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**To:** David Lasserre; Niles, Nick  
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**Subject:** RE: Hawthorne Elementary, Tree Replanting Schedule


Hi Dave,

Thank you for providing this replanting plan to complete your tree removal application. We will begin processing and you should be expected to hear back within 4 weeks.

Best Regards,

**Walter Gault**

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Good afternoon Walter

Thank you for meeting with me yesterday and sharing the city's view on tree removal and the importance of replanting. As I shared with you, the two large Ash trees that are located in front of Hawthorne Elementary in the drop off and pick up area are creating a hazard for our students and staff. These trees have large roots that are lifting and cracking the surrounding concrete sidewalks and curbs creating a tripping hazard. Many of the upheaved sections of sidewalk concrete have required high spot grinding to prevent falls and allow people with disabilities to navigate this broken hardscape. This grinding has created areas where the concrete is becoming thinner than ideal and may lead to even more problems in the future. Periodically these two trees drop large branches and we are concerned that a child could be struck by falling limbs. We are also concerned that these two trees have engulfed the power, data, and fiber lines that we rely on to provide a safe learning environment.

Per your request we've researched existing tree species on or near our campus to add to our replanting plan. We have found Lagerstroemia Faurei (Japanese Crape Myrtle) on site, and they

appear to do well in this area. If this is acceptable with the city we would like to plant them in place of the removed Ash trees.

Planting schedule:

1 Japanese Crape Myrtle, 24" box, to replace Ash tree #1.

1 Japanese Crape Myrtle, 24" box, to replace Ash tree #2

Planting would take place the first week of November.

Thanks again for your time on this matter, and please let me know if I can provide you with any other necessary information.

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