

3400 Broad Branch Terrace, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008
5 February 2003

Alberto Bastida
Office of Zoning
441 Fourth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District (FH/TSP) Case Number 02-19. As home owners at the above address, we wholeheartedly disagree with the Tree Provisions of FH/TSP. We feel that such proposals infringe upon our rights as taxpayers. We already have adequate zoning laws.

We have a total of twenty-one (21) trees on this not so large lot, which we take good care of. These are already too many trees for this size yard, and for the flowers that I try to grow, and some of these trees are too close to the house.

Do you mean to admit — from the plans that I have seen — that I would be unable to cut down decaying trees that are hazardous to my house and to passers-by — that I would have to get permission to cut them down? As it is now, some of the trees in my yard are rotting. Limbs blow down when wind is strong. Where are my rights? In fact, I was considering, when I am financially able, to have a garage built on the side of my house which would necessitate cutting down trees. Of course, I would get a permit for the garage — but for trees!!! Again, what are our rights to our property?

So please reconsider; drop the stringent plans for FH/TSP. I believe most of my community is, in fact, happy the way things stand right now.

Sincerely yours,

Dora M. Henderson TTEE
Dora M. Henderson, Trustee
DMH Family Trust

Roland G. Henderson Jr.
& Roland G.. Henderson, Jr.

cc: Robert V. Maudlin
Commissioner – 3F03 ANC

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