



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR  
P.O. Box 90012  
BELLEVUE, WA 98009-9012

### DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

**PROPONENT:** Josephine M. Ruby

**LOCATION OF PROPOSAL:** 225 131<sup>st</sup> Ave NE

**NAME & DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Ruby Tree Removal

Approval of the removal of two hazardous big leaf maples, creation of a habitat snag, and planting of 6 Western Red Cedars within the stream critical area buffer of the West Tributary of Kelsey Creek, a Type F water.

**FILE NUMBER:** 09-125251 GJ

The Environmental Coordinator of the City of Bellevue has determined that this proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact upon the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(C). This decision was made after the Bellevue Environmental Coordinator reviewed the completed environmental checklist and information filed with the Land Use Division of the Department of Planning & Community Development. This information is available to the public on request.

- There is no comment period for this DNS. There is a 14-day appeal period. Only persons who submitted written comments before the DNS was issued may appeal the decision. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.
- This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on the DNS. There is a 14-day appeal period. Only persons who submitted written comments before the DNS was issued may appeal the decision. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on 12/3/09.
- This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and is subject to a 14-day comment period from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_. This DNS is also subject to appeal. A written appeal must be filed in the City Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on \_\_\_\_\_.

This DNS may be withdrawn at any time if the proposal is modified so that it is likely to have significant adverse environmental impacts; if there is significant new information indicating, or on, a proposals probable significant adverse environmental impacts (unless a non-exempt license has been issued if the proposal is a private project); or if the DNS was procured by misrepresentation or lack of material disclosure.

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Environmental Coordinator

November 19, 2009  
Date

**OTHERS TO RECEIVE THIS DOCUMENT:**

- State Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State Department of Ecology,
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Attorney General
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

2/4/09

If you need assistance in completing the checklist or have any questions regarding the environmental review process, please visit or call Development Services (425-452-6800) between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (Wednesday, 10 to 4). Assistance for the hearing impaired: Dial 711 (Telecommunications Relay Service).

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Property Owner: Josephine & Robert Ruby

Proponent:

Contact Person:

(If different from the owner. All questions and correspondence will be directed to the individual listed.)

Address: 225 131st Ave NE Bellevue, WA 98005

Phone: 425-467-5740

Proposal Title: Maple Removal

Proposal Location: 225 131st Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98005

(Street address and nearest cross street or intersection) Provide a legal description if available.

Please attach an 8 1/2" x 11" vicinity map that accurately locates the proposal site.

Give an accurate, brief description of the proposal's scope and nature:

1. General description: Removal of 2 dying maples and replanting with 6 trees.  
Big Leaf Maple (*Acer macrophyllum*)
2. Acreage of site:
3. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be demolished: N/A
4. Number of dwelling units/buildings to be constructed: N/A
5. Square footage of buildings to be demolished: N/A
6. Square footage of buildings to be constructed: N/A
7. Quantity of earth movement (in cubic yards): N/A
8. Proposed land use: N/A
9. Design features, including building height, number of stories and proposed exterior materials: N/A
10. Other

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Estimated date of completion of the proposal or timing of phasing:

Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

N/A

List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

maples are located up against Kelsey Creek.

West Tributary Kelsey Creek  
Type F water

Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. List dates applied for and file numbers, if known.

Don't Know

no

List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. If permits have been applied for, list application date and file numbers, if known.

Don't Know

Please provide one or more of the following exhibits, if applicable to your proposal. (Please check appropriate box(es) for exhibits submitted with your proposal):

- Land Use Reclassification (rezone) Map of existing and proposed zoning
- Preliminary Plat or Planned Unit Development  
Preliminary plat map
- Clearing & Grading Permit  
Plan of existing and proposed grading  
Development plans
- Building Permit (or Design Review)  
Site plan  
Clearing & grading plan
- Shoreline Management Permit  
Site plan

Clearing and Grading Permit  
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A. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

a. General description of the site: Flat over 50% of canopy spread  
 Flat  Rolling  Hilly  Steep slopes  Mountains  Other

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 45° angle

c. What general types of soil are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, and muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.  
Stream Bank

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d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

Don't know

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A

None

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Some erosion is possible but since the yard is flat, erosion should be minimal

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

Place arborist chips under the current drip line of the tree. Then cover the chips with a Geotextile carpet, preferably Jute mat.

Impacts to mitigated by application of clearing and grading code BCC 23.76.

2. AIR

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e. dust, automobile odors, and industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to the air, if any:

N/A

3. WATER

a. Surface

(1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

Kelsey Creek

West Tributary

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(2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If Yes, please describe and attach available plans. *Removal of 2 dying maples & replanting with 6 trees.*

Yes

(3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None

(4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

*N/A*

No

(5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

*N/A*

(6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

*N/A*

b. Ground

(1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description.

*N/A*

(2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.) Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

*N/A*

c. Water Runoff (Including storm water)

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(1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

N/A

(2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

N/A

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

N/A

Impacts mitigated by application of clearing and grading code BCC 23.76.

#### 4. Plants

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other Big Leaf Maple, Cottonwood
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other Douglas Fir
- shrubs
- grass
- pasture
- crop or grain
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

2 maples

Big Leaf Maple

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A

Salmonids

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

Replanting of 6 trees in the place of the 2 trees that will be removed

Creation of habitat snag and planting of six western red cedars (*Thuja plicata*).

#### 5. ANIMALS

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a. Check or circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:

Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: MOOSE

Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

N/A

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. Salmon (Kelsey Creek)

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: N/A

**No impacts anticipated. Creation of one habitat snag.**

### 6. Energy and Natural Resources

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy need? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Gasoline for chain saws

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

N/A

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of the proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: N/A

### 7. Environmental Health

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

N/A

(1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

N/A

(2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

N/A

### b. Noise

(1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example, traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

N/A

- (2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example, traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Noise from cutting down trees (short term)

- (3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

N/A

Impacts mitigated by application of Noise Code BCC9.18.

## 8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?  
Yard for single family home
- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.  
N/A
- c. Describe any structures on the site.  
Single family home w/ deck  
Yard + fence
- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?  
N/A
- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?  
Residential R-3.5
- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?  
Don't know Single Family Medium Density
- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?  
N/A
- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.  
Kelsey Creek West Tributary
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?  
N/A
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?  
None
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:  
N/A
- i. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if

any: N/A

## 9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
N/A
- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.  
None
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:  
N/A

## 10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? N/A
- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? N/A
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: N/A

## 11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?  
N/A
- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?  
N/A
- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? N/A
- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light or glare impacts, if any: N/A

**12. Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

N/A

**13. Historic and Cultural Preservation**

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

~~Kelsey Creek~~ N/A

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

N/A

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any: N/A

**14. Transportation**

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. NE 3<sup>rd</sup> & 131<sup>st</sup> Ave NE

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

~~NO~~ NO

c. How many parking spaces would be completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

N/A

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when

None

peak volumes would occur.

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

N/A

**15. Public Services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for the public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

N/A

**16. Utilities**

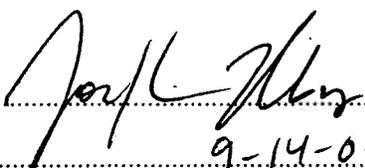
a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

N/A

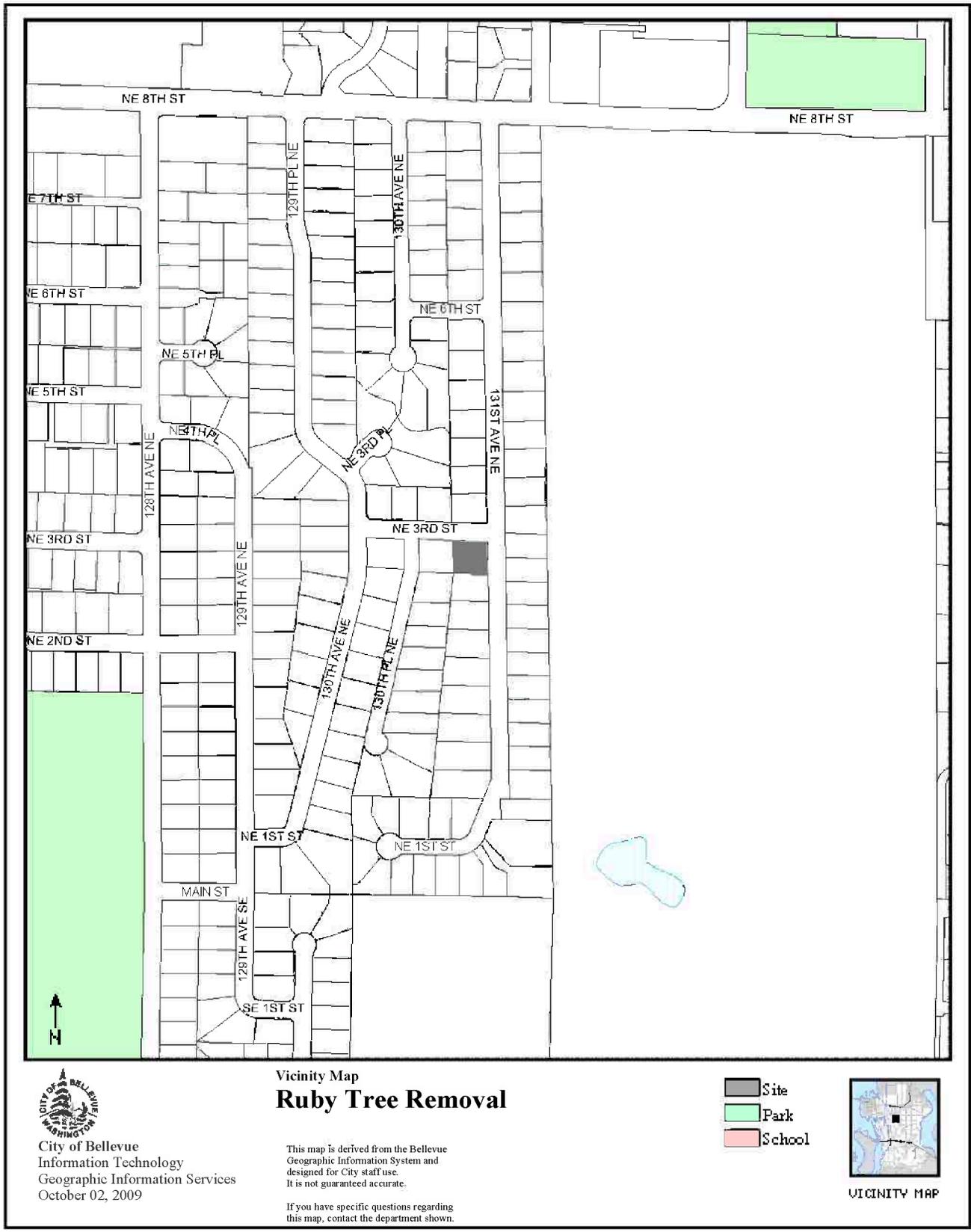
**Signature**

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature..... 

Date Submitted..... 9-14-09

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Vicinity Map  
**Ruby Tree Removal**



City of Bellevue  
 Information Technology  
 Geographic Information Services  
 October 02, 2009

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