

3409 Fessenden Street, NW
Washington, DC 20008
June 24, 2002

Zoning Commission
441 Fourth Street, NW
Suite 210
Washington, DC 20001

RE: Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District
Case No. ZC 02-19 for a Map Amendment

Dear Zoning Commission:

When ANC 3F met June 17, 2002, it did not have a copy of the report from the Office of Planning regarding the above referenced case.

In that report OP recommends that the FHTS overlay district apply only to properties located within the R-1-A district.

The OP report has been reviewed and discussed by residents of the 3400 block of Fessenden Street, NW, an R-2 district. We would like to remain in the overlay district. We recommend language that is consistent with the Chain Bridge/UT overlay district regarding lots of less than 6,500 sf. In this way, the minimum lot size of the FHTS overlay district would not apply to the R-2 district thereby maintaining a higher density for this area as intended by the R-2 district, but it would provide the overlay protection for the trees in the district. We hope that this addresses the concern of the OP that the overlay "would result in building restrictions that are counter to the very nature of the R-2 zone."

There are several majestic trees in the R-2 district of Fessenden Street that add to the character of the street. Fessenden Street is an important gateway to the Forest Hills neighborhood. We request the overlay to maintain the character of the street as it has developed in conformity with the R-2 district.

Sincerely,

Douglas Mitchell

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Commissioner, Single Member District 3F05

cc: ANC 3F
Forest Hills Citizens Association

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