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Alberto Bastida
Office of Zoning
441 4th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

Re: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking – Forest Hills Tree and Slope Overlay District

Dear Mr. Bastida:

As a homeowner living in Forest Hills, I am writing to register my unhappiness with the proposed tree and slope overlay. The misguided proponents of this legislation are attempting to control development in Forest Hills with a draconian solution that will negatively affect all of us living in the neighborhood. The rules will simply encourage citizens to disobey the procedures because they are unreasonable to begin with.

Forest Hills is a neighborhood with many large lots and lots of trees. When we purchased our 12,000 square foot lot, it had been neglected for almost twenty years and the yard was filled with bamboo and weed trees. Some of the trees were quite large but needed to be cut down, in any case, because of poor placement. The idea that I might have had to follow the absurd procedure outlined in the tree and slope overlay before I could clean out our yard is ridiculous. A tree with a 12" circumference is a small tree! It only takes a few years for a maple or an elm to reach that size – and our lot was clogged with them.

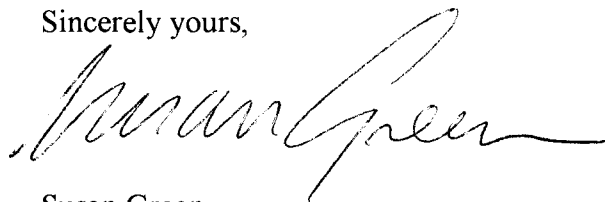
For heaven's sake, get rid of this Nazi style rule. The vast majority of people want trees in their yards and exercise good judgment in culling weed trees.

In addition, I am against the proposed increase in side yard set backs. I have a large house, as does my immediate neighbor, and our 8' side yard setbacks are perfectly adequate. Again, this is overkill.

~~Supreme Court~~
District of Columbia

Case 02-19
Exhibit 304

Sincerely yours,



Susan Green

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