ISA Basic Tree Risk Assessment Form

Client _____ Date _____ Time _____

Address/Tree location _____ Tree no. _____ Sheet _____ of _____

Tree species _____ dbh_____ Height _____ Crown spread dia. _____

Assessor(s) _____ Tools used_____ **Time frame**_____

Target Assessment

Target number	Target description	Target protection	Target zone			Occupancy rate 1–rare 2–occasional 3–frequent 4–constant	Practical to move target?	Restriction practical?
			Target within drip line	Target within 1 x Ht.	Target within 1.5 x Ht.			
1								
2								
3								
4								

Site Factors

History of failures _____ **Topography** Flat☐ Slope☐ _____% **Aspect** _____

Site changes None ☐ Grade change ☐ Site clearing ☐ Changed soil hydrology ☐ Root cuts ☐ Describe_____

Soil conditions Limited volume☐ Saturated ☐ Shallow ☐ Compacted ☐ Pavement over roots ☐ _____% Describe _____

Prevailing wind direction _____ **Common weather** Strong winds☐ Ice☐ Snow☐ Heavy rain☐ Describe_____

Tree Health and Species Profile

Vigor Low ☐ Normal ☐ High ☐ **Foliage** None (seasonal)☐ None (dead)☐ Normal ____% Chlorotic ____% Necrotic ____%

Pests/Biotic_____ **Abiotic** _____

Species failure profile Branches ☐ Trunk☐ Roots ☐ Describe_____

Load Factors

Wind exposure Protected☐ Partial☐ Full☐ Wind funneling ☐ _____ **Relative crown size** Small☐ Medium☐ Large☐

Crown density Sparse☐ Normal☐ Dense ☐ **Interior branches** Few☐ Normal☐ Dense☐ **Vines/Mistletoe/Moss**☐ _____

Recent or expected change in load factors _____

Tree Defects and Conditions Affecting the Likelihood of Failure

— Crown and Branches —

Unbalanced crown ☐   LCR _____%

Dead twigs/branches ☐   _____% overall   Max. dia. _____

Broken/Hangers   Number _____   Max. dia. _____

Over-extended branches ☐

Pruning history

Crown cleaned ☐	Thinned ☐	Raised ☐
Reduced ☐	Topped ☐	Lion-tailed ☐
Flush cuts ☐	Other _____	

Cracks ☐ _____ Lightning damage ☐

Codominant ☐ _____ Included bark ☐

Weak attachments ☐ _____ Cavity/Nest hole ____% circ.

Previous branch failures ☐ _____ Similar branches present ☐

Dead/Missing bark ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sapwood damage/decay ☐

Conks ☐   Heartwood decay ☐ _____

Response growth _____

Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

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Load on defect   N/A ☐   Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

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—Trunk—

Dead/Missing bark ☐   Abnormal bark texture/color ☐

Codominant stems ☐   Included bark ☐   Cracks ☐

Sapwood damage/decay ☐ Cankers/Galls/Burls ☐ Sap ooze ☐

Lightning damage☐ Heartwood decay ☐ Conks/Mushrooms ☐

Cavity/Nest hole _____% circ.   Depth _____ Poor taper ☐

Lean _____° Corrected? _____

Response growth _____

Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

Load on defect   N/A ☐   Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

Likelihood of failure Improbable☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

— Roots and Root Collar —

Collar buried/Not visible ☐ Depth_____ Stem girdling ☐

Dead ☐   Decay ☐   Conks/Mushrooms ☐

Ooze ☐   Cavity ☐ _____% circ.

Cracks ☐   Cut/Damaged roots ☐ Distance from trunk _____

Root plate lifting ☐   Soil weakness ☐

Response growth _____

Condition(s) of concern _____

Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____

Load on defect   N/A ☐   Minor ☐ Moderate ☐ Significant ☐

Likelihood of failure Improbable ☐ Possible ☐ Probable ☐ Imminent ☐

Risk Categorization

Target (Target number or description)	Tree part	Condition(s) of concern	Likelihood — Failure				Likelihood — Impact				Likelihood — Failure & Impact (from Matrix 1)				Consequences				Risk rating (from Matrix 2)
			Improbable	Possible	Probable	Imminent	Very low	Low	Medium	High	Unlikely	Somewhat	Likely	Very likely	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe	

Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

Likelihood of Failure	Likelihood of Impact			
	Very low	Low	Medium	High
Imminent	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely	Very likely
Probable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely	Likely
Possible	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Somewhat likely
Improbable	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely	Unlikely

Matrix 2. Risk rating matrix.

Likelihood of Failure & Impact	Consequences of Failure			
	Negligible	Minor	Significant	Severe
Very likely	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
Likely	Low	Moderate	High	High
Somewhat likely	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Unlikely	Low	Low	Low	Low

North

Notes, explanations, descriptions

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Mitigation options

1._____ **Residual risk** _____
2._____ **Residual risk** _____
3._____ **Residual risk** _____
4._____ **Residual risk** _____

Overall tree risk rating   Low ☐   Moderate ☐   High ☐   Extreme ☐

Overall residual risk   None ☐   Low ☐   Moderate ☐   High ☐   Extreme ☐   **Recommended inspection interval** _____

Data ☐Final ☐Preliminary   **Advanced assessment needed** ☐No ☐Yes-Type/Reason _____

Inspection limitations ☐None ☐Visibility ☐Access ☐Vines ☐Root collar buried Describe _____