



CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

Project Description:

530 Oakwood Ave

Address

Remove dead/diseased/dangerous tree; plant
replacement tree

Oakwood

Historic District

Vallie Lewis & Archie Henderson
House

Historic Property

COA-0091-2026

Certificate Number

10/20/2026

Date of Issue

10/20/2027

Expiration Date

*This card must be kept posted in a location
within public view until all phases of the
described project are complete.*

*The work must conform with the code of the
City of Raleigh and laws of the state of
North Carolina.*

*When your project is complete, you are
required to ask preservation staff for a final
COA inspection. If you do not call for this
final inspection, your Certificate of
Appropriateness is null and void.*

Signature, _____

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Collette K.", written over a horizontal line.

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

Pending the resolution of appeals, commencement of work is at your own risk.

Type or print the following:		
Applicant name: Donald Ray Stephens & George Revell Michael III		
Mailing address: 530 Oakwood Ave		
City: Raleigh	State: NC	Zip code: 27601
Date: 6/17/2026	Daytime phone #: [REDACTED]	
Email address: [REDACTED]		
Applicant signature: <i>Donald Ray Stephens</i>		
Minor work (staff review) – one copy Major work (COA committee review) – ten copies Additions > 25% of building sq. footage New buildings Demolition of building or structure All other Post approval re-review of conditions of approval		Office Use Only Transaction #: _____ File #: <u>COA-0091-2026</u> Fee: _____ Amount paid: _____ Received date: _____ Received by: _____
Property street address: 530 Oakwood Ave Raleigh, NC 27601		
Historic district: Oakwood		
Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable): Vallie Lewis & Archie Henderson House		
Owner name: Donald Ray Stephens & George Revell Michael III		
Owner mailing address: 530 Oakwood Ave Raleigh, NC 27601		

For applications that require review by the COA Committee (major work), provide addressed and stamped envelopes for owners for all properties with 100 feet on all sides of the property, as well as the property owner.

Property Owner Name & Address	Property Owner Name & Address

I understand that all major work applications that require review by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission's COA Committee must be submitted by 4 p.m. on the date of the application deadline; otherwise, consideration will be delayed until the following committee meeting. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Will you be applying for rehabilitation tax credits for this project? Yes ☐ No ☒	Office Use Only Type of work: _____ _____
Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes ☐ No ☒	

Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines (www.rhdc.org).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
1.3.5	Site Features & Plantings	Remove diseased and invasive tree
		Plant replacement tree in front of house

Minor Work Approval (office use only)	
Upon being signed and dated below by the Planning Director or designee, this application becomes the Minor Work Certificate of Appropriateness. It is valid until <u>10/20/2024</u> .	
Please post the enclosed placard form of the certificate as indicated at the bottom of the card. Issuance of a Minor Work Certificate shall not relieve the applicant, contractor, tenant, or property owner from obtaining any other permit required by City Code or any law. Minor Works are subject to an appeals period of 30 days from the date of approval.	
Signature (City of Raleigh) <u>Collette K</u>	Date <u>10/20/2024</u>



BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

5808 Triangle Drive, Raleigh, NC 27617 Telephone 919-782-7803 Fax 919-788-9147

10/9/26

To whom it may concern:

I did a superficial visual assessment from the ground of the tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) located at the back of the garage at 530 Oakwood Ave., Raleigh, NC 27601 as pictured below. My assessment of the tree is as follows:

Invasive Status: The tree of heaven is considered to be an invasive tree species in many areas, including North Carolina where it grows rapidly in the climate. The rapid growth can choke out native species, negatively affecting native vegetation and wildlife. In addition to concerns over the growth, the tree of heaven is a favorite host for the invasive Spotted Lanternfly (SLF; *Lycorma delicatula*). While Wake County does not yet have a confirmed SLF population, it has been reported in the area by our plant health care specialists near tree of heaven. When a population of SLF establishes in Wake County, removal of tree of heaven trees will be a key part of controlling the population. The links below document the invasive status of SLF and tree of heaven.

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/catalog/series/258/invasive-forest-pests;>

<https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/tree-of-heaven-ailanthus;> <https://content.ces.ncsu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>

Health: The tree appears to be in fair health. It does not have any visible disease or insect damage. However, there is approximately 20-25% dieback in the canopy. Tree of Heaven have a fairly short lifespan (about 30-50 years on average). Based on the size of this tree, it may be entering the final stages of its life, which would lead to even more dieback and potential damage to historical structures below. The resident states that a dead branch has already damaged the roof of the adjacent structure.

Size: The tree measures approximately 30" DBH and is about 45' tall. The spread is about 50'.

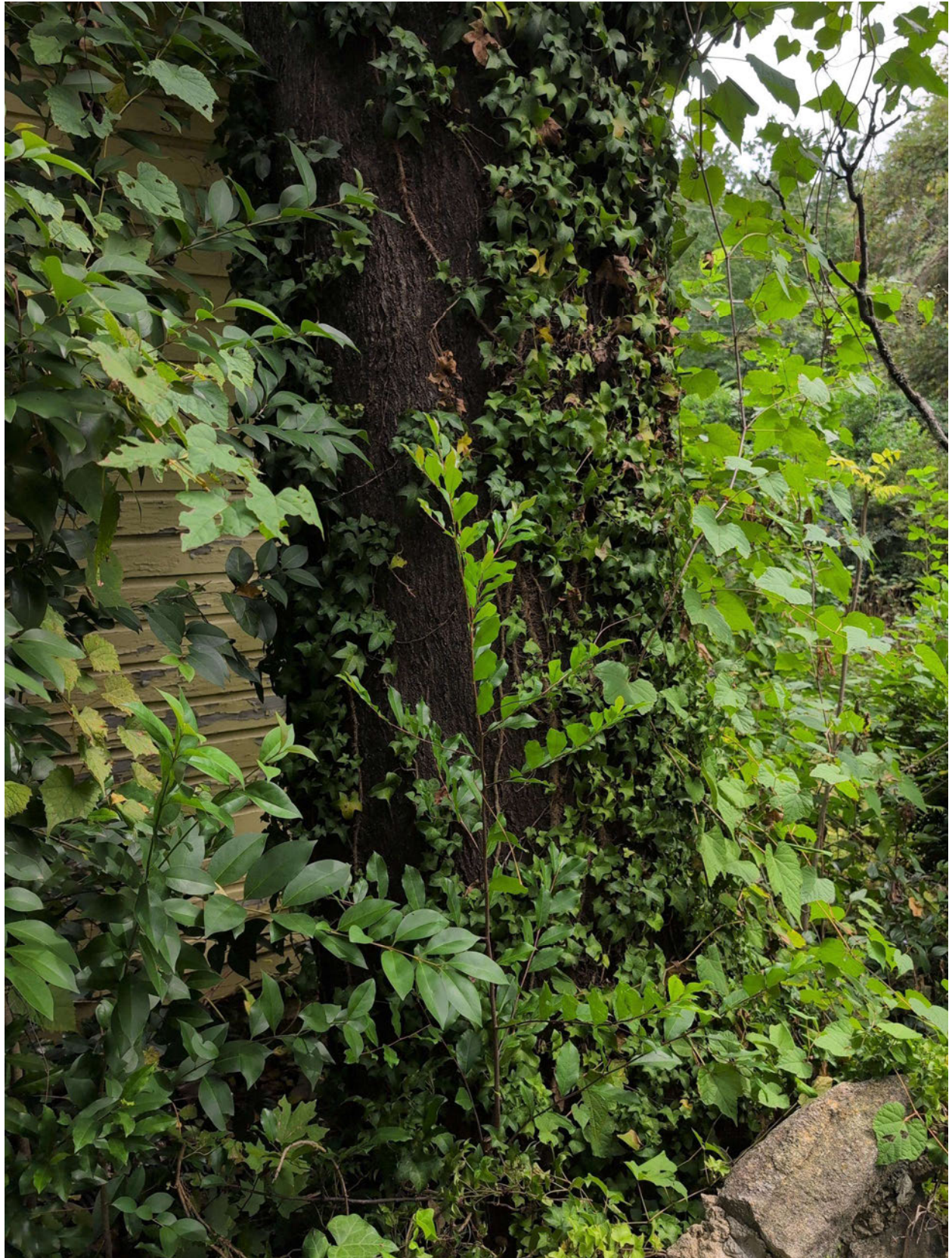
RECOMMENDATION: Removal of any tree of heaven is the most responsible arbor-cultural practice. For this tree specifically, the proximity to historical structures combined with the percentage of dieback greatly increases the risk of additional damage to those structures.

Limitations: All trees, even trees appearing healthy, have inherent risk. Only the complete removal of a tree can eliminate all risk. My evaluation was performed from the ground for visual conditions. This was not a tree risk assessment in accordance with industry standards, nor are there any tree risk ratings or risk mitigation recommendations provided with this evaluation. A level 2 or 3 Tree Risk Assessment may find issues that my assessment cannot.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Charles Gilbert
ISA Certified Arborist #SO-10501A
Arborist Representative – Raleigh, NC

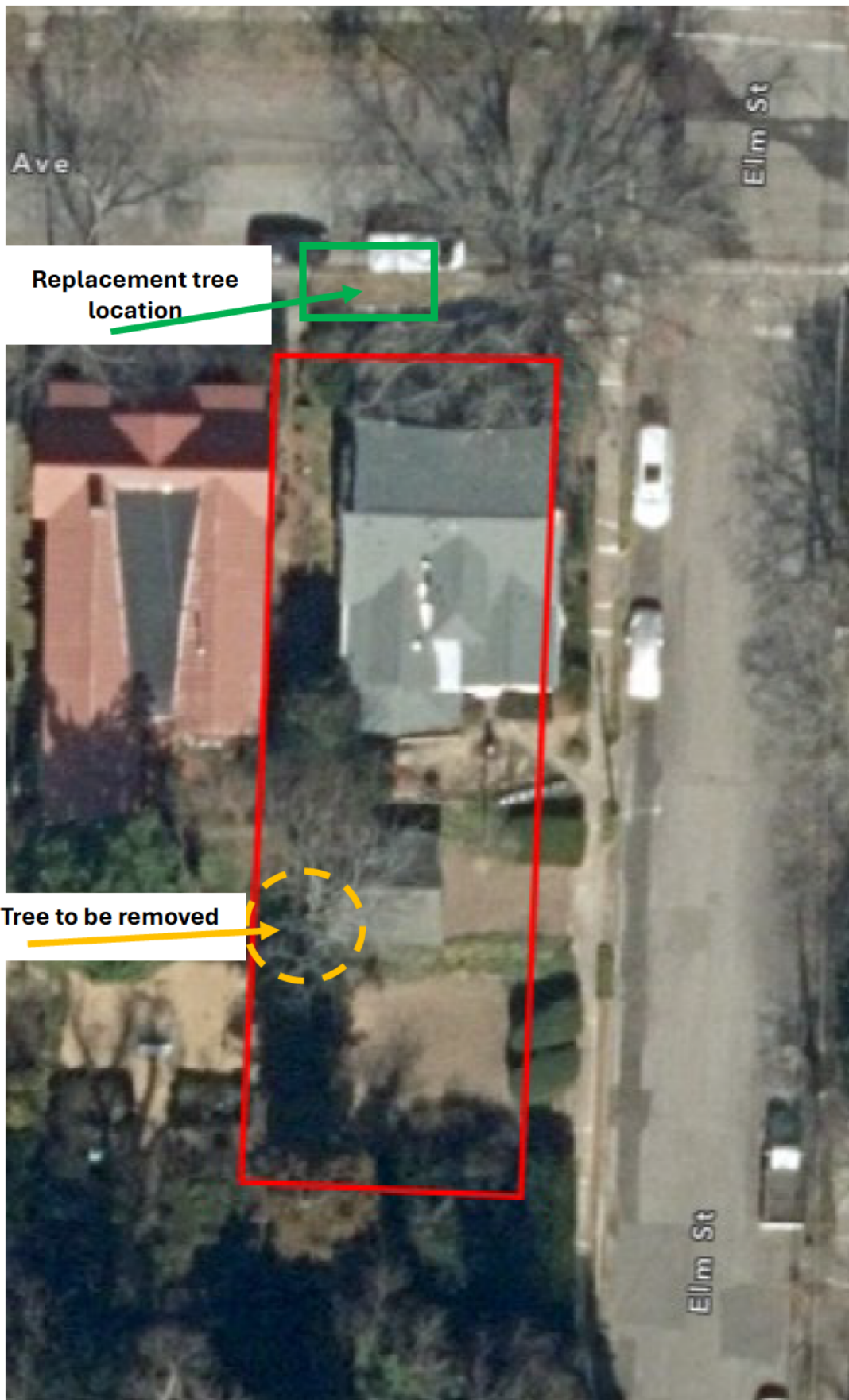












Replacement tree
location

Tree to be removed