



August 29, 2012

Re: Blue Ravine Oaks Tree and Concrete Replacement Project

Dear Blue Ravine Oaks Resident:

**EXCITING NEWS!** The tree and concrete replacement project in Blue Ravine Oaks will begin September, 2012. Residents will receive a 72-hour advance notice prior to work beginning on their street. Please help us by removing vehicles off the street when you receive the notice. You can also refer to our City Web site at [http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/parks\\_n\\_recreation/landscape.asp](http://www.folsom.ca.us/depts/parks_n_recreation/landscape.asp) for additional details and information about the project.

The City of Folsom has retained a contractor, Central Valley Engineering & Asphalt, to complete the work and City staff will be monitoring and overseeing the progress of each stage.

The scope of work includes:

- ✓ Remove and replace damaged concrete sidewalks (in approximately 50 locations)
- ✓ Remove trees causing damage
- ✓ Replace vegetation with either a new tree or new shrub (list attached)
- ✓ Install root barriers and root conduits to direct new root growth downward and to minimize future lifts in sidewalks
- ✓ Remove and replace damaged curb, gutter, and street sections (in select locations)

Tree and shrub replacements have been pre-selected by the City Arborist for each tree well, and are listed on the attached spreadsheet. You can also refer to the City of Folsom website for more information and pictures of each specific tree species. Also attached is a color map that indicates the status of each tree well.

The tree replacements are broken down into three categories, and depicted on the attached map as follows:

- **Yellow** indicates that the tree will be saved and in some cases only concrete work will be done. There are currently 18 trees that will remain.
- **Blue** indicates that the tree will be removed and in most cases both tree and concrete work will be done in that location. There are 61 trees, so far, that will be removed.
- **Pink** indicates that the tree requires a more involved process to determine whether the roots can be shaved or cut enough to allow the tree to be saved and yet still have adequate room to



install new concrete. This process will require City staff to make the appropriate determinations about whether to remove or save the tree. If the tree stays there is minimal work that can be done to control the existing root growth (we would attempt to reduce the height of a root) and as such, trees that remain will be carefully evaluated so as to not keep a tree that will cause similar damage in the near future. There are 37 trees that will be evaluated.

Tree planting details can be found on our website but in general include root tubes to allow roots to grow, root barriers to preclude roots from travelling under the concrete, and irrigation tubes to allow residents to irrigate the trees and/or shrubs in front of their residences.

This project does not include adding irrigation to the wells and as such we are hopeful that each resident will continue to “adopt” the tree or shrub in terms of watering. An inlet (on the residential side of the sidewalk) connected to a PVC irrigation sleeve will be installed under the new concrete to allow an entry point for watering via a garden hose or to connect to one’s existing irrigation system. All other care (fertilization, trimming, staking, structural pruning, etc.) will be done by the City.

We know that any construction project can be an inconvenience and it is our intention to accomplish this project with the least amount of inconvenience in your community. The entire project is expected to take place within a 4-6 week timeframe however the actual disturbance or inconvenience near individual properties would be much less than that (likely closer to 3 5 days) depending upon what is being done.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this project, please contact me, Lorraine Poggione at (916)355-7207 or [lpoggione@folsom.ca.us](mailto:lpoggione@folsom.ca.us). If there are on-site issues that need immediate attention and you cannot reach me, contact Dan Rivers, Landscaping and Lighting Supervisor, at (916) 307-2100 or [drivers@folsom.ca.us](mailto:drivers@folsom.ca.us) or Ryan Chance, Engineer in Public Works at (916) 355-8346 or [rchange@folsom.ca.us](mailto:rchange@folsom.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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Municipal Landscape Services Manager

#### ATTACHMENTS

Blue Ravine Oaks/Shores Tree Replacement Chart  
Blue Ravine Oaks Tree Map  
Photos of Trees and Shrubs