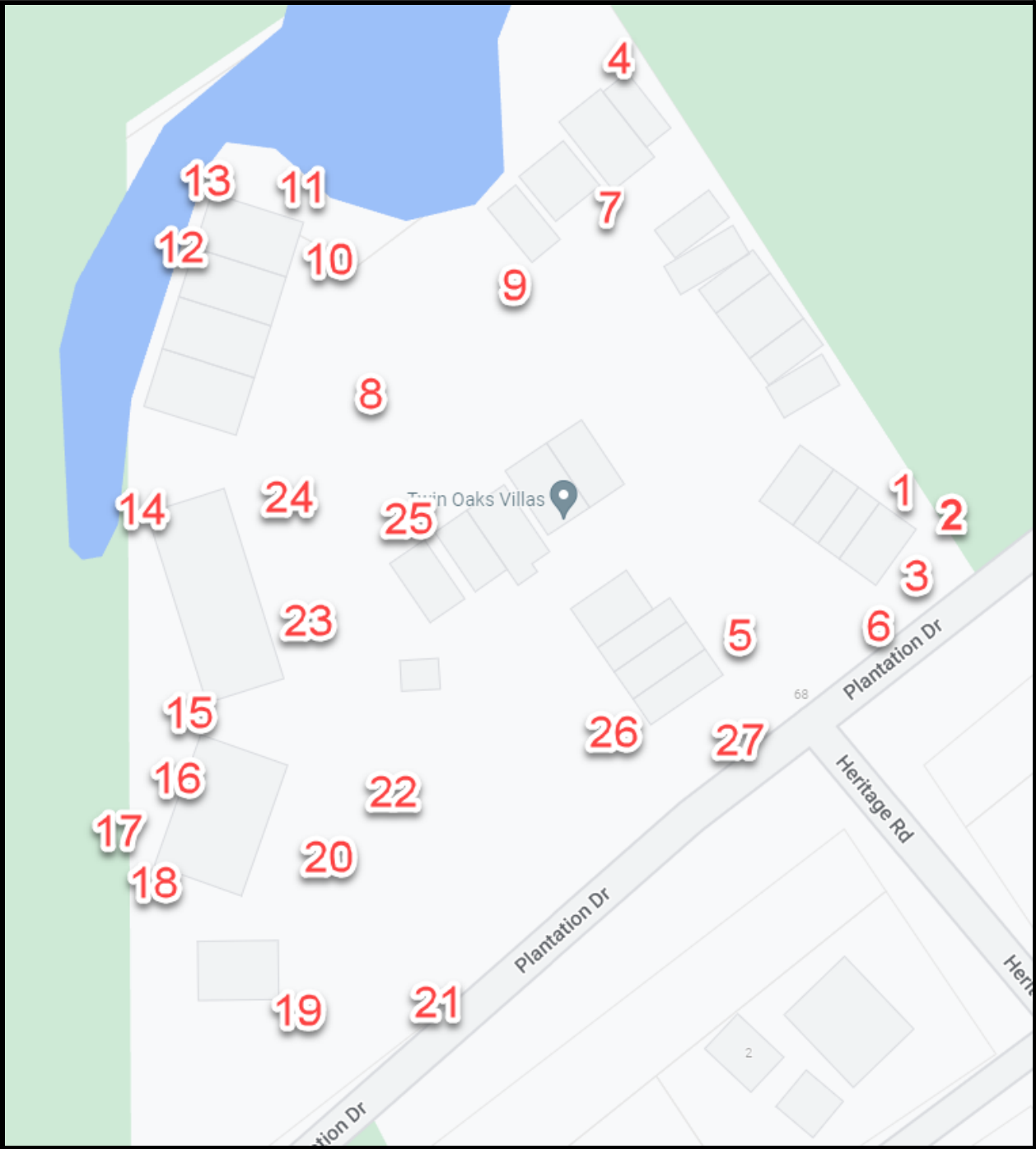


# Twin Oaks Landscape Spring 2022 Walk-thru and Recommendations



## Summary:

I inspected the trees and landscaping throughout Twin Oak Villas on the December 18th, 2021, walk-thru. Overall, the trees are in good shape however there are some concerns.

The Willow Oaks at the first entrance parking lot are causing issues with the curbing as can be seen in this [video](#) and in the future, the trees should be removed and either replaced with small trees such as Crepe Myrtles or shrubs/grasses. Alternatively, the areas could be paved over completely which would improve parking.

Of the more significant issues, the Live Oak on the left side of Unit 191 is in declining health on the left side of the tree. At the base of the tree, I identified some fungal conks (Mushrooms) which are compromising the tree. Although the tree currently is at **low** risk for failing, at some point, it should be considered for removal. This is a feature tree for the community and removing such a large and significant specimen should not be taken lightly in my view.

It was not possible to determine the extent of decay in the tree and this should be evaluated with a **Level 3 Tree Risk Assessment** to better understand the extent of decay in this tree. If the Board elects to conduct a Level 3 inspection, I would also recommend that the partially hollow Pine in the rear of 204 also be inspected since the necessary equipment would already be onsite and it would give some better indications of how long that tree is sustainable.

Pruning the Live Oak to maintain it from the roof should be done this season unless the Board decides to forgo a level 3 inspection and simply remove and replace the tree. Generally, I do recommend replanting another tree in advance of the tree removal, however, in this case, I would not do that since the Town will likely want mitigation for this tree. Planting a tree now would not count towards the mitigation of this tree.

Aside from removing one Pine tree and a smaller Sweetbay Magnolia, there are no removals recommended at this time. The bulk of the pruning is typical to maintain building clearances and clean up the lower sucker growth on a number of the Live Oaks throughout. Additionally, a few pieces of larger deadwood were noted but nothing extraordinary. Below is an itemized list of the specific recommendations. Each has a video attached which further clarify any questions. The numbers on the site map on the cover page and final page correspond to each item below as well.

1. Pine in the rear of 204, remove the large broken hanging limb and deadwood 2 inches in diameter or larger. [Video](#).
2. At the rear of 204, Water Oak. Remove 2-3 limbs overhanging the roof and dead limb. [Video](#).
3. On the right side of Unit 204. Remove one large limb near the road, raise over the roof and remove excess sucker growth on the group of Oaks. [Video](#).
4. Rear of unit 195, remove two limbs overhanging the roof. [Video](#).
5. Unit 212, remove the excess sucker growth on the Oaks and remove deadwood in the upper canopy of the Laurel Oak. [Video](#).
6. In the front of 204 on the Live Oak near the road, remove the broken and stubbed limb and excess sucker growth. [Video](#).
7. At the front of unit 193, remove the large deadwood in the Pine. [Video](#).
8. On the Pine adjacent to the first “Twin Oak” remove large deadwood. [Video](#).
9. On the large Live Oak at the left side of unit 195, raise the tree to maintain the height at approximately ten feet above the roof and remove deadwood two inches or larger. **SEE NOTES ABOVE.**
10. On the two Laurel Oaks at the end of the road on the second entrance (unit 190) prune to improve the overall structure of both trees and remove deadwood. [Video](#).
11. On the right side of unit 190, remove the two lower limbs over the roof on the Laurel Oak. [Video](#).
12. Magnolia rear of 189, prune back from roofline. Note: tree is heaving pavers. [Video](#).
13. In the rear of 190, remove one lower limb with a pocket of decay over the roof to improve roof clearance. [Video](#).

14. At the rear of 183, raise lower limbs over the roof and remove two 2-inch limbs over the chimney. [Video](#).
15. On the Willow Oak remove the lower sucker growth and remove one low limb over the roof. [Video](#).
16. Remove the double stemmed Sweetbay Magnolia and cut the stump low to the ground. This tree is damaging the corner post. [Video](#).
17. Golf Course Live Oak, raise from the roof. Remove the lower limb back to the main fork and on the second limb reduce two lower limbs as shown in the [Video](#).
18. Prune the dead fronds on the Palm at the left rear corner of the unit. [Video](#).
19. 173 front raise the Live Oaks from the roof and remove the lower excess sucker growth on the interior of the trees. [Video](#).
20. In front of 175, remove the leaning pine nearest the unit. [Video](#).
21. On the Pine adjacent to the utility box by the road, remove the large deadwood. [Video](#).
22. On the Laurel Oak and Live Oak at the corner across from the pool, remove one broken limb and excess sucker growth. [Video](#).
23. Raise the Live Oaks in front of 181 and 183 as directed in the [Video](#).
24. On the second "Twin Oak" in front of 185 remove deadwood and raise over the sidewalk area. [Video](#).
25. Prune back the limb on the first "Twin Oak" that is resting on the roof and raising over the roof. [Video](#).
26. Raise the Live Oak over the roof in the rear of 212 and remove excess sucker growth. [Video](#).
27. On the Laurel Oak on the left side of 212 remove the lower limb near the light and reduce the limb over the roof. [Video](#).

