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Emil Pierson, AICP  
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RE: Washington Park - Tree Risk Assessment – City of Centralia

Dear Mr. Pierson:

We have completed an assessment of trees in Washington Park in downtown Centralia. The purpose of the evaluation was to determine the condition of the trees and make recommendations for cultural care or removal.

### Findings and Recommendations

This park occupies a city block and includes the library, walkways, and heavy pedestrian use across the lawn areas. The trees are large diameter, mature, scattered deciduous and conifer trees. Recent tree removal work had been completed in the park. We assessed all remaining trees to determine if additional cultural activity was needed.

All remaining trees in the park are in fair to good condition. Three trees had minor branch dieback. The risk from these trees is 'Low'. The necessary crown cleaning could be done now, or deferred until a tree crew is in the area for other significant work.

I have indicated the tree locations on the attached photo. They include 2 oaks and a sweetgum. All work should be done by, or supervised by an International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist.

Since most trees are mature in this park, it is recommended that some new tree planting occur in the gaps in the park. The purpose is to have the replacement trees in place when the existing trees fail over the next 30 years. Please give me a call if you have questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Washington Forestry Consultants, Inc.

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ISA Tree Risk Assessor Qualified

**Attachment #1. Aerial photo of Washington Park with locations of 3 trees that require crown cleaning to remove deadwood. Red arrows indicate trees with some branch dieback. Prune deadwood down to 1 inch diameter. All work should be done to the ANSI A300 standards for proper pruning.**

