VNCC Maintenance and Planting Report

Spring, 2026

This spring, additional trees were captured in the inventory, bringing the total number of Village trees to 309.

Overall, I am recommending 6 removals this spring (along with 2 previous removals that we are waiting on PEPCO to assist with). I've recommended that 22 trees be pruned for either hazard mitigation, clearance, or to address specific resident requests.

Overview of Removals

Address	Species	DBH	Task
8814 Kensington PKWY	Pin oak	22	Remove. Grind stump for replanting
8904 Kensington PKWY	Black cherry	22	Remove. Grind stump for replanting
8913 Kensington PKWY	Willow Oak	4	Remove. Grind stump for replanting (or dig out as the tree is small)
9012 Kensington PKWY	Red maple	33	Remove. Grind stump for replanting
3804 Inverness DR	Silver maple	42	Remove. Grind stump for replanting
8901 Montgomery AVE	Hemlock	23	Remove. Grind stump for replanting
8905 Clifford AVE	Sugar Maple	32	*Previous recommended removal. Awaiting PEPCO assistance*
3605 Stewart DR	Empress Tree	16	*Previous recommended removal. Awaiting PEPCO assistance and confirmation with homeowners*

Removals

The following 6 trees have been recommended for removal. I have included my reasoning for each:

8814 Kensington Parkway (Pin Oak)



Over 50% of the canopy of this pin oak is dead, and much of the deadwood is over the road and sidewalks.

8904 Kensington Parkway (Black cherry)



This tree has significant dieback, primarily over the sidewalk and road.

8913 Kensington Parkway (Willow oak)



This small willow oak has died and should be replaced.

9012 Kensington Parkway (Red Maple)



Proposed construction to replace this driveway apron will cut significantly into the structural roots that support this tree, which will increase the chances of it uprooting. I recommend it be removed prior to the apron replacement.

3804 Inverness Drive (Silver Maple)



This silver maple recently had a large branch break out of it during moderate winds and block the road. Silver maples seem prone to breakage in wind and ice, but the amount of decay in this trunk leads me to recommend the entire tree be removed to prevent future emergencies.

8901 Montgomery Avenue (Eastern Hemlock)



This tree has many dead branches and it looks like the top broke out some time ago.

8905 Clifford Ave (Sugar Maple)



This sugar maple was previously recommended for removal. We are awaiting PEPCO assistance, as it is growing into overhead high voltage wires.

3605 Stewart DR (Empress Tree)



This empress tree was previously recommended for removal. We are awaiting both homeowner confirmation and PEPCO assistance, as it is growing near overhead high voltage wires.

Pruning

Address	Species	DBH	Task
8804 Kensington PKWY	Red Oak	35	Hazard prune/crown clean

8814 Kensington PKWY (on Montrose side of property)	Box Elder	10	Elevate at least 15 feet from roadway
8814 Kensington PKWY (on Kenilworth side of property)	Pin Oak	33	Hazard prune/crown clean
8911 Kensington PKWY	Pin Oak	30	Hazard prune/crown clean
3706 Kensington PKWY	Red Oak	28	Hazard prune/crown clean
9011 Kensington PKWY	Black Cherry	29	Hazard prune/crown clean
3819 Kenilworth DRWY	Pin Oak	40	Hazard prune/crown clean
3821 Kenilworth DRWY	Pin Oak	43	Hazard prune/crown clean
3820 Inverness (on Kenilworth side of property)	Pin Oak	24	Hazard prune/crown clean
3719 Kenilworth DRWY	Zelkova	33	Elevate at least 15 feet from roadway/sidewalks
3711 Kenilworth DRWY	Willow Oak	35	Hazard prune/crown clean
3704 Kenilworth DRWY	Pin Oak	26	Crown Clean, Elevate from service wires and sidewalk
3700 Kenilworth DRWY	Zelkova	28	Hazard prune/crown clean
8910 Montgomery AVE	Silver Maple	39	Hazard prune/crown clean
8917 Montgomery AVE	Red Maple	37	Hazard prune/crown clean
3605 Inverness DR	Tulip Poplar	32	Hazard prune/crown clean
3701 Stewart DRWY	Willow Oak	43	Hazard prune/crown clean
8814 Montgomery AVE	Pin Oak	20	Hazard prune/crown clean. Prune to clear from roof line at least 8 feet. Prune to strong laterals (please do not stub out branches)
3602 Dundee DRWY	Willow Oak	51	Hazard prune/crown clean. Prune to clear from roof line at least 15 feet. Prune to strong laterals (please do not stub-out branches)
8807 Montgomery AVE	Red Oak	49	Hazard prune/crown clean. Prune to clear low branches shading Japanese maple at 8805
8804 Montgomery AVE	Willow Oak	47	Hazard prune/crown clean.
3604 Stewart DRWY	Pin Oak	44	Prune to clear from service wires and streetlight.

Elevation from Sidewalks/Roadways



Example photo of some minor elevation pruning needed over the sidewalk

In addition to the pruning that I've recommended above, there are 13 trees that I recommend receive structural pruning to either train them for improved form, or elevate from the walkway (these are relatively minor projects that should not require a bucket truck or parking closures. This number may increase throughout the year as resident requests are received:

Street Number	Street	Species	Recommended Maintenance
3607	Dundee Drwy	Pin Oak	Prune from walkway
3814	Inverness Dr	Pin Oak	Prune from walkway
3820	Inverness Dr	Littleleaf Linden	Prune from walkway
3601	Kenilworth Drwy	Japanese Maple	Prune from walkway
3606	Kenilworth Drwy	Kwanzan Flowering Cherry	Prune from walkway
3808	Kenilworth Drwy	River Birch	Prune from walkway
3808	Kenilworth Drwy	Willow Oak	Training Prune
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8804	Kensington Pkwy	Kousa Dogwood	Prune from walkway
9010	Kensington Pkwy	Sour Gum	Training Prune
8817	Montgomery Ave	Sour Gum	Training Prune
3704	Stewart Drwy	Crape Myrtle (including hybrids)	Training Prune

3711	Stewart Drwy	Bloodgood Japanese Maple	Prune from walkway

Tree Planting

This fall, I believe the following address can have trees planted (assuming there are no resident or utility conflicts):

3716 Kenilworth (Previously removed red maple)
3712 Kenilworth (Previously removed silver maple)
3601 Inverness (Previously removed sugar maple)
3818 Inverness (Previously removed red oak)
3504 Hutch Place (Previously removed pin oak)
3806 Montrose Drive (Previously removed ornamental cherry)
3704 Stewart Driveway (Previously removed box elder)
8913 Kensington Parkway (Dead willow oak to be replaced)

PEPCO Referrals

The following addresses will be mentioned to PEPCO work planners to mitigate risk of power outages:

3809 Montrose Drive (previous outages)
8815 Montrose Drive (several cedars are growing close to the wires)

Watering

I would recommend that the four trees planted by Stadler this spring be included in a watering schedule with the Village landscape contractor. I can prepare mapping if needed.

Root Remediation

I recommend that the crabapple and sassafras trees at 3605 Kenilworth Driveway receive vertical mulching to help alleviate any issues from the recent construction on this property. I also recommend that the willow oak at 3714 Stewart Driveway also receive this treatment to help maintain its health.

Invasive Species

A number of invasive species have been previously noted in the last report. If the Village has the budget and desire to do so, these could be included in the removals this year.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this report. Thank you for your business.

Sincerely,
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Maryland Qualified Professional for Forest Conservation

Disclosure Statement:

Trees are living systems and are susceptible to multiple health and structural issues. Not all of these issues can be detected by an arborist. Arborist (Richard Jones) cannot guarantee that the trees will remain healthy and safe, even if recommended action is taken. All trees present a certain degree of risk, and the only way to completely eliminate tree risk is to remove the tree.