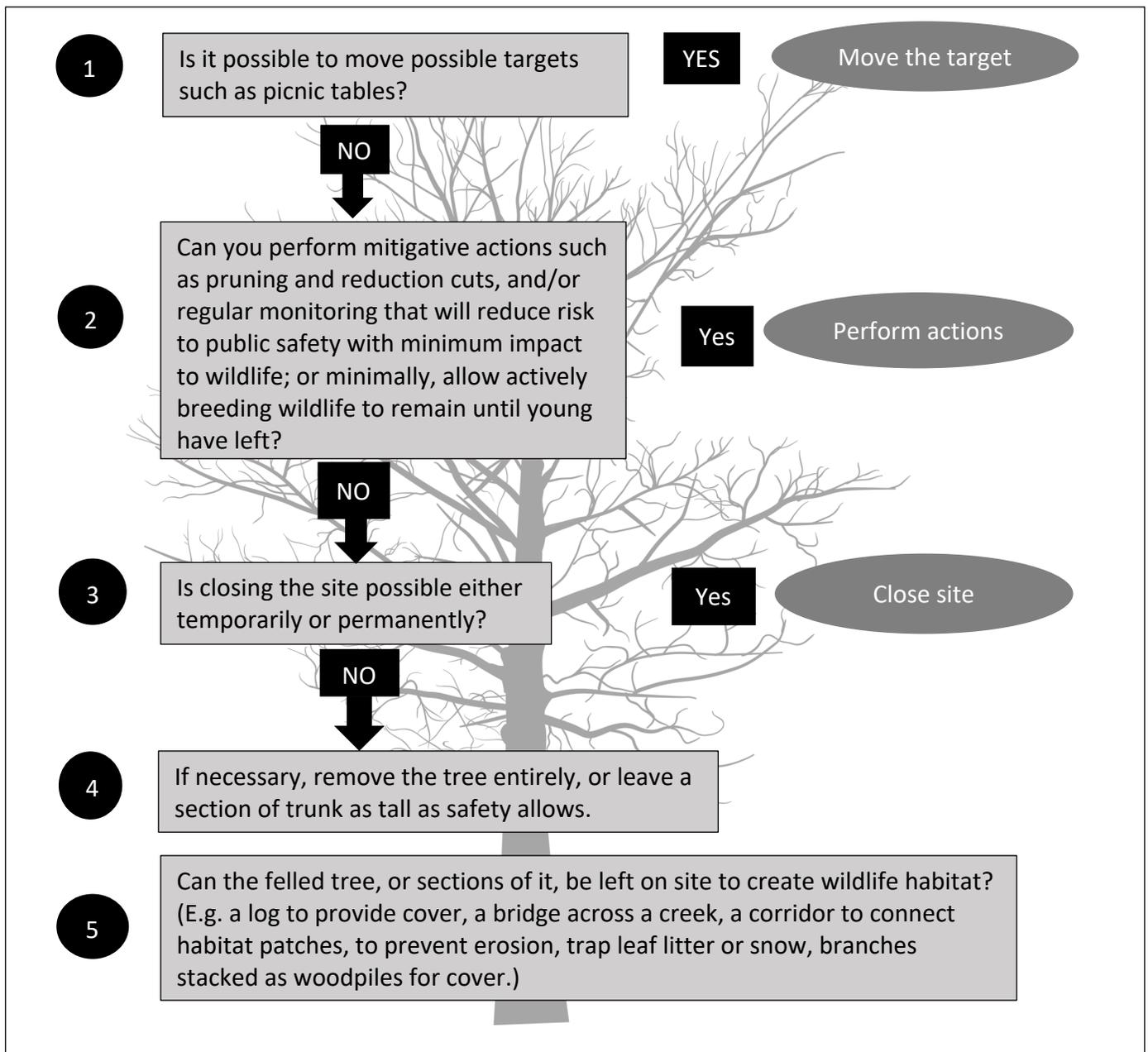


Wildlife Habitat /Hazardous Tree Decision Model

This model provides a logical approach to deciding whether to convert a hazardous tree into a wildlife habitat tree. The model's function is to help maintain and create wildlife habitat and reduce public safety risks associated with trees with hazardous defects.

Assumptions of the model

1. A hazardous tree exists, and various mitigation actions recommended by a Certified Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Arborist can be performed to reduce public safety risks to an acceptable level.
2. Wildlife is using or could potentially use the tree.
3. All relevant wildlife protection regulations are considered before removing a tree in which wildlife is actively breeding, or in which there is a protected nest; and an appropriate certified wildlife rehabilitation center is consulted for guidance before removing eggs or young from the tree.



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