

# PUBLIC WORKS

## Memorandum

To: Barbra Cates, Planner II  
From: Joe O'Neill, City Forester  
Date: January 8, 2013  
Re: Bucky's at Half Day Road and 41

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At the request of Community Development the City's Forester has conducted a preliminary review of proposed redevelopment of the north east corner of Half Day Road and HWY 41. The review specifically looked at any requirement for the new development under Section 94 to the City's Tree Preservation Code.

The plans submitted do indicate that tree removal is required to develop the site. The engineering plan shows an existing buffer line of trees along the north and east property lines. The majority of the trees in this buffer are oaks, a desirable specie in above average condition. The applicant has attempted to preserve as many of the existing trees as possible given the current design. This raises an additional concern that the remaining trees may become destabilized due to root loss and suffer irreversible damage from the excavation. This in turn may necessitate their removal in the near future. A preliminary count indicated that at least 24 of the trees to be removed are native hardwoods with an additional 5-6 trees that will potentially suffer significant construction damage. None of the trees requested are of Heritage status though all are of protected status. The applicant will be responsible for removal fees and tree replacement on all trees removed that are greater than 8" in diameter and in at least average condition per Section 94 of City Code.