

Detroit Historic Commission  
2 Woodward Ave. Suite 808  
Detroit, MI. 48226

Explanation of Demo  
RE: 14838 Penrod  
EPLANS Permit Number: BLD2020-02453

To whom it may concern,

As you can see in the pictures, the garage was leaning to the left. A tree limb fell on the back of the garage causing the roof to bear more weight than it was designed to. This downward pressure from the falling of the tree limb caused the entire garage to shift. The back wall buckled in from the pressure and shifted the garage. This caused one of the back corners to lean out making the entire garage lean to the side. Because of the buckling, it would be impossible to straighten the leaning of the garage. The structural integrity of the garage was compromised.

The effects of the damage from the tree limb can even be seen from the front of the garage. The door header is bowing in, stressing that there has been structural damage and it can no longer support the weight of the roof.

My biggest concern was that the garage was going to fall on its own, since the support for the roof was failing and the back wall was buckling in. All of the individual issues with the garage lead to a larger issue; the garage cannot be salvaged. Any attempt to brace a single wall to fix an issue could lead to another wall failing, putting our workers at risk of injury. The best course of action was to tear down the garage and potentially build a new one that is up to code and structurally sound.

Italy American Construction has been in business for 66 years. We have built many garages throughout the years and seen many garages in every state of disrepair. Our concern in this case, was for the safety of the homeowner and our workers. I felt that the removal of the garage needed to happen as soon as possible in order to prevent a potential accident.

Thank you,  
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