

# Public Shade Tree Objection Appeal



Town of Natick Department of Public Works

Select Board Meeting  
August 16, 2023

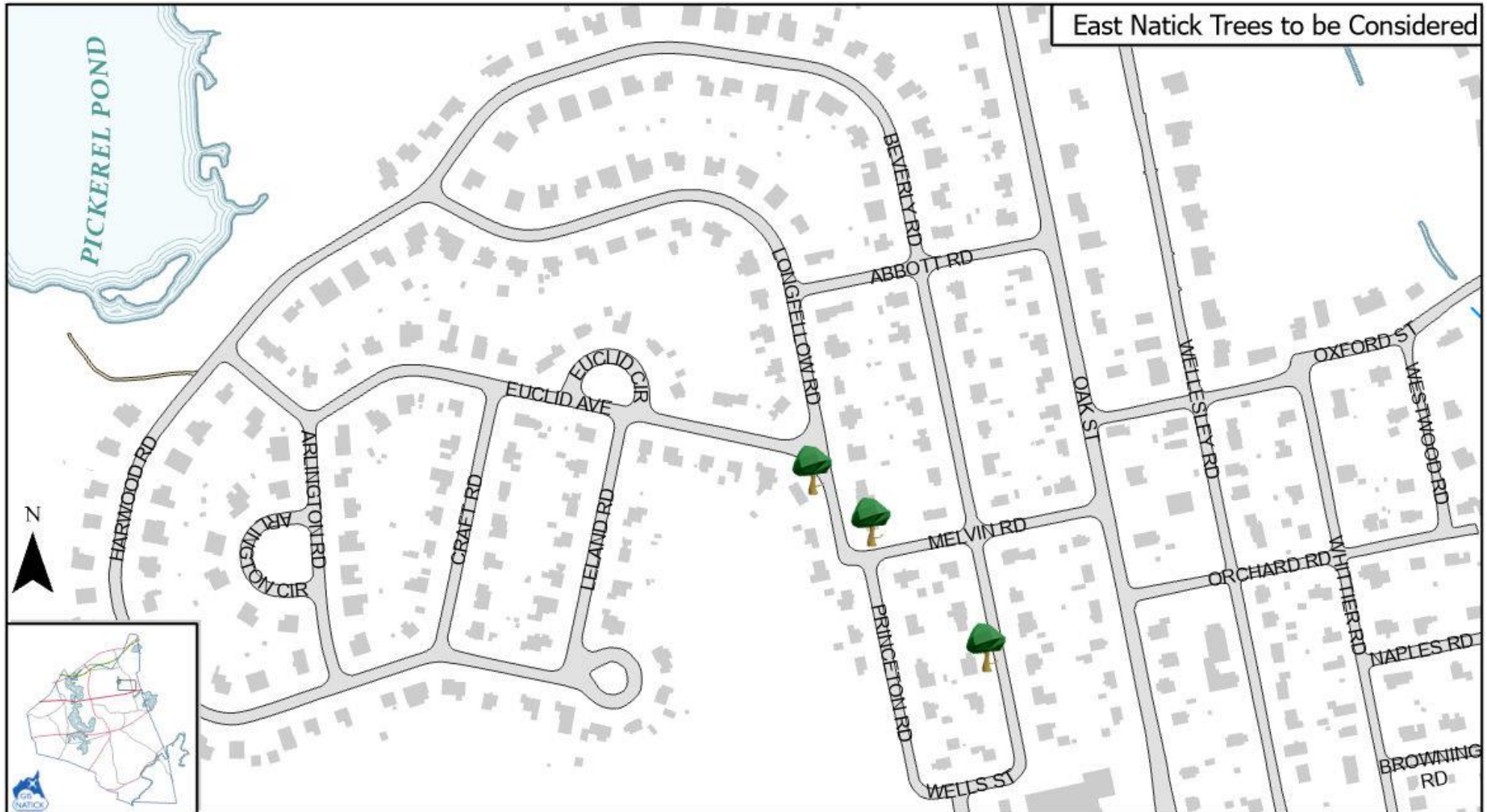
# Background

- ▶ \$3,651,982 worth of road construction
- ▶ 11 trees identified as “must be removed”
  - ▶ ADA compliance
- ▶ 31 additional trees identified
- ▶ Tree Hearing - July 20, 2023 for 42 trees
- ▶ Written objections received
- ▶ DPW appealing objections for 6 trees
  - ▶ 1 original “must be removed”
  - ▶ 5 additional trees requested by abutters from the 31

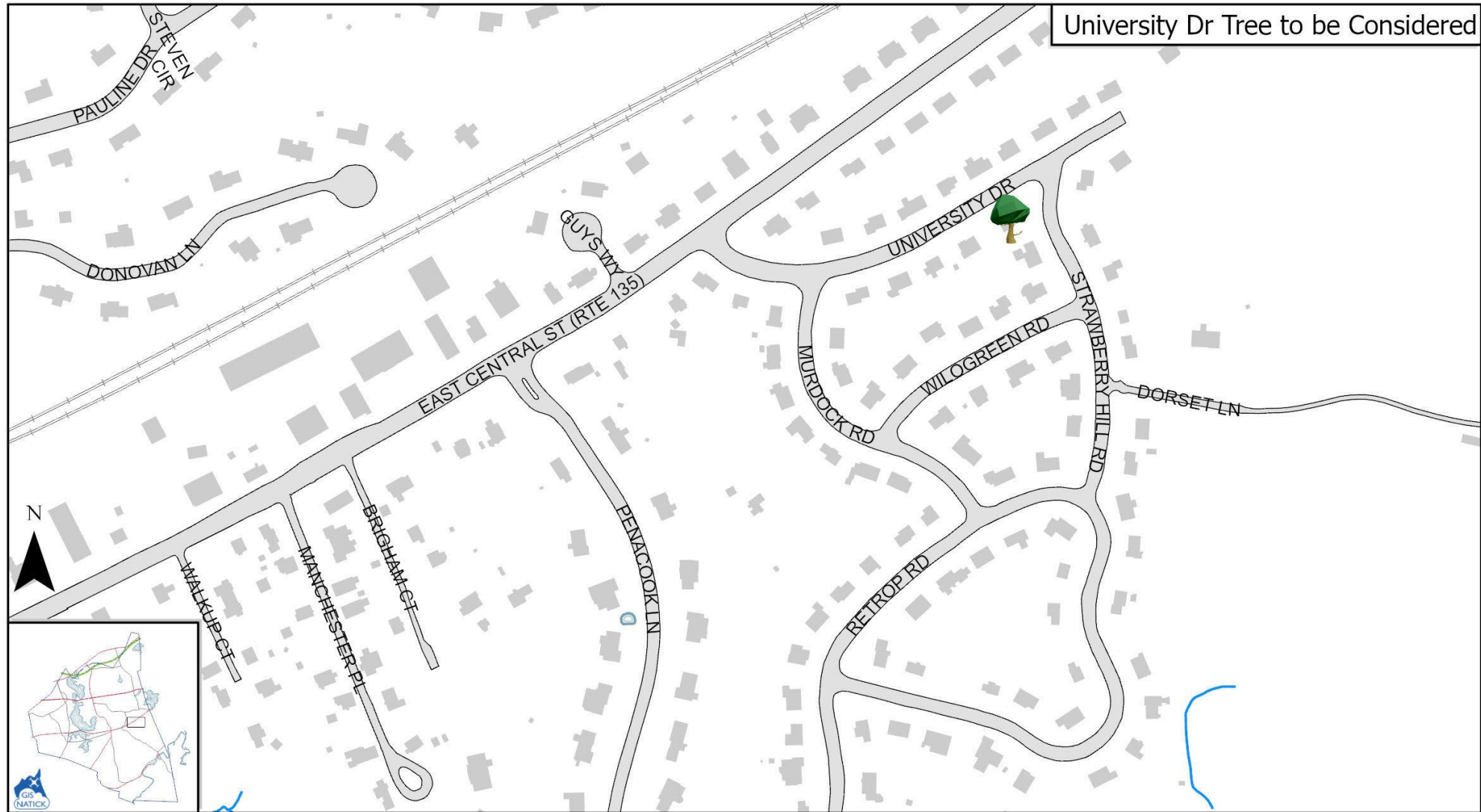
# The List of Trees for this Appeal

	Street #	Street Name	Diameter	Species	Inventory #	Note
1.	15	University Dr	16"	Norway Maple	769	"Must be removed"
2.	6	Beverly Rd	17"	Norway Maple	782	Requested by Abutter
3.	7	Melvin Rd	10"	Norway Maple	799	Requested by Abutter
4.	4	Longfellow Rd	10"	Norway Maple	800	Requested by Abutter
5.	4	Longfellow Rd	12"	Norway Maple	851	Requested by Abutter
6.	4	Longfellow Rd	19"	Norway Maple	852	Requested by Abutter

# Locus Map of Tree Locations - East Natick



# Locus Map of Tree Locations - University Dr





# Why do the trees have to be removed...



Trees can limit the width of sidewalks and their roots cause the pavement to heave



Removal of the existing pavement is an intrusive process that affects trees' roots



Damage to trees' roots causes long-term issues for the trees



Roots that are higher than the sidewalks cause ADA and access problems



# The 6 trees



15 University Dr  
Heaving sidewalk



6 Beverly Rd  
Requested By Abutter



7 Melvin Rd  
Requested By Abutter



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We respectfully request that the Select Board vote to order the removal of the trees listed in this appeal, per Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 87, Section 4.

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