



# CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PLACARD

for Raleigh Historic Resources

**Project Description:**

Remove diseased tree; plant replacement tree

906 Dorothea Dr

Address

Boylan Heights

Historic District

Historic Property

COA-0151-2023

Certificate Number

11/9/2023

Date of Issue

5/9/2024

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 for a final zoning inspection in a historic district area. Telephone the RHDC office at 832-7238 and commission staff will coordinate the inspection with the inspections Department. If you do not call for this final inspection, your Certificate of Appropriateness is null and void.*

Signature, \_\_\_\_\_

*Elin Morton Pugh*

Raleigh Historic Development Commission

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



Type or print the following:

Applicant name: Christopher Carey

Mailing address: 906 Dorothea Dr.

City: Raleigh


State: NC

Zip code: 27603

Date: 11/6/2023

Daytime phone #: 919-244-5789

Email address: chip.carey@gmail.com

Applicant signature: 

☒ 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 #: COA-0151-2023

Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Received date: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_

Property street address: 906 Dorothea Dr.

Historic district: Boylan Heights

Historic property/Landmark name (if applicable):

Owner name: Christopher & Shannon Carey

Owner mailing address: 906 Dorothea Dr. Raleigh NC 27603

**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 <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	Office Use Only Type of work: <u>76</u>
Did you consult with staff prior to filing the application? Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/>	

Design Guidelines: please cite the applicable sections of the design guidelines ( <a href="http://www.rhdc.org">www.rhdc.org</a> ).		
Section/Page	Topic	Brief description of work (attach additional sheets as needed).
pg 23 sec 13.5	Site Features & Plants Removing Dead Tree	Removal & Replacement of large dying water oak in front of home. It's > 50% hollow & has already dropped several dead limbs causing damage to property.

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>05/09/2024</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>Eric Martin Pugh</u>	Date <u>11/09/2023</u>



To whom it may concern,

I am seeking approval for a minor work certificate of appropriateness for the removal and replacement of a large water oak from the front of my property - address 906 Dorothea Dr, Raleigh, NC 27603, in the Boylan Height Historic District.

This water oak has dropped several large branches in the past few months, two of which have caused significant damage to our next door neighbors' home, including close to \$14,000 in damages when a tree branch hit the side of their home, destroying several electrical boxes and causing them to lose power.

We initially planned to have some branches trimmed and removed for safety, but upon examining the tree, the trimmer was concerned that the tree was diseased. An inspection and sounding by a certified arborist from Bartlett's Tree Experts revealed that indeed the tree was at least 50% hollow in the trunk, and also found hypoxylon canker on several branches. Bartlett's also told us that the average lifespan for a water oak is around 80 years, and based on the age of our home, the tree is probably at least that old if not older.

For the safety of both the people and property at both our home and our neighbor's, we need to have the tree removed and replaced as soon as possible. Regarding a replacement, Bartlett's recommended something like a dogwood or Japanese maple, due to the location. You will see in the photos that the tree sits on an embankment above the sidewalk. A dogwood would fill the space nicely while reducing the risk of further damage or entanglement in the power lines, and maintain the character of the neighborhood.

I have included my COA minor work application, a letter from Bartlett's confirming that the tree is indeed diseased, and photos of the tree. I look forward to hearing back - we'd like to move this as quickly as possible so that the tree no longer poses a danger to our or neighbor's family.

Best,

Christopher Carey  
919-244-7589





# BARTLETT TREE EXPERTS

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

11/01/23

To whom it may concern:

I have done a superficial visual inspection of the large, 40.5" DBH Water Oak at the front left corner of the property of 906 Dorthea Street in Raleigh, NC. The tree has already lost several branches causing property damage, and has additional large dead branches, including one with a cavity. The main trunk of the tree has multiple cavities (see attached pictures below). A sounding of the tree revealed that a significant percentage of the tree is hollow or rotted. In addition, some of the dead branches in the canopy appear to have hypoxylon canker, an aggressive causing rapid decay to the tree. The presence of this fungus alone is enough to warrant removal.

The deterioration of tree makes it probable that large parts of the tree will fail and possible that the entire tree will fail, with a high likelihood of houses, cars, and power lines causing significant damage. Based on this, I recommend removing the tree as soon as possible. It is a water oak, which is a shorter-lived oak species and the tree in question is near its average life expectancy.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

Charles Gilbert  
ISA Certified Arborist #SO-10501A  
ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification  
Arborist Representative – Raleigh, NC

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