

# Tree Information Report v2.0

## Submitted as part of Committee of Adjustment Application to the City of Ottawa

Date of Report:	April 22, 2025
Property Address:	15 Deerfox Drive
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Date of Site Visit:	March 20, 2024

This Report must be read in its entirety, including the Assumptions and Limiting Conditions.

Note: This report version includes the updated site plan prepared by Novatech dated April 14, 2025 where trees 1-4 are no longer part of this application

## Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the client with a detailed description of all protected trees on site as per the City of Ottawa's Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340. This report is part of a Committee of Adjustment application to the City of Ottawa and considers the impact that the proposed development will have on the trees. The assessment of the suitability of tree retention is based on the information provided at the time of report preparation which includes:

- Survey by Fairhall, Moffatt & Woodland Ltd., dated January 5, 2017
- Conceptual site plan by Novatech, dated April 14, 2025

This assessment does not consider additional factors that could influence tree retainability such as:

- site grading, and requirement for retaining walls and/or swales
- installation of services for the new units
- capping of existing water and sewer services
- installation of gas lines for the new units
- site access

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The potential for retaining those tree(s) identified for retention in this report may change as more information on the site-specific construction details is provided during the building permitting phase. For those trees that are recommended for retention, mitigation measures are provided to reduce the impact during construction. It should be noted that the construction phase includes all site works that could impact trees, from the capping of services at the beginning to the final landscaping steps at the end.

While a rationale for removing trees may be provided based on document review, **this report does not** grant permission to remove trees: a permit from the city must be received before removal of distinctive trees can occur.



## **Methodology**

The following materials were reviewed as part of this report:

- Survey
- Site plan
- GeoOttawa tree inventory layer and aerial photography
- Google<sup>©</sup> Street View imagery various years

A site visit was conducted to collect the following information from each tree classified as protected under the City of Ottawa's Tree Protection By-law No. 2020-340:

- Diameter at breast height (1.3 m from grade)
- Species
- Tree health

## **Existing site information**

The site is currently covered in grass and trees: it is the front yard of the dwelling at 15 Deerfox (the house is not included in this phase of development). There is a cedar hedge in poor condition (many of the stems are dead) along the west property edge. The stems of this hedge appear to be on the subject property.

Appendix A is an inventory of all trees that are protected under City of Ottawa Tree Protection (By-law No. 2020-340) on the site and adjacent City property. This includes Distinctive Trees (private trees with a diameter at breast height (dbh) of 30 cm or greater) and city-owned trees of all sizes. It also includes Distinctive Trees on adjacent properties whose Critical Root Zone (CRZ) extend into the subject area. The CRZ is an area around the trunk with a radius equivalent to 10 times the diameter of the trunk. This does not take into account infrastructure such as buildings and asphalt and assumes the tree has no restrictions on root growth.

## Proposed development and Tree protection

**Tree 22** is a large weeping willow nearing its pinnacle of expected growth. A large portion of the root system was likely disturbed by construction on Ryland street – specifically the rear yard of 138: it appears the grade has been raised beyond the recommended 10cm, and it is possible some roots were cut during construction. Combined with its position beside a road, the tree is left with little rooting space even before construction. A path is proposed to run approximately 84cm from the tree's trunk. The required excavation for this path, combined with the stress of site works, could lead to the tree's becoming unstable and rapid decline. For these reasons, it is recommended the tree be removed.

**Tree 20** is a small sugar maple. The TPA around this tree should be as large as is feasible and should be implemented before removal of the existing fence.



## Tree Protection

**Prior to any site works**, protective fencing should be installed around the Tree Protection Area as indicated in the attached Tree Information Map and maintained until all construction on site has been completed as per the City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021).

## Failure to install and maintain fencing as shown on the attached map may result in fines from the city.

Within the fenced area, the following tree protection guidelines should be applied:

- Do not change the grade
- Do not store construction material
- Do not operate machinery
- Do not convert to hard surface or change the landscaping
- Do not excavate unless it is a method that has been pre-approved by the City
- Do not place signs, notices or posters to any tree
- Do not damage the root system, trunk, or branches of any tree
- Direct the exhaust away from the tree

The tree protection fencing must be 1.2 m in height and constructed of a rigid or framed material (e.g. modulus – steel, plywood hoarding, or snow fence on a 2"X4" wood frame) with posts 2.4 m apart such that the fence location cannot be altered. All supports must be placed outside of the CRZ and installation must minimize damage to existing roots.

If the fenced tree protection area must be reduced to facilitate construction, *one* of the following mitigation measures should be applied:

- Place a layer of 6-12 inches (15 to 30 cm) of woodchip mulch to the area
- Apply ¾ (2 cm) inch plywood, or road mats over a 4+ inch (10 cm) thick layer of the wood chip mulch
- Apply 4-6 inches (10 to 15 cm) of gravel over a taut, staked, geotextile fabric

The undersigned personally inspected the property and issues associated with this report on March 20, 2024. On Behalf of Dendron Forestry Services,

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## APPENDIX A

## TREE INFORMATION TABLE

Tree <sup>1</sup>	Species	DBH (cm)	Ownership <sup>2</sup>	Tree condition	Approximate distance to excavation (m)	Action	Forester recommendation
5	Colorado spruce ( <i>Picea</i> pungens)	42	Subject property	Fair/Good: tridominant stems at 7m; some dead branches; ~10% defoliation	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. <b>Tree</b> permit required for removal.
6	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	65 @ 1.1m	Subject property	Good: some branches rubbing against trunk; large burl	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. Tree permit required for removal.
7	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	45	Subject property	Fair: top is broken off – growth correcting; suppressed/asymmetrical crown	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. <b>Tree</b> permit required for removal.
8	Black maple (Acer nigrum)	42	Subject property	Good: codominant stems at 8m	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. Tree permit required for removal.
9	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	63	Subject property	Fair/Poor: decay probable – woodpecker activity; top has poor form	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. <b>Tree</b> <b>permit required for removal.</b>
10	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	49.5	Subject property	Fair: large crook at top – likely broken off years ago	Driveway: 0	Remove	Remove: in line with driveway. Tree permit required for removal.
11	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	35, 36	City	Fair/Poor: cavities with decay in canopy; codominant stems with included bark at base	Driveway: 2	Retain	Retain. Roots to be revealed along the line of excavation and cleanly severed by hand prior to excavation with heavy equipment.
12	Beech (Fagus grandifolia)	43	Subject property	Good/Fair: crooks; scale insect	0	Remove	Remove: within area of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
13	Beech (Fagus grandifolia)	49.3	Subject property	Poor: scale insect; top broken; large cavity at top; fungal bodies at base	0	Remove	Remove: within area of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
14	Beech (Fagus grandifolia)	52	Subject property	Good: Slight lean; epicormic shoots	0	Remove	Remove: within area of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
15	Black maple (Acer nigrum)	33	Subject property	Poor: large cavity at top; debarking at base – low vigor	0	Remove	Remove: within area of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
16	Beech (Fagus grandifolia)	54	Subject property	Poor: large cavity at top; bark disease	0	Remove	Remove: within area of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.



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17	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	44	Subject property	Fair/Poor: decay in large wound at top	< 1	Remove	Remove due to proximity of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
18	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	46	City	Fair: epicormics turning into Walkway: 0 Ren		Remove	Remove: in line with proposed walkway. Tree permit required for removal.
19	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	54	City	Fair/Poor: top dead	Walkway: < 1 House: 3.5	Remove	Remove due to proximity of excavation. Tree permit required for removal.
20 <sup>4</sup>	Sugar maple (Acer saccharum)	7	City	Good	3	Retain	Retain and protect as per the City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021).
21	Cedar hedge (Thuja occidentalis)	7 stems 14-22	City	Fair: 15' tall	3.5	Retain	Retain and protect as per the City of Ottawa Tree Protection Specifications (March 2021).
22	Willow ( <i>Salix spp</i> .)	119	City	Fair: large cavity at base – approx. 1/3 diameter deep; decay and woodpecker activity on trunk (small area); large branches pruned off – epicormic shoots at wounds and on trunk	House: 4 Porch: 3 Walkway: < 1	Remove	Remove due to impacts from previous construction, combined with proposed walkway and site works. <b>Tree permit required for</b> <b>removal.</b>

<sup>1</sup> Please refer to the attached Tree Information map for tree numbers. Note that this includes a tree layer added to the site plan (in pdf format) provided by the client. This layer includes only information about the trees and the original site plan is not altered in this process.

<sup>2</sup>Ownership of the tree in this report is based on the information provided and should not be used as a determination of ownership. For ownership disputes, a survey should be relied on. For boundary trees, consent from the adjacent property owner is required for removal as part of the application.

<sup>4</sup>The location of these trees was not provided and has been estimated



## <u>APPENDIX B</u>

## PHOTOGRAPHS



*Right: Tree 5 – private spruce to be removed.* 

Far right: Tree 4 – private spruce to be removed.

Below right: (right to left) Tree 6, 7, 10, 8, 11, 9 – Sugar and black maples. All are to be removed except Tree 11.





(right to left): Tree 14, 13, 15, 16, 17 - private beeches and maples to be removed.



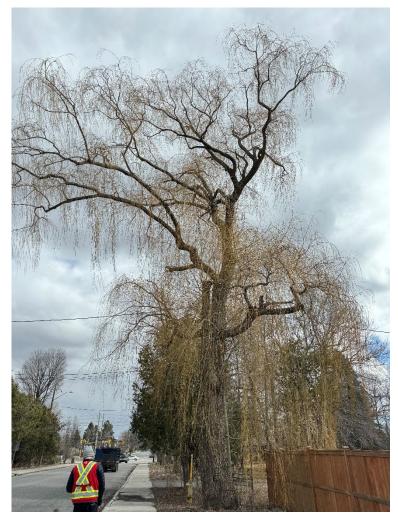


Above: (right to left) Tree 20, 18, 19 - City and private sugar maples to be removed.

Left: Cedar hedge listed as Tree 21 - to be retained.



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Above: Tree 22 - City willow to be removed. Below left: decay and woodpecker activity in the trunk of Tree 22. Below right: cavity at the base of Tree 22.





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## APPENDIX C

## ASSUMPTIONS AND LIMITING CONDITIONS

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- d) the accuracy of any other information provided to Dendron by the Client or third parties;
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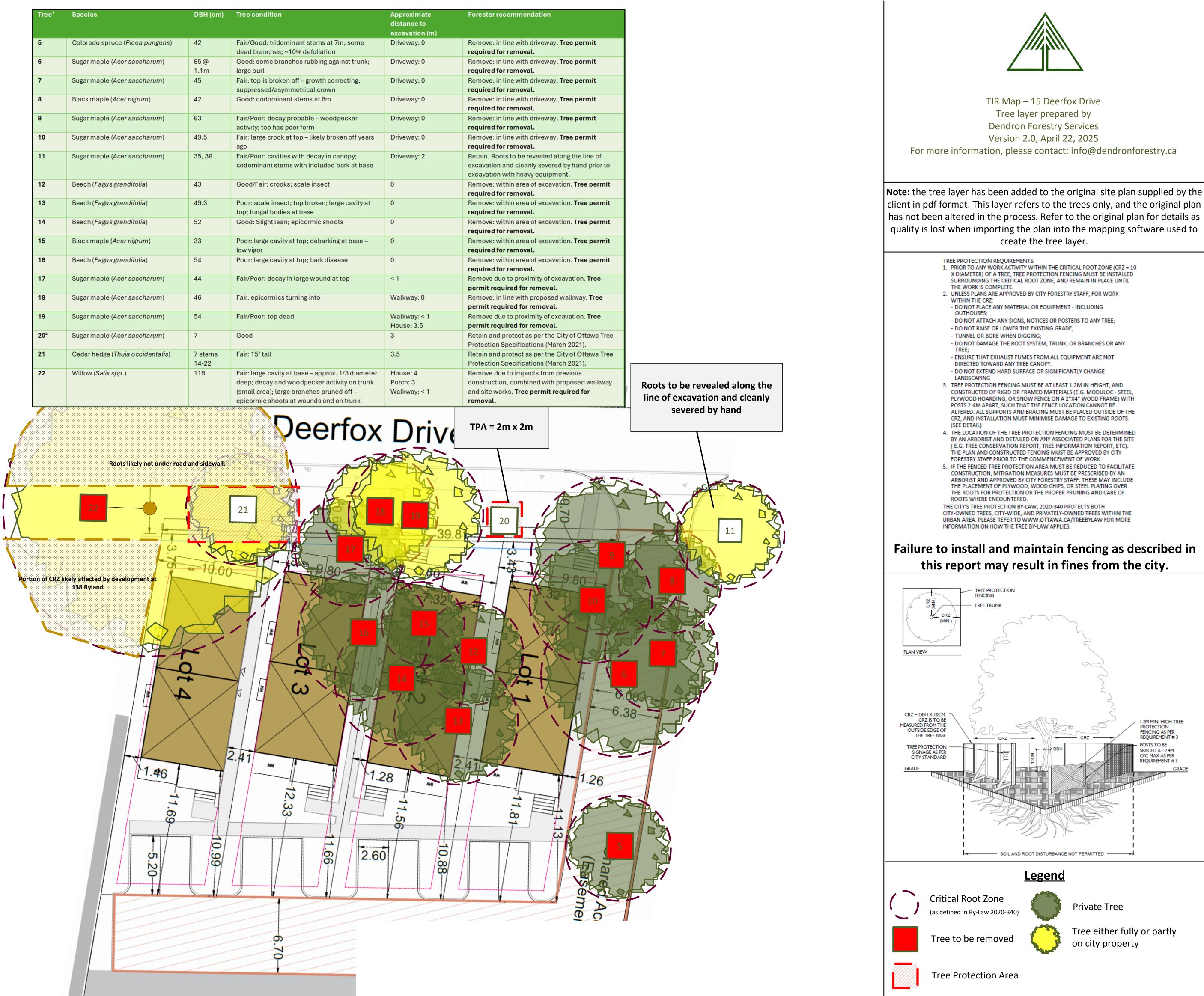
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Notwithstanding any of the above, nothing in this Report is taken to absolve the Client of the responsibility of obtaining a new Report in the event that the circumstances of the tree change.

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# **Replacement Tree Specifications**

**Note:** Proposed tree locations are suggestions only and should be finalized only once construction is complete and should adhere to City of Ottawa Tree Planting Guidelines.

Tree 1 and 2 should be large trees at maturity. Site conditions are expected to be partial light exposure and minimal moisture availability. Species suggestions include:

Black maple - Acer nigrum\* Sugar maple - Acer saccharum\* Ironwood - Ostrya virginiana\* Basswood - Tilia americana\* Hackberry - Celtis occidentalis\*

Tree 3-6 should be medium trees at maturity due to their proximity to the buildings. Tree 3 and 4 are expected to have lower light exposure and moderate moisture availability. Species suggestions include:

Bitternut hickory - *Carya cordiformis\** Turkish hazel - *Corylus colurna\** Red maple - *Acer rubrum\** Eastern white cedar - *Thuja occidentalis\** Ironwood - *Ostrya virginiana\** 

Tree 5 and 6 are expected to have full light exposure and moderate moisture availability. Species suggestions include:

Paper birch - *Betula papyrifera\** Honey locust - *Gleditsia triacanthos\** Littleaf linden - *Tilia cordata* Burr oak - *Quercus macrocarpa\** Prospector elm - *Ulmus x wilsoniana\** 

Tree 7, 8 and 9 should be small trees at maturity. Site conditions are expected to be full light exposure and moderate moisture availability. Species suggestions include:

Eastern redbud - *Cercis canadensis*\* Yellowwood - *Cladtrastis lutea* Flowering dogwood - *Cornus florida* Magnolia - *Magnolia spp.* Eastern redcedar - *Juniperis virginiana*\* Crabapple - *Malus spp.* Serviceberry - *Amelanchier spp.*\* Ohio buckeye - *Aesculus glabra*\* Pagoda dogwood - *Cornus alternifolia*\*

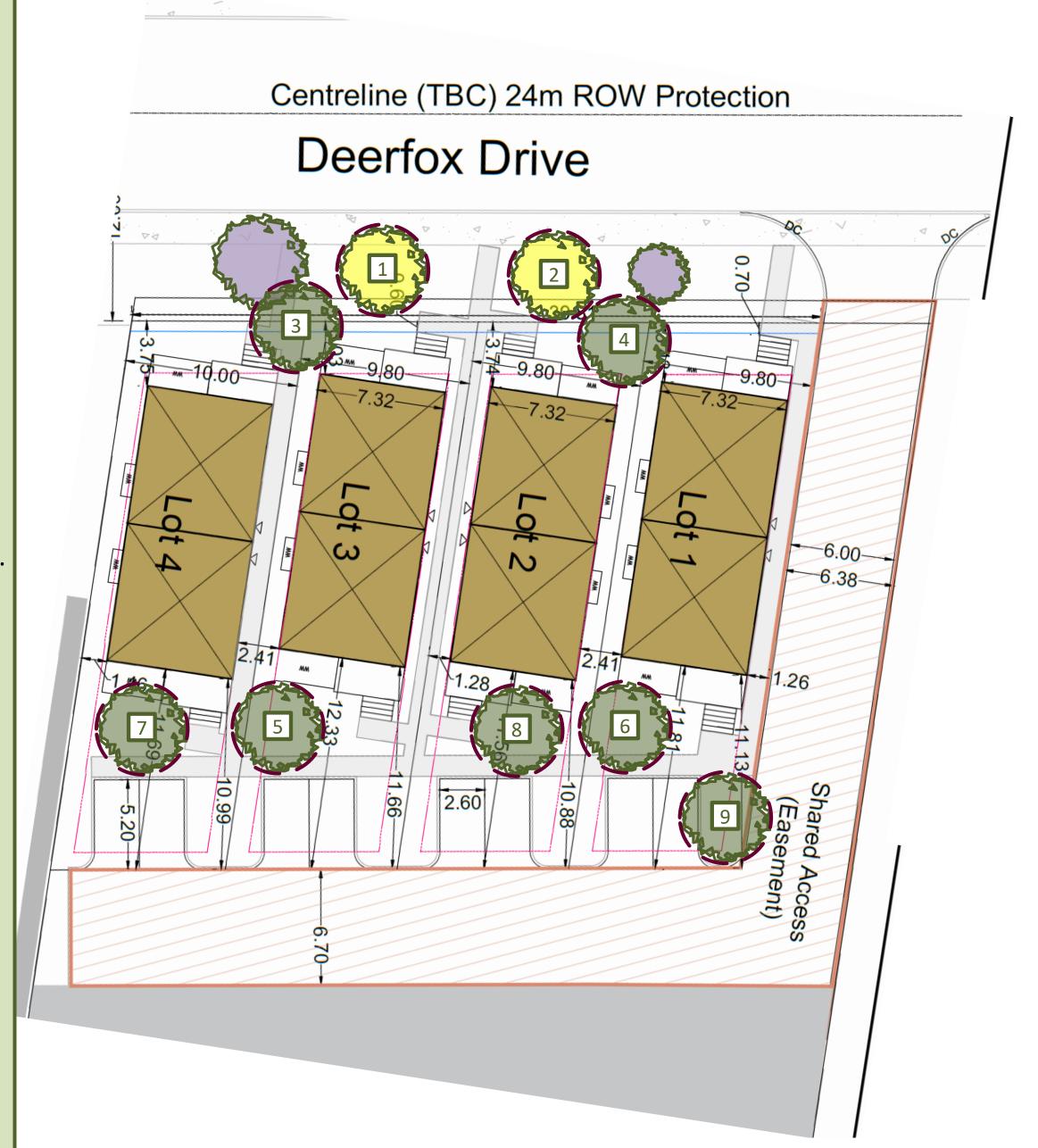
\*Native to Ottawa region: Planting species native to a region can help maintain and enhance biodiversity.

**Note:** Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*) is *not* recommended as it is highly invasive and not a suitable tree for urban planting.

The species recommended herein are the most suitable species based on the existing plans. For best success, tree species should be matched to site conditions.

It is expected that snow will be piled in the southwest corner, therefore it is not recommended to plant a tree there.

All deciduous trees must be a minimum of 50 mm in diameter measured no less than 15 cm above ground level. Coniferous trees must be no less than 200 cm in height.



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