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Subject:

Ray,

On July 13, a tree assessment was completed by a certified arborist from our staff on the proposed Wal-Mart site in Lawrence, KS. The following are our recommendations and observations after carefully inspecting each individual tree.

The majority of the trees on site are growing along two older fence rows. They are young trees that have not yet reached full maturity. The soil conditions in which these trees are growing is poor due to detritus and fill that has been dumped there over the years. Man made conditions around this parcel have made the area wet, making for a difficult growth medium.

These factors have put a heavy strain on the trees and they are not growing to their full potential. The trees are growing very close together which makes them tall and leggy and yeilds a low canopy to trunk ratio. Having more visible trunk than canopy makes them very prone to being blown over by windstorms, therefore creating a hazard. Therefore, they are not good candidates for transplanting. The large majority of the trees on site are in decline. Trying to preserve them would prove difficult because of their position in relation to the proposed site plan and conflicts with drive aisles, curbs, etc. Cutting away trees and leaving only a few "dog hair" stands takes away the natural wind break they are accustomed to sharing, and would also be ascetically unpleasing.

There are a few, maybe 10-15, trees on site that are healthy, have good structure and have the potential for preservation or relocation. We cannot make a final decision about these trees until all site utilities and amenities are placed.

We have been able to secure some very large nursery stock trees for this project that we believe have a better chance of survival. Along with proper design these trees can be given an adequate area and soil to become mature trees. Sometimes we have to concede and know when to start over with healthier trees and plants. We believe this is one of those times.

I have attached the tree data and survey that we did for this project. Please let me know if you have any questions. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Clark