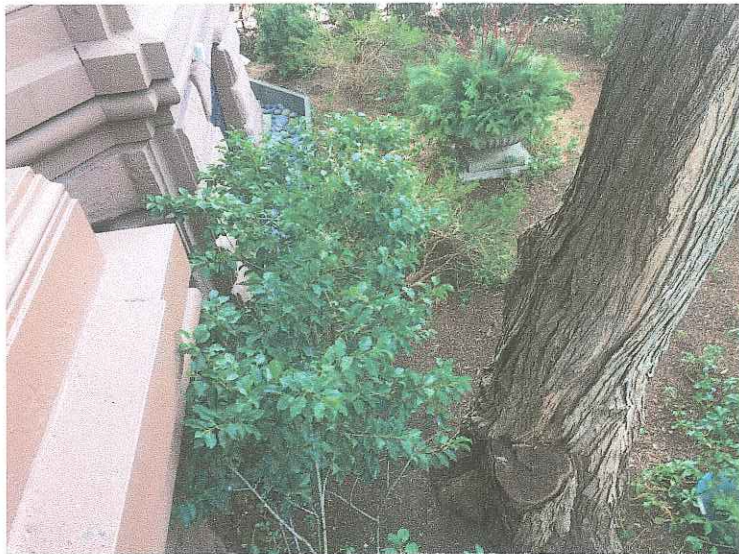


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Existing Conditions:  
Katsura Tree planted close to building foundation.





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Existing Conditions:

Front garden - Kousa Dogwood in eastern section, Katsura Tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*) on western side of front stairway.





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Proposed planting: To replace Katsura with two Kousa Dogwood (Rutgers hybrid) to match existing.





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February 27, 2018

Marjorie Greville  
c/o The Chilton Club  
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RE: Katsura tree

Dear Marjorie,

At your request, I have assessed the Katsura tree growing in front of #152 Commonwealth Avenue. There are no signs of insect and/or disease infestation, and the tree appears to be in good health. Obviously, the proximity of the tree to the building is not ideal – given that the species has the potential to grow to 60 feet in height with a spread of 30 feet or more. Eventually the space restriction will become a more acute problem, for the building, the tree, or both. From a resource management perspective, removal and replacement with a new tree of a more suitable size and location away from the building would seem reasonable.

As a degreed urban forester with 30 years of experience caring for trees in urban and exurban landscapes, I respect the contribution that all trees make to the urban environment. Still, I see no issue with tree removal and replacement as a necessary part of any long-term approach to managing developed landscapes. I do not know what laws or regulations may apply to private trees in your neighborhood, but would urge you to follow the proper protocol before taking any action with this tree.

If you have any questions regarding my opinion of the tree, feel free to communicate.

Regards,

David T. Ropes  
Certified Arborist  
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