

CITY OF ALBANY
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Agenda date: December 13, 2012

TO: Park And Recreation Commission

FROM: Tony Wolcott, Urban Forester

SUBJECT: 1009 Key Route

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The *Cinammomum camphora* (camphor tree) should be removed.

BACKGROUND

This is a large camphor with an enlarged base almost four feet in diameter. The tree has caused extensive damage to the street, curb, sidewalk and water meter. In this case there is no compromise between tree and other infrastructure. The tree can be kept only if there is no sidewalk, no curb, no water meter and no drainage on the street. Or unfortunately this large tree can be removed and replaced with a better tree choice.

ANALYSIS

The benefits and appeal of large size trees are very important to Albany. We are losing too many camphor trees in particular. However, the age of these trees and their large trunks and invasive roots make for difficult situations for homeowners and the city as well.

FISCAL IMPACT

Pruning would be minimal on such a mature tree – little cost. Removal would be about \$1600.