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November 18, 2022

To: Clay County Planning Commission
477 Houston Street
Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

Re: 2975 Rosecrans Lane, Green Cove Springs
Parcel ID 28-05-26-014323-000-00

To the Planning Commission:

I wish to apply for protected status for one live oak tree on our residential property at 2975 Rosecrans Lane. This application is made pursuant to Clay County Land Development Code, Sec. 6-2 (4)(b).

Enclosed is an evaluation that supports its candidacy as a Specimen Tree. It may also qualify as an Historic Tree, given that its 150–200-year age establishes its existence during the 1850-1870s era when Green Cove Springs was first establishing itself as a community.

My family has lived in North Florida since the 1800s and my grandparents bought 2975 Rosecrans right after World War II as a place to fish (up Black Creek) on the weekends. They bought “Crosswinds” for the river view and also for this particular live oak, which stood out in beauty and size 70 years ago. My grandparents and their descendants have also loved Green Cove Springs as a community, with good neighbors who taught each other hands-on projects, from property repairs to best ways to prepare smoked mullet.

We have done our best to responsibly care for this live oak over seven decades, including branch removal in 1964, after Hurricane Dora, and most recently (2022) retaining a certified arborist to trim for insurance compliance, each activity with an eye to assuring its overall health. It is a family member. Of growing concern is that, should Crosswinds pass out of our family, the tree may not have a future advocate. Not only does it represent the grandeur of live oaks, it also represents the best of “old” Green Cove in its most wooded, peaceful, and rustic days.

Thank you for considering this request. Kindly let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,



Gina S. Gill, Co-trustee
DPA for co-trustee Suzanne Tomlinson
Encs. Arborist evaluation, aerial view, photo

Early Piety
CERTIFIED ARBORIST



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ARBORIST REPORT

November 15, 2022

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Ms. Gill,

At your request, I have performed a Level 2 ANSI A300 Basic Level Assessment, on the 83" DBH Live Oak in the side yard at 2975 Rosecrans Lane, Green Cove Springs, FL. A Level 2 Basic Assessment is a detailed visual inspection of a tree and its surrounding site. The Level 2 Assessment includes a 360-degree visual inspection from ground level on the tree and sound testing of the lower trunk and root flares with a rubber mallet to listen for tonal variations that may indicate internal hollows or decay.

My inspection revealed a normal healthy Live Oak about 150-200 years old. There are no obvious defects in the stem of the tree or the crown. In my

opinion, this is an excellent specimen of a mature Live Oak (*Quercus virginiana*) and should thrive for many years to come. This tree would certainly be a candidate for special designation.

Should you have any further questions please call.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Early Piety', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Early Piety, President
ISA Certified Arborist #SO-0584A
Specialty Tree Surgeons, Inc.



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