

A contractor illegally removed 20,800 Sq. Ft. of mature trees. Through my negotiations, the entire area was replanted. Half of the area is shown below.



The developer's landscape design team argued that the City codes did not require replacement of trees that are in a tree protection area (which is false). The code lists many punishments for this infraction. At the cost of a \$50,000, tree replacement plan, the developer was considering hiring a lawyer to interpret the City's codes. On the other side, the City continued to demand the trees be replanted and referenced their Code for specific punishments if this was not done. The situation was heading toward litigation.

At this point, I stepped in and talked with the developer. I discussed with him a less expensive plan that would satisfy the City's needs in keeping this area a protected, tree buffer. The developer used my plan and replanted the entire area that was removed.