

**Report #2016-3
May 19, 2016**

Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Trees – Report to the City Council

Subject: Large Willow Oak by Crescent Road near the Greenbelt Library and Greenbelt Community Center

The large willow oak (*Quercus phellos*) by Crescent Road near the Greenbelt Library and the Greenbelt Community Center is currently in severe decline. This tree has all the signs of Hypoxylon canker and, currently, there are no controls for Hypoxylon canker on hardwood trees once infection has begun on the trunk. Unfortunately, branches that die from Hypoxylon generally die fast and become brittle fast. Thus, this tree is very dangerous to have over a main sidewalk and highly used area as the branches could fall on nearby pedestrians.

Unanimously, the ACT very sadly agrees with Public Works staff that this large willow oak is dangerous and should be removed. We anticipate that a replacement tree can be planted in this location in the fall of 2016.