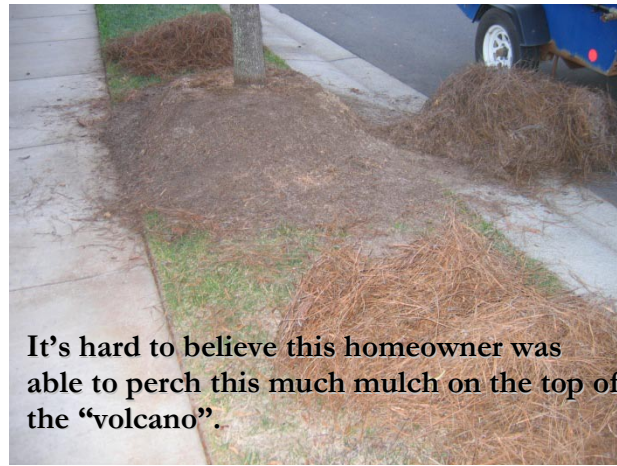
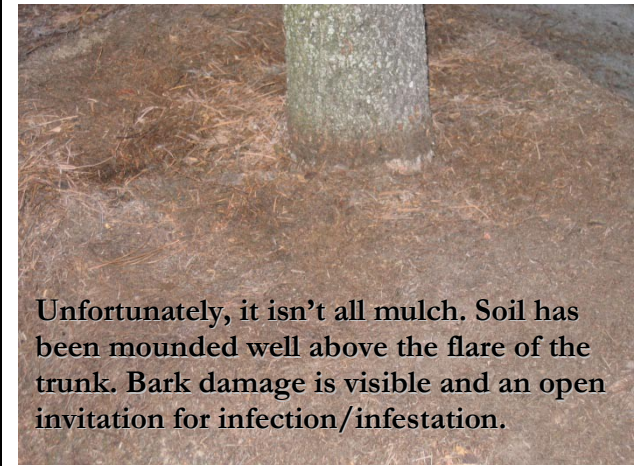


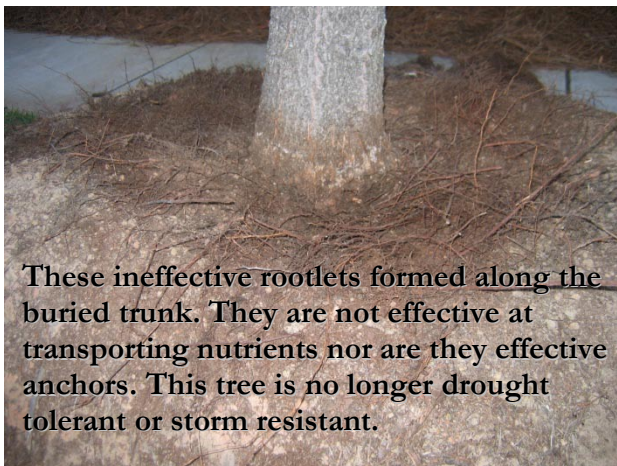
This tree is has excessive soil and mulch in direct contact with the trunk of the tree, piled on top of the root ball above the flare. Without intervention, this tree will die.



It's hard to believe this homeowner was able to perch this much mulch on the top of the "volcano".



Unfortunately, it isn't all mulch. Soil has been mounded well above the flare of the trunk. Bark damage is visible and an open invitation for infection/infestation.



These ineffective rootlets formed along the buried trunk. They are not effective at transporting nutrients nor are they effective anchors. This tree is no longer drought tolerant or storm resistant.



The rootlets have been removed and the soil has been excavated with an air space. Things are looking up for this tree.



Things are really looking up! This tree was originally well planted – near the level of the surrounding grade.



This mulch is only 3 inches deep and is pulled away from the trunk of the tree.



The root flare is clearly visible.



This tree will rebound and provide years of shade to offset the heat generated by the asphalt road.