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Things we have learned over the past 6 months about sewer lateral piping issues:

1. John's Reliable Plumbing and Henderson plumbing video inspections at 1155 Putnam both agree that there is absolutely no indication that the lateral sewer piping at that address is in any danger of collapsing nor is there any indication of other problems other than root intrusion between sections of clay piping.
2. Craig Devakow at Advanced Drains & Plumbing Repairs presented a fraudulent analysis of the video inspection they did of the sewer line at 1155 Putnam when he claimed that the sewer line was in danger of imminent collapse and the entire line from the basement to the exterior main must be replaced.
3. While plumbers often say the tree roots will grow for 7 years after a tree is cut down, our landscaper/arborist John Hosbach Jr. has stated that is absolutely false. When a tree is cut down, roots stop growing and will completely die in 1 to 1 ½ years. Some fast growing trees will attempt to survive by producing spouts at the stump in an attempt to regrow the tree but even those will not extend their root system.
4. Maple trees are notoriously intrusive to sewer lines according to our arborist John Hosbach Jr. and our tree surgeon Richard Brooks.
5. Based on the most recent video inspection of the sewer lateral piping at 1155 Putnam on 1/29/2021 that was cleared of roots on 8/14/2020 by Hydro-Jetting, we can conclude that "jetting" does not prevent roots from regrowing for 4 to 5 years as has been claimed.
6. According to Anton & John's Reliable plumbing, cracks in sewer lateral piping are clearly visible during video camera inspections of those lines.
7. According to the plumbers we have contacted, they all agree that repeated cleaning of regrowing roots in lateral sewer piping will eventually damage the clay piping sections and that damage will require replacement.
8. Foaming "Root Kill" (i.e. Rootx) chemicals are effective in killing roots in sewer lateral piping. The chemical should be applied by a licensed plumber and water use restricted for 4 to 6 hours.

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