

DeKalb County Historic Preservation Commission

Tuesday, March 18, 2025- 6:00 P.M.

Staff Report

Regular Agenda

L. 900 Artwood Road, George Fowkes. Remove trees in front yard of a nonhistoric property.
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Built in 1950 - Nonhistoric (15 244 01 020)

This property is in the Artwood Character Area but is not in a National Register Historic District.

09-98 900 Artwood Road, Ted Cowen. Construct swimming pool behind nonhistoric house. **Approved.**

Summary

The applicant proposes removing a cluster of trees in the front yard of a nonhistoric property. A cluster of around 5 Magnolia trees in the front yard will be removed.

Recommendation

Withdrawn. The applicant has requested to withdraw this application from consideration.

Relevant Guidelines

- 5.0 *Design Review Objective* (p45) - When making a material change to a structure that is in view from a public right-of-way, a higher standard is required to ensure that design changes are compatible with the architectural style of the structure and retain character-defining features. When a proposed material change to a structure is not in view from the public-right-way, the Preservation Commission may review the project with a less strict standard so as to allow the owner more flexibility. Such changes, however, shall not have a substantial adverse effect on the overall architectural character of the structure.
- 11.0 *Nonhistoric Properties* (p93) Guideline - In reviewing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a material change to a nonhistoric building, the Preservation Commission should evaluate the change for its potential impacts to any historic development (architecture and natural and cultural landscapes) in the area of influence of the nonhistoric property. Guidelines presented in *Section 7.0: Additions and new Construction* are relevant to such evaluations.



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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Application for Certificate of Appropriateness

Date submitted: 2/6/25

Date Received: _____

Address of Subject Property: 900 Artwood Rd NE Atlanta GA 30307

Applicant: George Fowkes E-Mail: georgefowkes@treejob.com

Applicant Mailing Address: 2032 Airport Ct SE Marietta GA 30060

Applicant Phone: 404-724-5960

Applicant's relationship to the owner: Owner Architect Contractor/Builder Other

Owner(s): Mike Cross Email: sdcross@gmail.com

Owner(s): _____ Email: _____

Owner(s) Mailing Address: 900 Artwood Rd NE Atlanta GA 30307

Owner(s) Telephone Number: 404-216-1831

Approximate date of construction of the primary structure on the property and any other structures affected by this project: _____

Nature of work (check all that apply):

- New construction
- Demolition
- Addition
- Moving a Building
- New Accessory Building
- Landscaping
- Fence/Wall
- Sign Installation
- Other Building Changes
- Other Environmental Changes
- Other

Description of Work:

Mike would like to remove the cluster of Magnolias in his front yard. Mike is in his 70's and has recently had back surgery. He struggles to walk over the cracks in the driveway and the surface roots in the front yard. Mike is no longer able to manage the amount of leaves dropped year round. This cluster of Magnolias has dropped countless limbs into the yard and driveway over the years, to large for Mike to manage causing him to have to pay tree companies and landscapers. Given Mikes age and physical state, he has disided these Magnoilas are too much maintenance for the front yard and plans to have something smaller and more manageable put in its place. The hickoy tree in his back yard has only one helathy branch left. the other branches have broken off in storms and have been trimmed out so mike wants to remove it.

This form must be completed in its entirety and be accompanied by supporting documents, such as plans, list of materials, color samples, photographs, etc. All documents should be in PDF format, except for photographs, which may be in JPEG format. Email the application and supporting material to plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov and pvjennings@dekalbcountyga.gov. An incomplete application will not be accepted.

Signature of Applicant: 



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Authorization of a Second Party to Apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness


This form is required if the individual making the request is not the owner of the property.

I/ We: Suzanne Cross

being owner(s) of the property at: 900 Artwood Rd

hereby delegate authority to: George Fowkes with TreeJob

to file an application for a certificate of appropriateness in my/our behalf.

Signature of Owner(s): 

Date: 2/7/2025

Please review the following information

Approval of this Certificate of Appropriateness does not release the recipient from compliance with all other pertinent county, state, and federal regulations.

Before making any changes to your approved plans, contact the preservation planner (404/371- 2155). Some changes may fall within the scope of the existing approval, but others will require review by the preservation commission. If work is performed which is not in accordance with your certificate, a Stop Work Order may be issued.

If your project requires that the county issue a Certificate of Occupancy at the end of construction, an inspection may be made to verify that the work has been completed in accord with the Certificate of Appropriateness. If the work as completed is not the same as that approved in the Certificate of Appropriateness you will not receive a Certificate of Occupancy. You may also be subject to other penalties including fines and/or required demolition of the non-conforming work.

If you do not commence construction within twelve months of the date of approval, your Certificate of Appropriateness will become void and you will need to apply for a new certificate if you still intend to do the work.