

## TREES FAQ

- 1. It was noted that an arborist was retained. What if any trees will be impacted by this project, other than those in the park?**
  - a. The impacts to trees which will result from this project have not yet been quantified. However, both the City and the design team are aware of the inherent value of the trees within The Point and are further committed to minimizing the impacts to these trees where practical. The City of Beaufort has, in support of efforts to minimize impacts to the existing trees, retained an arborist to advise both the City and the design team on the best approach to constructing the proposed improvements and preserving the existing trees. Options to be considered in implementing this approach include locating proposed improvements to avoid impacts to trees, tree relocation (where possible and practical), limbing, and the select cutting of roots by certified arborist, and finally tree removal.
  
- 2. What does the white tape marking the trees around the pond and creek imply? We have an ancient cedar tree near where the outfall facility is seemingly proposed with white tape on it. Will that tree be removed or cut/trimmed in any way because of this project?**
  - a. The white tape seen on the trees in the project vicinity is likely a means used by the field survey teams to document which trees have been located as part of the topographic survey collected to support the design efforts. Regarding the existing cedar tree referred to above, we expect that this tree will remain in place and will not be impacted by the proposed construction.
  
- 3. Will the tree owners be consulted prior to any action concerning removing or trimming trees?**
  - a. As trees located on private property are themselves private property, property owners would be consulted by the City prior to any relocation, limbing, or removal of trees located on private property.
  
- 4. Has the arborist considered the indirect impact on the trees along the marsh given it appears this proposed outflow has an active component to pump water out. How will it impact the root systems and overall viability of the trees given potential erosions, etc.?**
  - a. Given that the modeled velocities associated with the pumped discharge are of the same order as the velocities associated with the existing outfall, it is expected that there will be no impact to the root systems of existing trees adjacent to the marsh.