

Press Release: Concord Free Public Library

Library to Remove Three Maple Trees Due to Decline and Public Safety Concerns

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The Concord Free Public Library Corporation has decided to remove three maple trees at the front of the Main Library due to ongoing deterioration and concern that the potential for falling limbs could injure residents enjoying the grounds.

According to Peter Flynn, Ground Operations Supervisor & Tree Warden for the Town of Concord, “Two of the maples are in serious decline and are beyond coming back. The third maple is an issue of structural integrity. If the tree falls, it will fall toward Concord Academy where the presence of wires, pedestrians, and sidewalk will most likely impact people and property.” Just last weekend a large limb approximately 15 inches in diameter broke off across the grain, falling into the public right of way. Since the trees are on private property (owned by the Library Corporation) a tree hearing is not required.

The Police Department noticed the limb blocking the roadway and, recognizing that it posed a public safety risk, alerted the Town of Concord’s Public Works Department to request the limb’s removal. The Concord Free Public Library Trustees are investigating replacement options for the three trees and anticipate a fall planting. “The Trustees sincerely regret having to remove these trees and will plant new ones as soon as possible. The safety of our patrons and others is our primary concern,” stated Sherry Litwack, President of the Library Corporation.



Evidence of tree rot causing the fallen limb.