

April 10, 2004

Dear Zoning Commissioners:

We are residents within the area under consideration in your Case No. 02-19, Forest Hills Tree and Slope Protection (FH/TSP) Overlay.

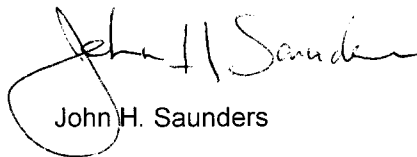
We would like to express our support for the text amendment published Dec 13, 2002, currently in effect, and our opposition to recently proposed Office of Planning's approach.

While the Office of Planning (OP)'s alternative plan has some worthwhile suggestions, the thrust of the alternative proposal leaves too many questions unanswered with respect to ground coverage restrictions, pervious surface, and building on steep slopes subject to erosion. It appears to permit "clear cutting" of lots with unanswered issues with respect to enforcement of tree replanting, enforcement of canopy coverage in later years, and types of trees to be planted.

The OP needs to begin further work with the Forest Hills Citizen Association and with ANC-3F to produce a plan that encompasses the best of both proposals. Until that time we feel that the current FH/TSP text amendment in effect provides much greater assurance that Forest Hills will maintain its current forested character. Please leave the current text amendment in place.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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