



**CITY OF CHICO
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)
TREE COMMITTEE**

(Commissioners Emmerich, Rood, Ober, Chair)

May 15, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Municipal Center - 421 Main Street, Conference Room 2

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. REGULAR AGENDA** - All items listed under the Regular Agenda are in the order which is believed are of interest to the public or which require Committee action at this meeting. The items will be considered in the order listed unless the Committee members request a change. Any person may speak on items on the Regular Agenda.

2.1. CONSIDERATION OF NOTICING REQUIREMENT FOR TREE REMOVALS

A suggestion was made to require public notification for tree removals. This item is not currently listed as an item to be considered as an objective for the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). Staff is asking for guidance as to whether or not public notification for tree removals should be considered under the UFMP.

2.2. STOTT ADVERTISING APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

Stott Outdoor Advertising has presented a number of requests for tree removal in front of billboards they own. They are suggesting the trees be replaced. The Chico Municipal Code (CMC) requires removed trees to be at the expense of the property owner or permittee, and allows for the tree to be replaced as well. CMC 16.66.085 Tree Preservation Regulations requires that on development sites a new tree shall be planted for each 6" of tree diameter removed.

Recommendation: Approve a standard policy that would require:

- a. for each tree removed, a new tree be planted nearby for every 6" of tree diameter removed;
- b. new landscaping of small shrubs or ground cover be planted to replace the lost greenery.

2.3. DRAFT UFMP UPDATE

For information only – the update of the UF Management Plan is posted on the web site for public review.

3. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Committee at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda; comments are limited to three minutes. The Committee cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.

4. ADJOURN

Adjourn to the next regular meeting tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2, Chico Municipal Center building (421 Main Street, Chico, California).

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BPPC Tree Committee Report Item 2.1 Meeting Date: 5/15/13

DATE: May 15, 2013
TO: BPPC TREE COMMITTEE (Commissioners Rood; Emmerich; Ober, Chair)
FROM: DENICE F. BRITTON, URBAN FOREST MANAGER, 896-7802
RE: CONSIDERATION OF NOTICING REQUIREMENT FOR TREE REMOVALS

BACKGROUND:

During discussion of the DRAFT Urban Forest Management Plan, a suggestion was made to provide notification to the public when trees are to be removed. The person making the suggestion stated that the Forest Service and the State of California are required to post timber harvest plans, so the City of Chico should notice the public on removal of trees.

Staff is asking for guidance: Should public notification for tree removals be considered under the UFMP, and if so, should it be a short term or a long term goal?

DISCUSSION:

Staff has experienced very few protests of trees to be removed, and most of these have been the result of Capital Projects, not routine tree removals for dead, dying or hazardous trees. This item is not currently listed as an item to be considered as an objective for the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).

Some other communities in the State require public notice of tree removals, notably Carmel, which has very strict tree removal ordinances and covers trees on private as well as public property. Sacramento defines a Heritage tree of one being at least 36" in diameter, and requires posting a heritage tree removal 10 days prior to removal.

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Street Tree Field Supervisor



BPPC Tree Committee Report Item 2.2 Meeting Date: 5/15/13

DATE: May 15, 2013
TO: BPPC TREE COMMITTEE (Commissioners Rood; Emmerich; Ober, Chair)
FROM: DENICE F. BRITTON, URBAN FOREST MANAGER, 896-7802
RE: STOTT ADVERTISING APPLICATION FOR TREE REMOVAL/REPLACEMENT

BACKGROUND:

During previous meetings of the BPPC, CBS advertising was granted a permit to remove and/or prune trees to create greater visibility to their billboards along Park Avenue. They were also required to replace them with landscaping and trees. While approving the permit that was granted, some BPPC Commissioners expressed disappointment with the permit that was granted.

At this time, Stott Outdoor Advertising is requesting tree removal to allow better visual access to their billboards. Staff is requesting that the Tree Committee approve a standard policy for such situations that can be applied universally and objectively in the future.

DISCUSSION:

The Chico Municipal Code (CMC) 14.40.180 Street Trees requires trees to be pruned and/or removed for the convenience of the applicant at their expense, and suggests the tree can be required to be replaced as well. CMC 16.66.085 Tree Preservation Regulations requires that on development sites a new tree shall be planted for each 6" of tree diameter removed, or an in-lieu fee paid. Such fees go into the General Fund.

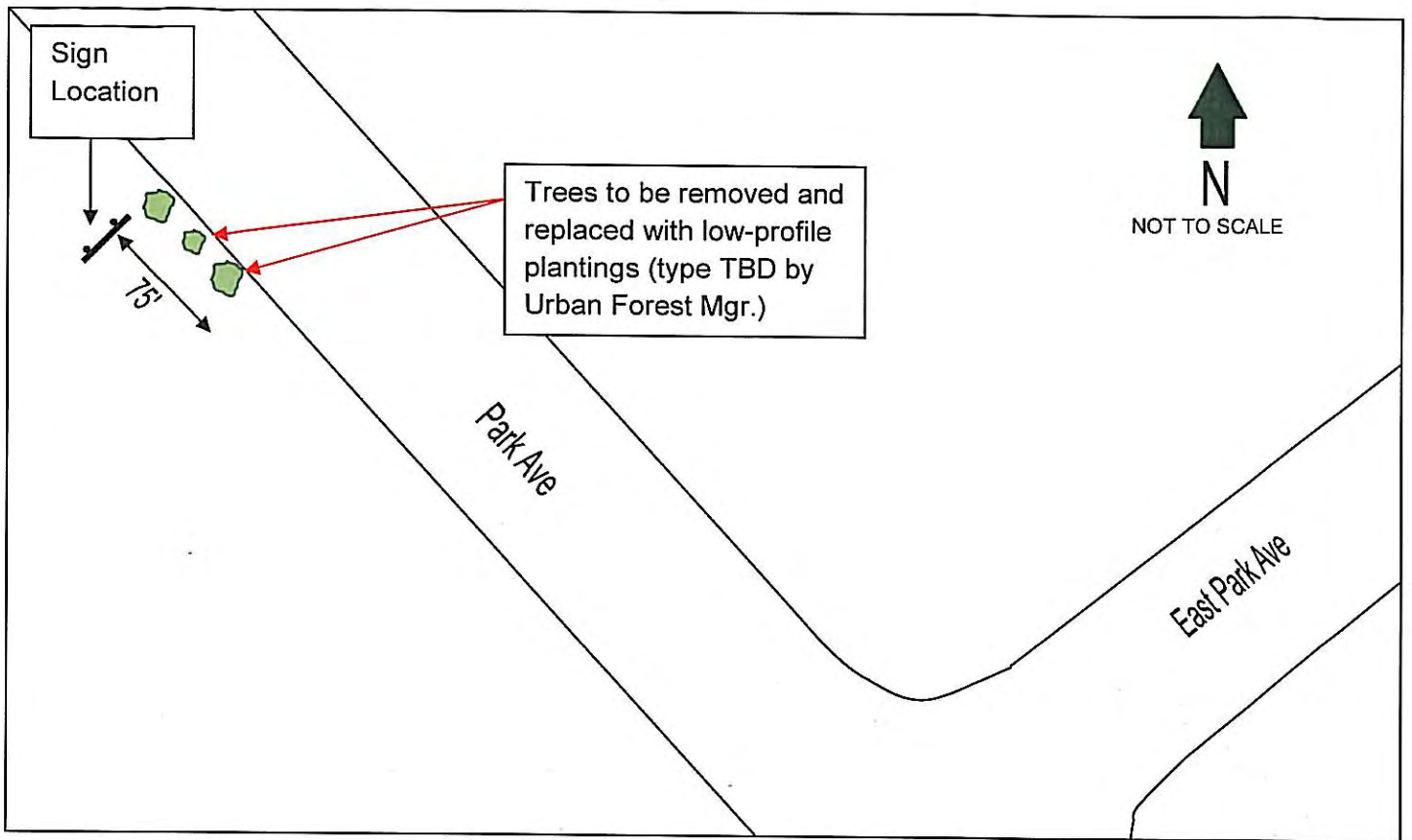
Recommendation: Approve a standard policy that would require:

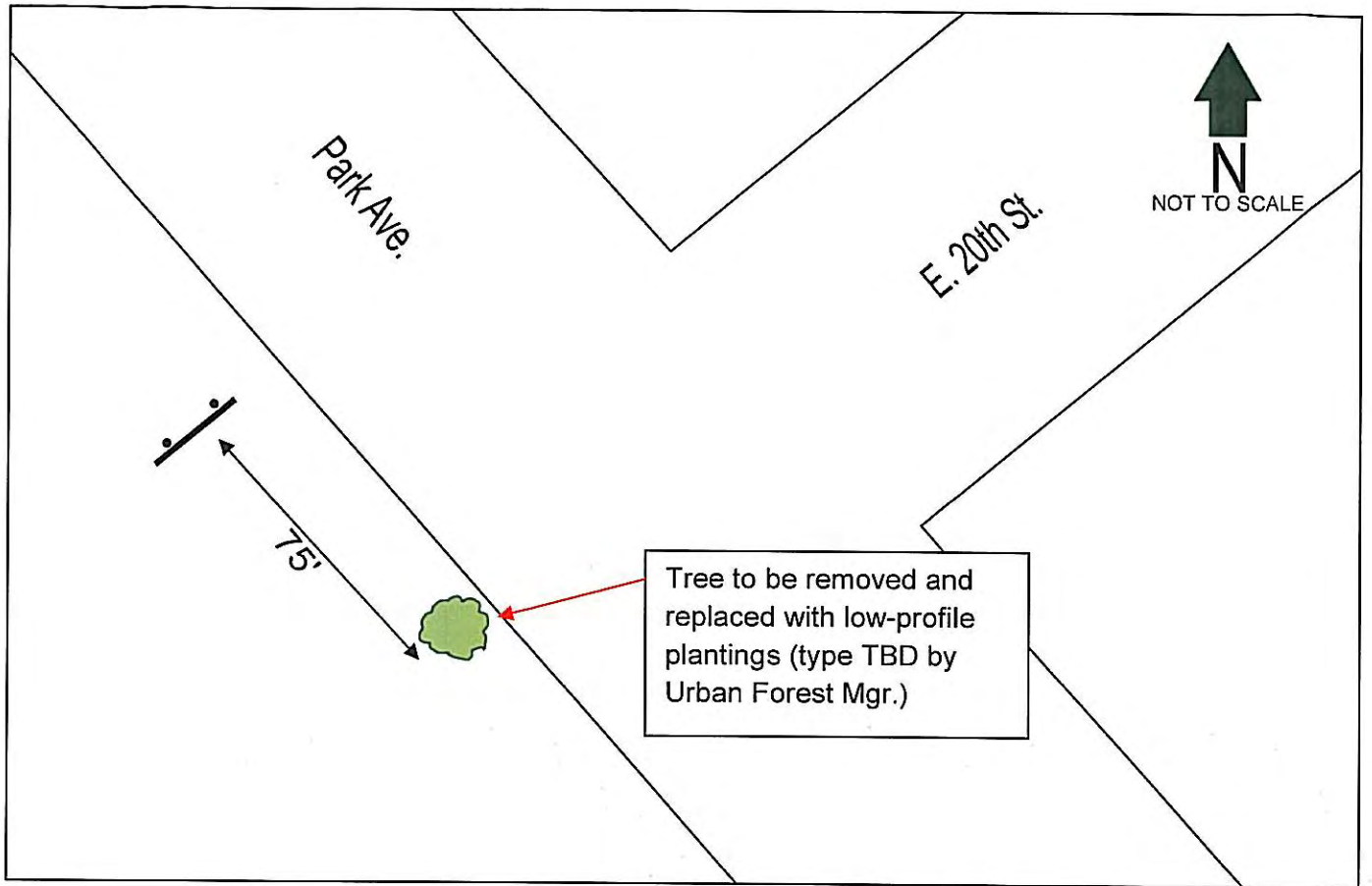
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- b. new landscaping of small shrubs or ground cover be planted to replace the lost greenery.

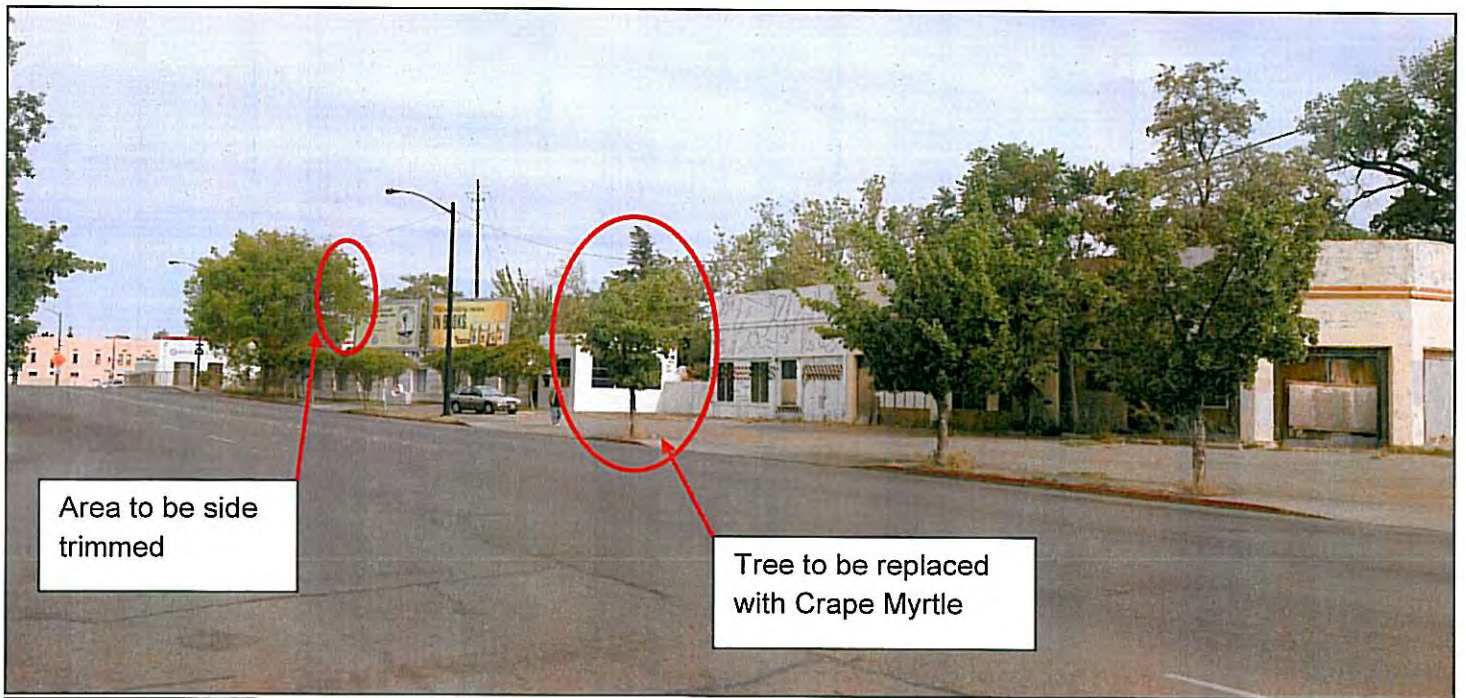
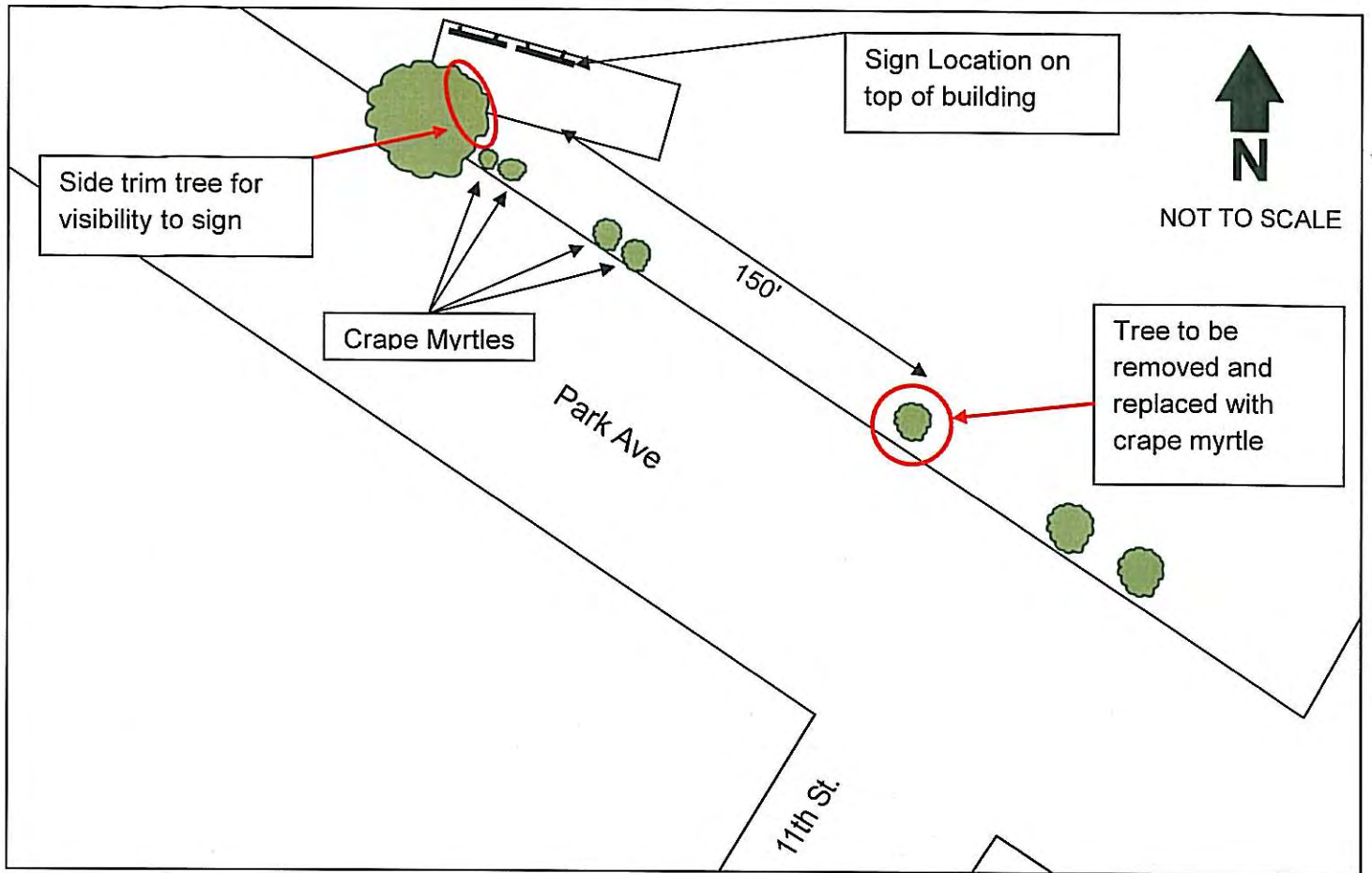
Attachments: Photos and maps as presented by Stott Outdoor Advertising.

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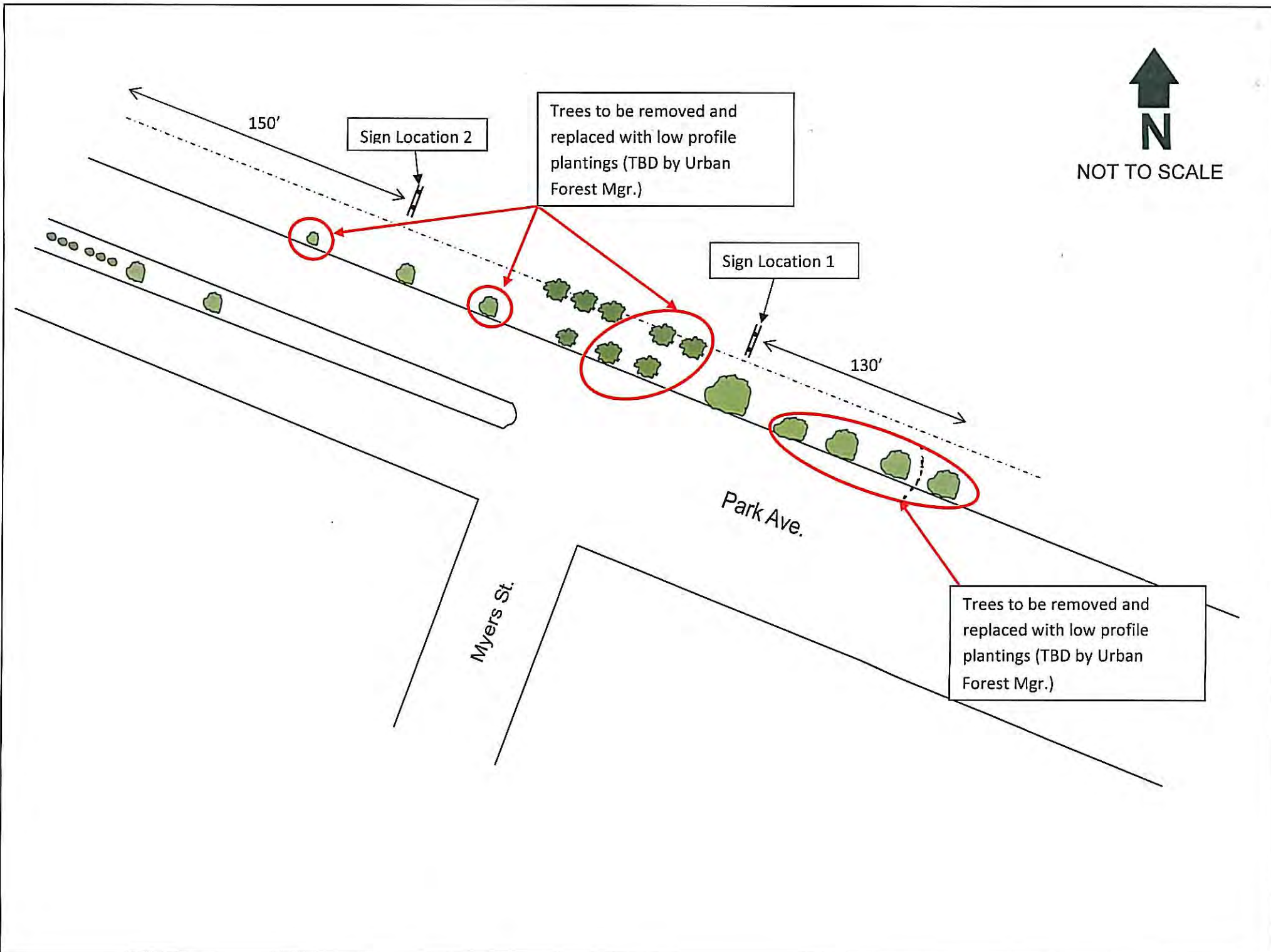








NOT TO SCALE



150'

Sign Location 2

Trees to be removed and replaced with low profile plantings (TBD by Urban Forest Mgr.)

Sign Location 1

130'

Park Ave.

Myers St.

Trees to be removed and replaced with low profile plantings (TBD by Urban Forest Mgr.)





Tree to be replaced



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