



PROJECT OF THE MONTH – May 2007

Client – Mary Kadderly
Location – Portland's Hawthorne District

SITUATION

Mary Kadderly was referred to Trecology by Charles and Anna Kingsley. After seeing our work at their house, she was sure that we could help her with her treescape. We assessed the condition of the trees on the property, the work that had previously been done, and the landscape's needs. A couple flowering pears on the street needed some establishment pruning to thin out internal growth. A grove of vine maple and hazelnut on the side of the house had been previously pruned up leaving a single layered canopy and lots of crossing rubbing branches intertwined in the neighbor's cherry tree and a tangled mess in the hazelnut. A Norway maple on the side of the house was providing an access route for the neighbor's grape vines to get into the canopy and a trio of Norway maples in the backyard was providing too much shade on the backyard with their dense canopies. Finally, a small laceleaf maple in the front yard was in need of a little early training to establish some good branching and a nice shape.



APPROACH

We started pruning the pears by the street. We removed branches that would become poor scaffold branches due to crossing nature or narrow branch attachment angles. Then we pruned the vine maples and hazelnut tree. We thinned out or reduced crossing branches to reduce clutter while still keeping what was left of the lower canopy. This lower canopy is important to the trees so that it can keep photosynthesizing in extremely hot temperatures when the outer canopy shuts off. On the hazelnut, we thinned the canopy, removed water sprouts, and created a simplified more tidy appearance.

On the Norway maple at the side of the house, we raised canopy and structurally pruned it to remove branches in the vicinity of the grapes and remove branches with poor attachment angles, which are likely to break out. The Norway maples in the back yard were thinned and the canopy was raised to increase the amount of light in the backyard. This also eliminated crossing branches in the trees to give them a more aesthetically pleasing look during the winter months when the scaffold is the main feature of the tree.

Finally, the laceleaf Japanese maple was thinned to reduce crossing branches, establish an attractive framework and correct some early growth issues. Now the tree has more flow and a good framework for the future.

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