

HISTORIC AND NATURAL DISTRICTS  
INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
QUAD. \_\_\_\_\_  
SERIES \_\_\_\_\_  
NEG. NO. \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NAME: Town of Islip, Town Hall DATE: 5/22/79

YOUR ADDRESS: 655 Main Street  
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ORGANIZATION (if any): Department of Planning and Development

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1. NAME OF DISTRICT: Lopped Trees in The Artist Colony

2. COUNTY: Suffolk TOWN/CITY: Islip VILLAGE: Oakdale

3. DESCRIPTION:

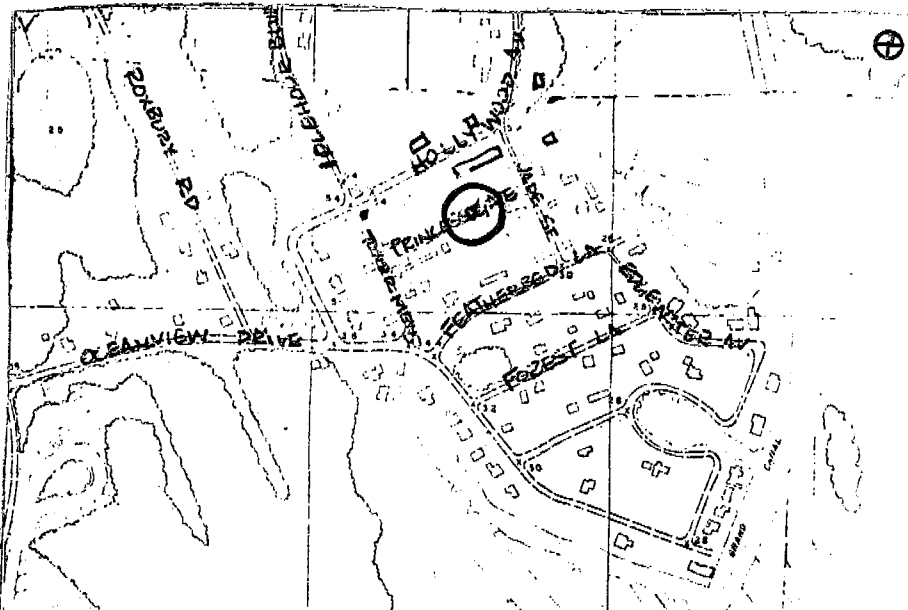
Two pairs of Lopped Trees grow amidst Princess Gate.  
In both pairs, each individual tree grows from a  
base tree that is common to the other. Bend that appears  
near this base is evidence of this lopping.

4. SIGNIFICANCE:

In the 19th Century, trees were slashed and their limbs anchored  
low to form a natural fence. As the young trees grew, the fence  
became more and more dense. However, as the trees also grew,  
they became too strong to be held down in so unnatural a  
position. The two pairs of trees on Princess Gate survive  
as the outcome of this occurrence.

5. MAP:

Bowe-Anderson  
Composite



6. SOURCES:

7. THREATS TO AREA:

- BY ZONING
- BY ROADS
- BY DEVELOPERS
- BY DETERIORATION
- OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

8. LOCAL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE AREA:

Very healthy. The community is concerned with keeping intact the historical presence of the area.

9 PHOTOS: Neg 22  
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