

What does a hurricane bring?

Lots of water.

In a short time.

Big winds.

Shifting winds.

Gusty winds.

Why do they fail?

Structural issues in root zone, between leaders, or in crown

Liquefied soils in root zone

Sound trees may fail in hurricanes



Root Decay







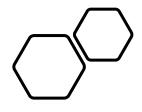
Some are hard to see but can be virulent.







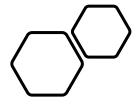
When the root zone is limited by buildings and infrastructure





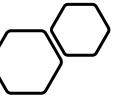


Peeling Up





Against a Retaining Wall





Failures at Codminants







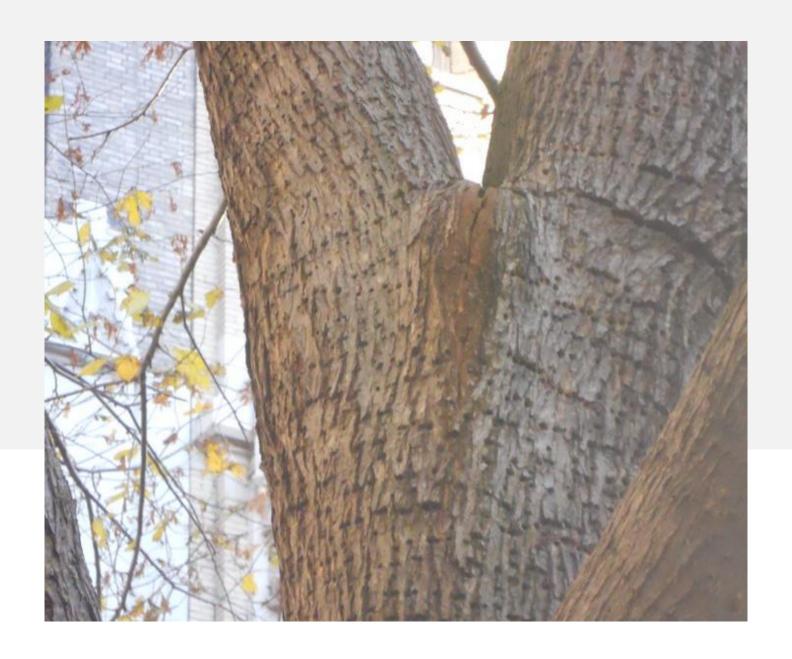
More Codominants







Unsuspected Issues



Opening Cracks



Crown Breaks





Hollows Revealed Can we think ahead about where failures may occur in a storm like Sandy?

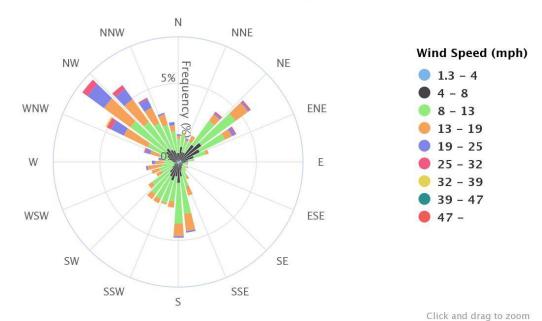
Map Winds

Map Contours

Map urban corridors

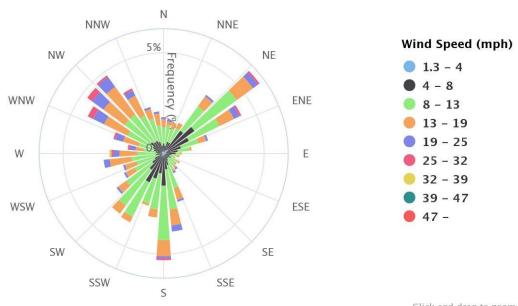
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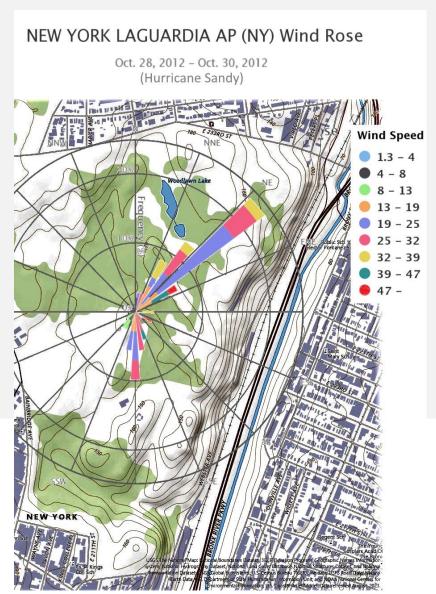
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Using the Wind Rose: Annual Data

NEW YORK LAGUARDIA AP (NY) Wind Rose Aug. 4, 2020 - Aug. 4, 2020 (Hurricane Isaias) Wind Speed (n



For a Storm: Overlaid on Contour map



Union Square Park: Wind Paths

Pre-Prep: Crown Reduction or Retrenchment.

At Kew Gardens





More and Deeper







In Brooklyn Cemetery

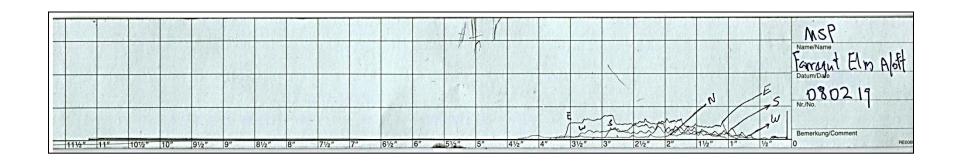




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In Manhattan Park





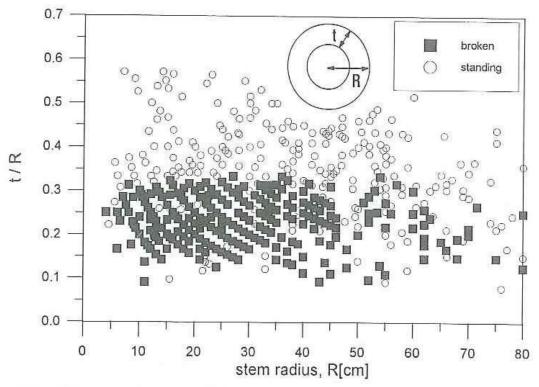


Fig 110. The tree fracture VTA diagram, which is based on a field study, shows cross-sectional flattening fractures occurring only when t/R is less than 0.3-0.32. The failure of hollow trees with reduced crown sail area tends to happen only if the t/R ratio is even smaller, often when t/R=0.25.

Mattheck's t/R Hypothesis



Responding



Reducing the Second Stem





In leaf