

ATTACHMENT

7 photos of the wisteria problem on Park Avenue

taken around 1 June 2020

that provide update on the wisteria problem

on and around 414 Park Avenue (Meadville, PA)

PHOTO 7

404 Park Avenue renovations in progress (taken ca. 6-1-2020)

PHOTO 7 shows outside renovations of 404 Park Avenue, Complainant Redman's neighbor to the north, after the foundation that had been eaten away by the wisteria roots and vines was replaced: new slate gray paint on the old white vinyl siding, new windows, a new porch/entrance, and a new concrete pathway to the public sidewalk along Park Avenue. Not shown in the photo is the new black metal roof that was put on the house in the first part of June 2020 and the grass that was planted (over roots that could not be pulled by the excavator or mini bulldozer so the wisteria will be back).



PHOTO 8 (taken 6-2-2020)

Wisteria taking over the shed on 414 Park Avenue

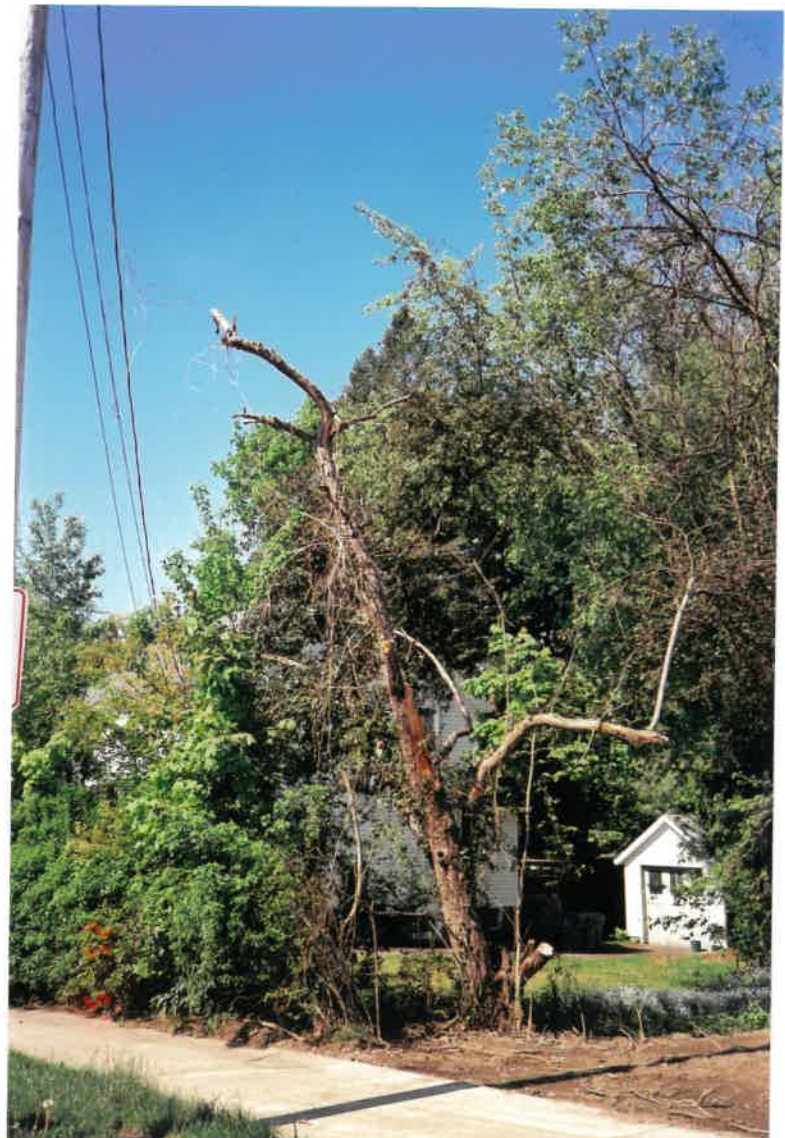
Wisteria plants cover the ground on the north side of the shed on the property that Complainant lives on, 414 Park Avenue. No amount of cutting back or pulling the wisteria keeps it under control. Although in October 2019 Dr. Redman pulled the wisteria growing on the ground and the wisteria crawling up the shed before winter set in, this is how quickly the wisteria has taken the shed in spring 2020.



PHOTO 9 (taken around 6-1-2020)

**The current status of the wisteria tree and
vegetation on the power lines**

This photo shows the “wisteria tree” – the old apple tree with the main wisteria vine on and around it – around 1 June 2020. In a heavy storm on June 11, the branch on the right side of the photo came down, leaving only the trunk leaning towards the power lines – its current status. According to the Crawford County Forester, what remains of the old apple tree and the large wisteria vines



around it need to be poisoned with Roundup (via the “hack and squirt method) as many times as necessary until they are destroyed. Then the remaining wisteria vines, runners, and roots must be systematically destroyed through the same method. Small plants should be pulled manually, getting the entire root, and then incinerated.

The current status of vegetation on the power lines: As one can see in the photo, trees and shrubs farther down the lines and thus closer to 414 Park Avenue are on the power lines, having grown exponentially after the wet spring this year (2020). They must be cut back from the lines by the power companies FirstEnergy and Penelec. Because the entire hedge along the public sidewalk is completely infested with wisteria, it needs to be cut down and the large roots pulled by an excavator as in PHOTO 10 below and destroyed, preferably by incineration.

PHOTO 10 (taken on 5-8-2020)

Excavator clearing soil of wisteria roots

This photos shows an excavator working up the lawn for 404 Park Avenue by clearing the soil of wisteria roots in the border area of 404 and 414 Park Avenue. There is a huge pile of wisteria roots that have been dug up and collected on 414 Park Avenue on the edge of 404 Park Avenue. Currently there is a smaller pile of roots in approximately the same place.



PHOTO 11 (taken end of May 2020)

Wisteria roots protruding from soil after excavator tried to pull them

This photos shows roots protruding from the soil after an excavator had worked up the ground and attempted to remove the roots. The crew that the developer of 404 Park Avenue sent finally gave up and seeded the lawn in the first part of June 2020.



PHOTO 12 (taken 5-8-2020)

**Wisteria vines strangling the chokecherry tree
shared by 404 and 414 Park Avenue**

This photo shows wisteria vines strangling the chokecherry tree that is on the border to 404 and 414 Park Avenue and thus shared by both properties. Those vines, which run from the ground to the very top of the tree, could not be removed by a bulldozer gripping them and pulling them. According to the crew working on the exterior of the property, they will have to be cut off the tree.

