



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 _____
 _____ Condition(s) of concern _____
 Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____
Load on defect N/A Minor Moderate Significant
Likelihood of failure Improbable Possible Probable Imminent
 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 _____

— 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 —

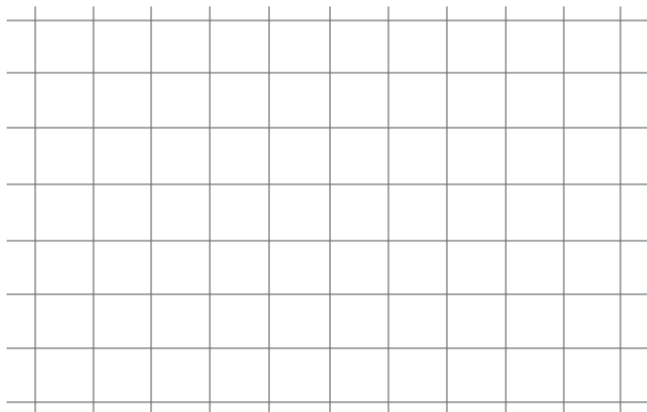
Collar buried/Not visible Depth _____ Stem girdling
 Dead Decay Conks/Mushrooms
 Ooze Cavity _____ % circ.
 Cracks Cut/Damaged roots Distance from trunk _____
 Root plate lifting Soil weakness
 Response growth _____
 Condition(s) of concern _____
 Part Size _____ Fall Distance _____
Load on defect N/A Minor Moderate Significant
Likelihood of failure Improbable Possible Probable Imminent

Risk Categorization

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

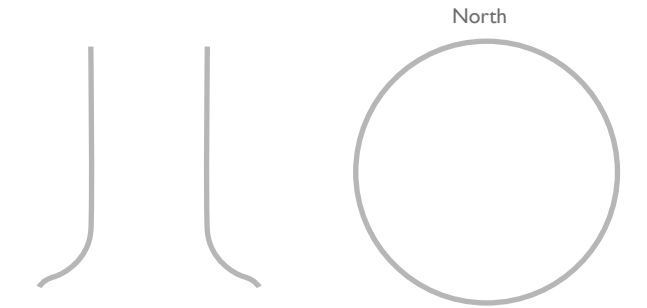
Matrix 1. Likelihood matrix.

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



Notes, explanations, descriptions

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 _____