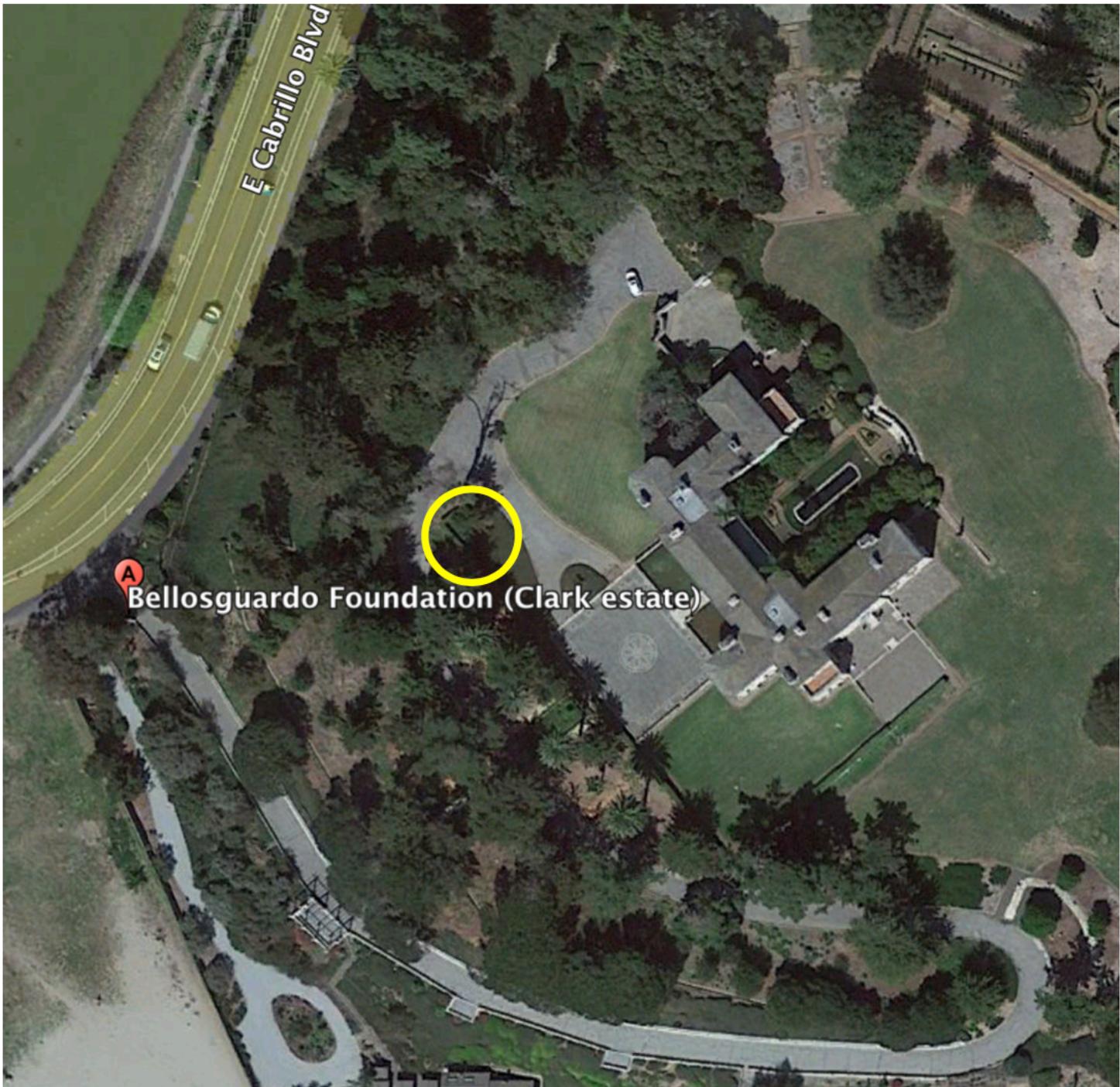


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ARBORIST FIELD REPORT for Clark Estate

Background

I was called out to the subject property on July 5, 2022 to assess the condition of an old Monterey Cypress tree and prepare a report with my findings and recommendations.

Observations

1. At the top of the driveway, in a planter at the northwestern section of the parking area, is a large Monterey Cypress tree (*Hesperocyparis macrocarpa*).
2. The tree has a 65" DBH (diameter at breast height measured at 54" above ground) and is approximately 80' in height.
3. Currently, there are two limbs that are still alive but in decline. All other limbs have died.
4. There is extensive brown rot (fungal infection), visible along the lower trunk including a large cavity at approximately 10' above the ground.
5. The tree leans slightly to the east and overhangs the driveway.
6. There is an adjacent young cypress to the south that will ultimately fill the space where the two trees are currently growing.

Discussion

This old tree is close to death and will not recover. As the tree declines, so does the root system. Although the remaining tree is primarily a trunk, degrading roots predispose the tree to failure. Any person or vehicle would likely be crushed if the tree were to contact them.

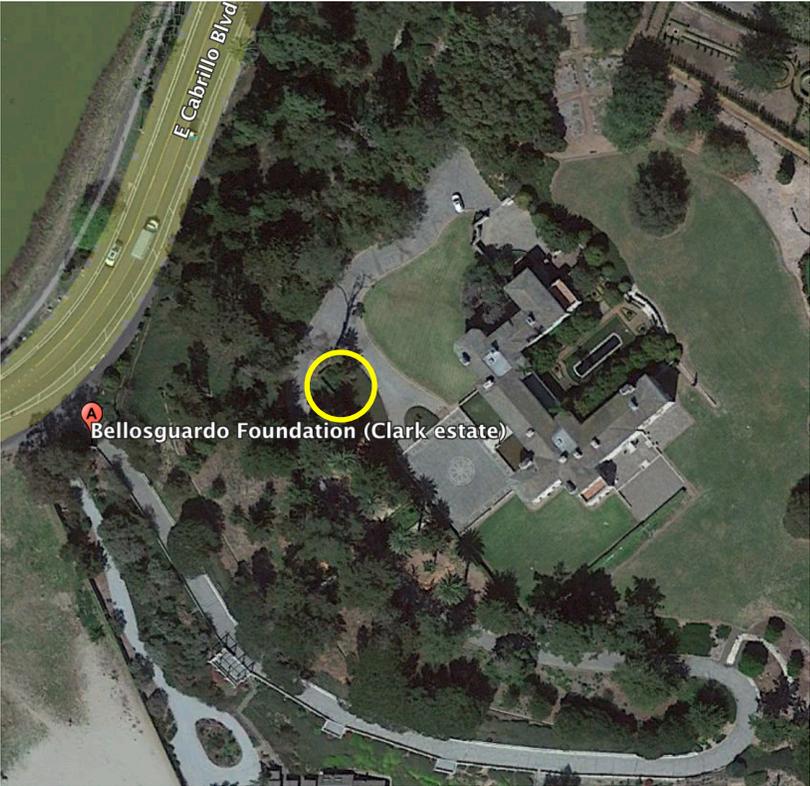
Conclusions and Recommendations

- This tree will not recover and should be removed.
- Although it is statistically unlikely to fall at the exact moment that a person or vehicle is beneath it, there are no significant benefits to retaining the tree. There are multiple other habitat trees nearby on the site.

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Left: Yellow circle indicates location of tree at northwestern section of property. Note underlying driveway and parking area.

Below left: Looking slightly southwesterly at the declining tree with the adjacent young cypress to the left.

Below right: Looking easterly at the declining cypress tree with the adjacent young cypress to the right.





Looking easterly at the cypress and the brown rot in the trunk that is at the stage where termites are decomposing the wood. Note the ends of the young cypress tree to the right (in the upper left photo) spreading to the north.