It's reasonable to assume that a width reduce would result in shucks of the tree to be taken away.
As you can see the big oaks are now abnormally thin.
If a width reduction were to take place it is reasonable to assume that a big deformity will take place due to the lack of unimportant subject matter.

On the left, the vertically seam reduced image (by 200 pixels). On the right is the regularly resized image.
If we were to reduce this image's height. It's foreseeable that we'd actually get a very nice result. (except for possibly some issues near the shore.)
In this image a width reduce of 200 pixels is nearly perfect. With hardly any noticeable differences.