phone #: 470.8989

Mailing Address: same

Identify and describe tree(s) to be removed and state reason(s). Use additional pages if necessary.

Number	Diameter	Species	Reason for removal (See § 18.01.035)
1	4 feet	fir	grow into House foundation & damage roof

Property Owner's Signature: *Charlotte Dewar* Date: 9/12

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Permit Date: 9/1 Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks (Mitigation/Protection Measures): \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Date

Charlotte & Howard Dewar  
254 Boulder St, Nevada City, CA 95959  
Phone: 530-470-8989  
E: charlotte@china-advocates.com

September 1, 2010

Dear City Manager,

My husband and I are the owners of the historic Marsh House for 10 years now. We have spent great effort renovating the house in the past 5 years. We have a large tree in front of the porch that has grown into the foundation of the house by raising the concrete pavement. The tree is very close to the house that last winter, several large branches fell into the new roof and made substantial damage. We fear the tree will cause more damage and harm to the house. We have to take it out for the safety of the property and our own life.

We have included a few pictures for your reference. We hope to take the tree out this month before the winter storm starts. We have planted two horse chestnut trees nearby 3 years ago. They will become large trees and better replacement for the old one. In addition, we have planted 10 cherry blossoms and 5 magnolia trees so we have lots of growth and colors on our property in the coming years.

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dewar", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charlotte & Howard Dewar

