

DNI Application

20 Pearl Road

Boxford, 01921

Applicant: Robert Spillman

This summarizes our desire to cut and remove or trim a total of six trees on the property at 20 Pearl Road, Boxford (10-2-50, #20, 2 Ac). The trees are designated 1 through 6 on the attached photos and maps.

Tree 1: This is a tree that fell during a storm earlier in the summer (2014). It fell from a neighbor's property (18 Pearl Road), across a stone wall, and the majority of the tree is on our property. In cooperation with our neighbor, we wish to remove the entire tree. It is designated as "Tree 1" in the attached documents. The portion in our yard is shown in the photo and extends several more feet across the stone wall from where it fell. The contractor, John Grant, will minimize any damage to neighboring trees and plants by winching the entire tree up to the driveway through an area that was previously cleared for a drainage pipe, as shown by the arrows on the map and photo. It will be hauled away and cut for firewood. Our agreement with the contractor is to preserve the area as much as possible. One or two small trees along the drag route are at slight risk.

Trees 2 and 3: These two pine trees are near the garage on the left side of the driveway, as it is entered. The photos attempt to show the proximity of the trees to the house, relative to their size. A similar tree fell on the house some years ago, resulting in over \$40,000 in damage. Trees 2 and 3 are cause for growing concern and we wish to be

prepared should one or both develop into a more dangerous threat due to lean or tree damage. At this point (10/21/2014) our plan is to leave them in place. This request is meant to provide the freedom to respond to a more threatening situation.

Trees 4 and 5

These two trees are near our other neighbor's property line and next to our house. They are tall pines and could possibly hit either house in a bad storm. At this point they are not a severe threat and we plan to leave them for the moment. This requests full removal should a new storm cause sufficient damage such that removal would be warranted.

Tree 6: There is a tree near the road (Pearl) that is leaning towards the road, with one long branch that is susceptible to wind or snow. We wish to preempt it from falling onto the road by either trimming the branch or, as a last resort, remove it. The arborist feels it does not represent an immediate threat and believed the town might offer to remove the branch. The tree is easily accessible and is not likely to cause damage to other trees should it fall. We will likely, at most, trim the tree, but this request is for complete removal, should that be determined later.

Summary:

We request permission to remove all six trees identified. Tree 1 (the fallen tree) is certain and is the primary purpose of this DNI. The request to trim or remove trees 2 through 5 represents a precautionary request, and their removal will only be made in the event of an

increased hazard such as damage caused by a storm. Tree 6 (near the road) is also a precautionary measure. We do intend to remove one branch, but would ask permission to remove the whole tree in the future, should its condition worsen.

Thank you,

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Bob Spillman

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Boxford, MA 01921

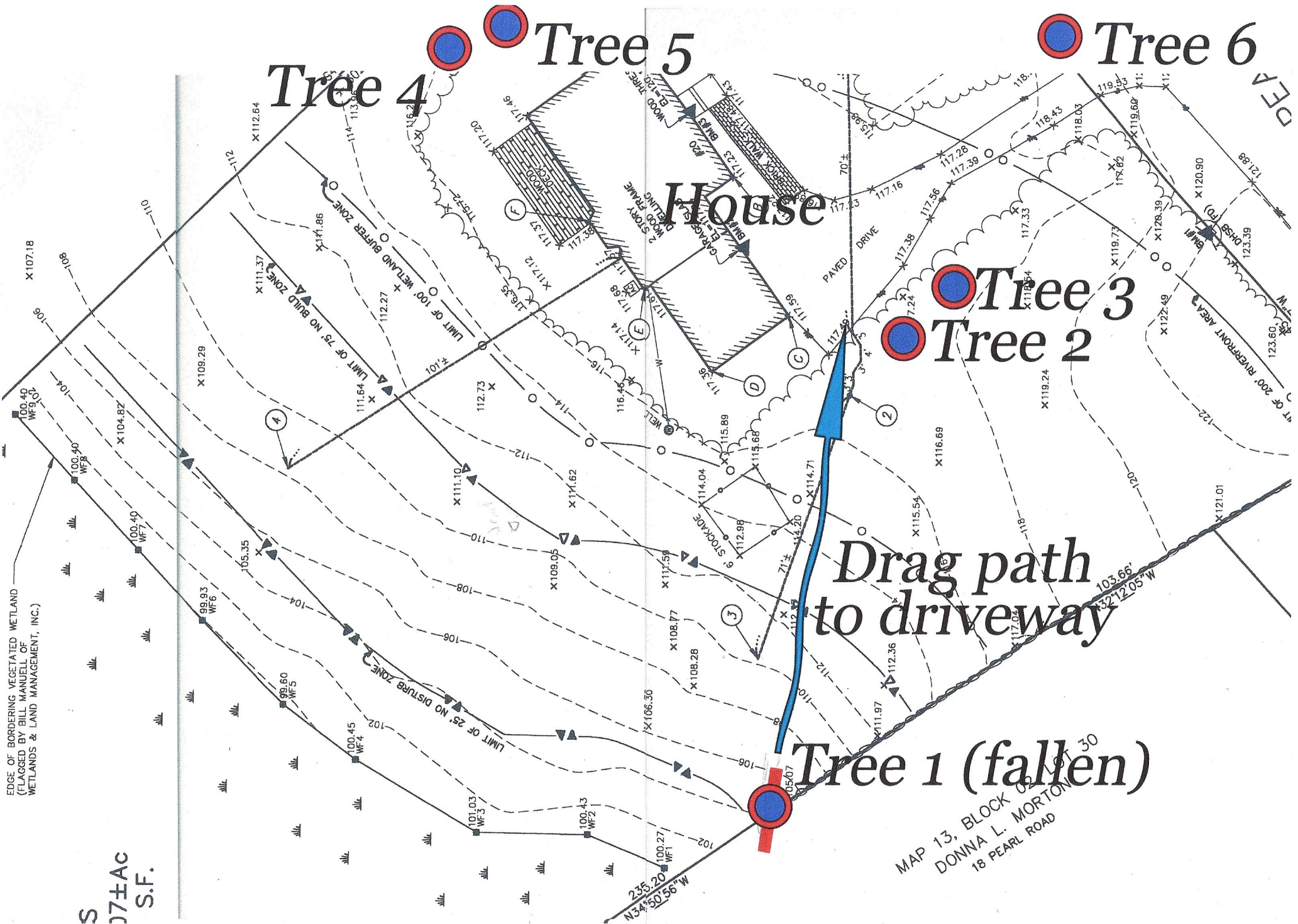
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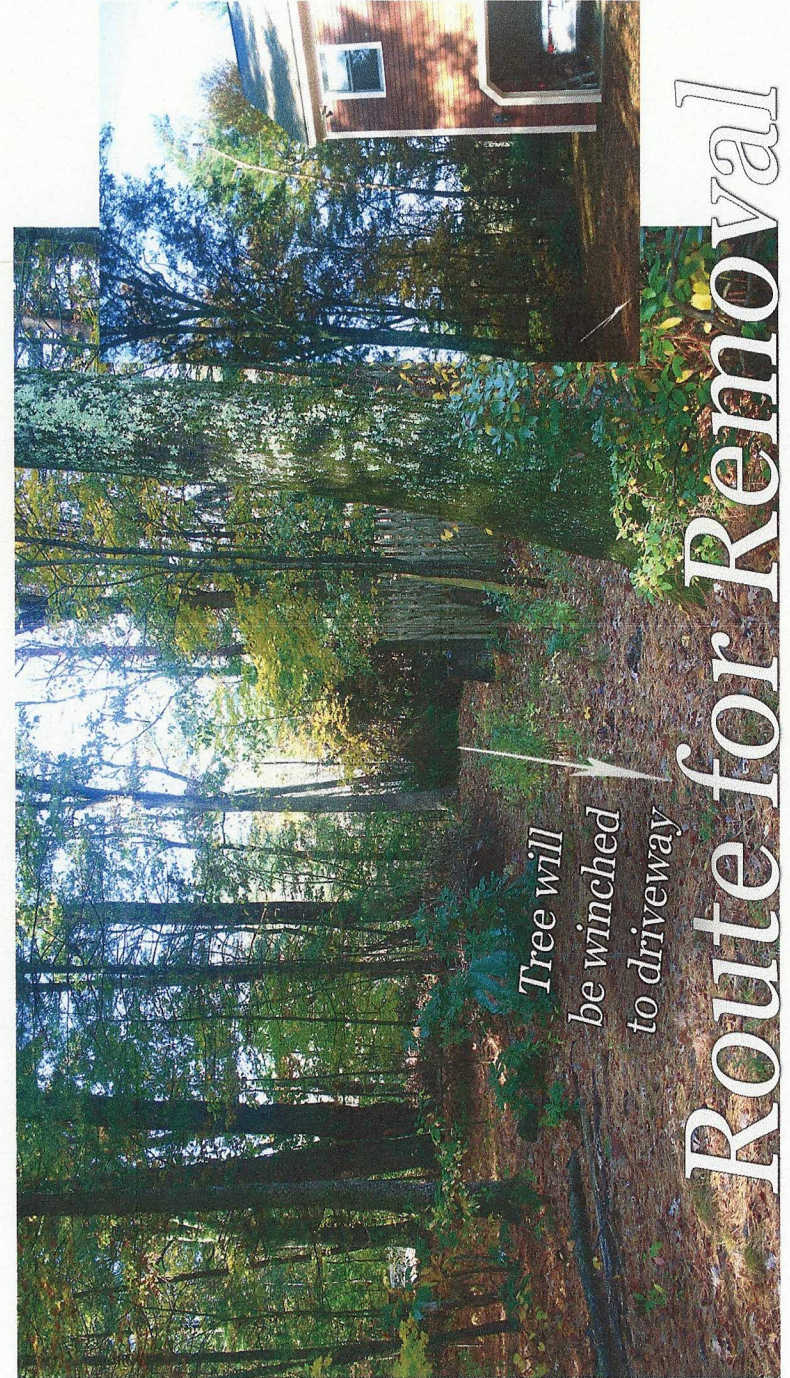
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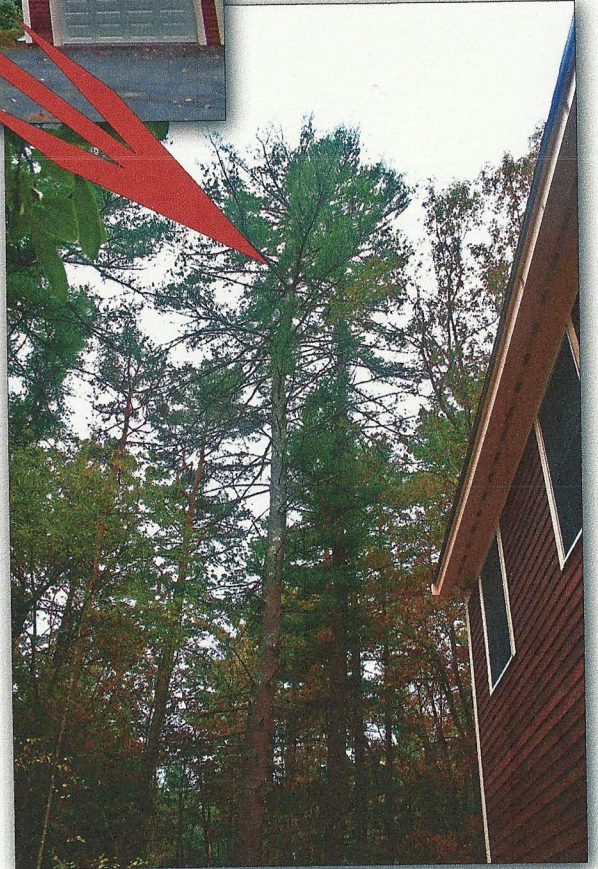
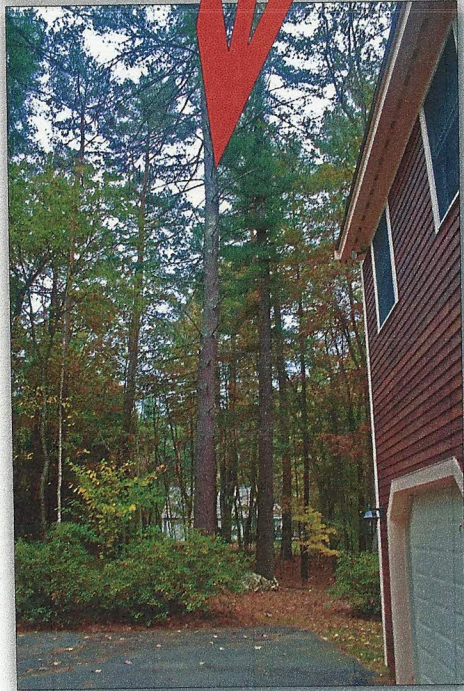
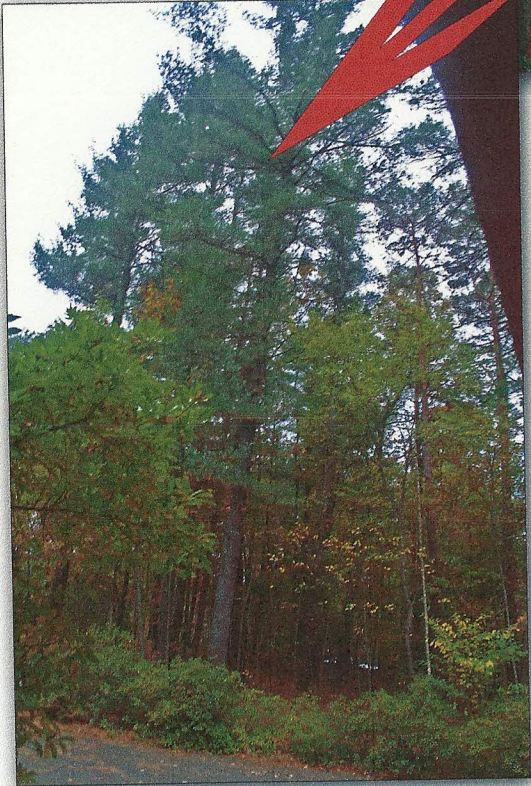
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DONNA L. MORTON
18 PEARL ROAD

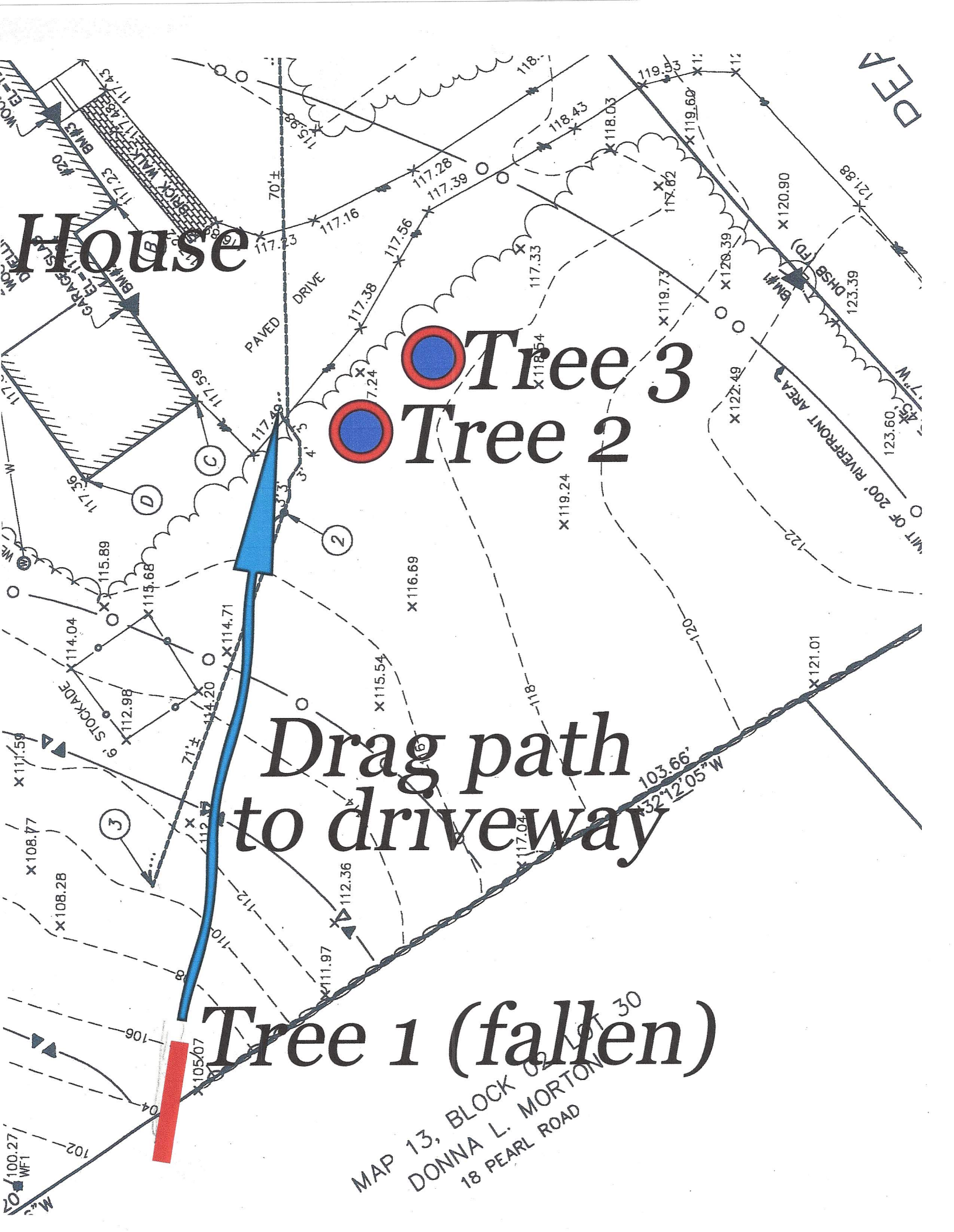
Fallen Tree (Tree 1)



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Trees 2 and 3





House

Tree 3

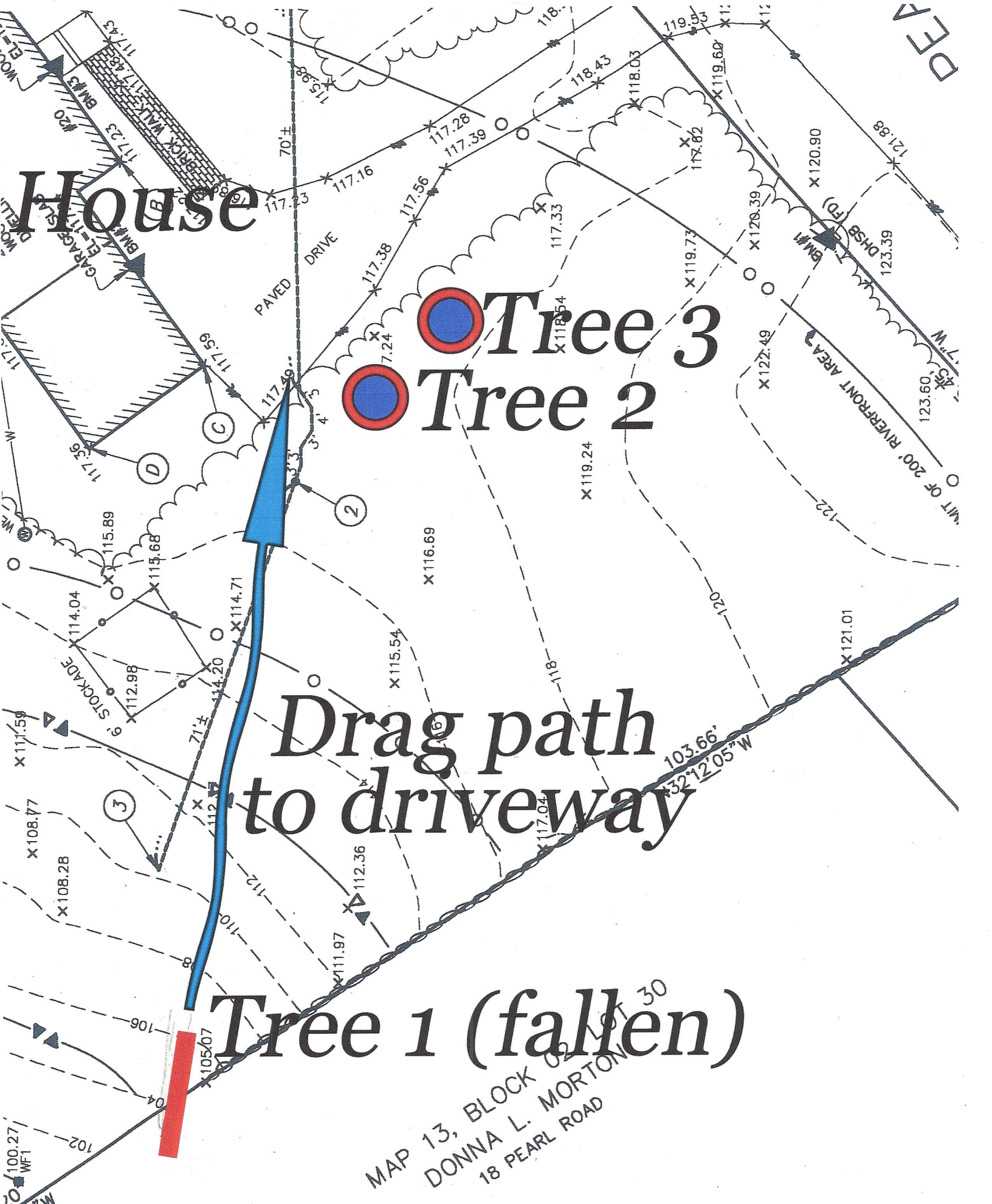
Tree 2

Drag path
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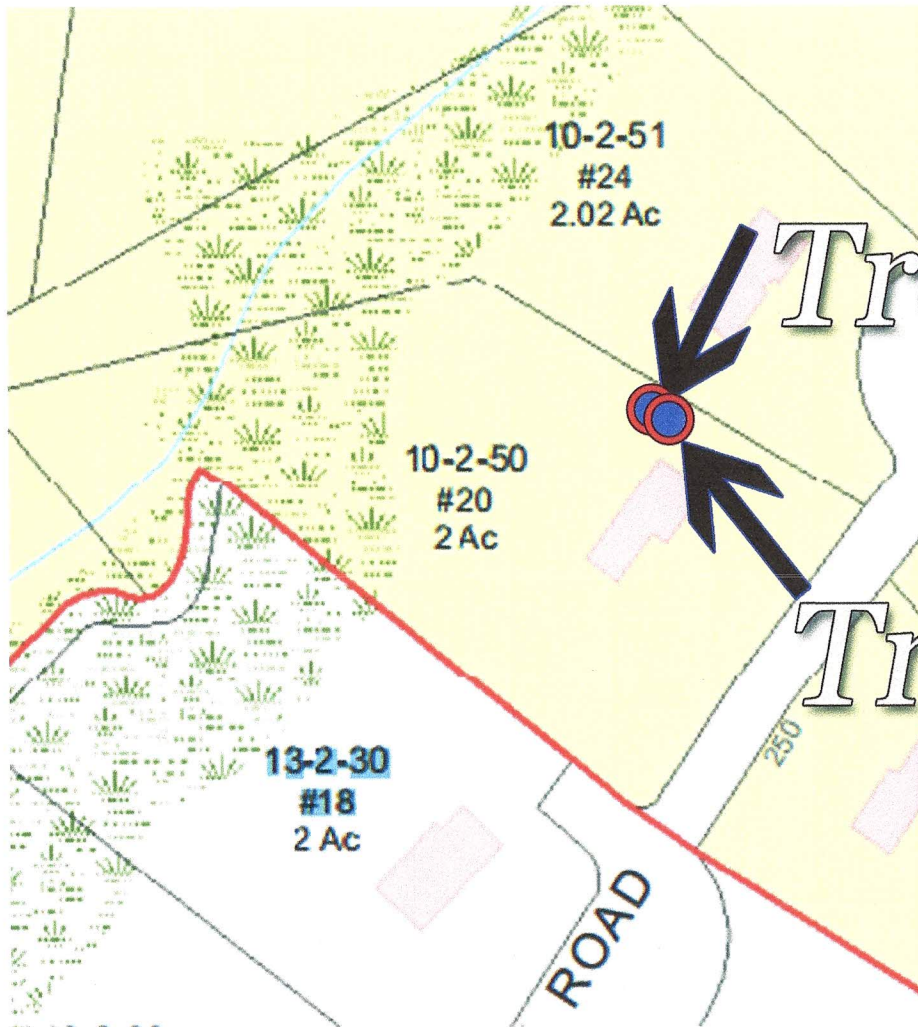
Tree 1 (fallen)

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Trees 4 and 5



20 Pearl Road

Tree 6

