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Ref. Case 02-19 (Tree & Slope Overlay)

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Gentle Persons,

I am a 15-year resident of The Truman Building at 4701 Connecticut Av., a Fellow of AICP and a member of the tree and open space sub-committee of the 10 & 12 community planning group.

I have a couple of thoughts regarding the 02-19 overlay:

A preamble will enroll more of my neighbors in the initiative.

A tree and slope overlay will contribute to an improved quality of life for the residents of Forest Hills and for their fellow citizens to the east of Rock Creek Park. It will generate benefits at least in the following categories:

- Purify air
- Reduce the cost of cooling our homes and institutions
- Provide shelter to song birds and small animals
- Improve the soil

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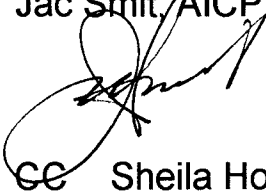
- Conserve surface and ground water
- Enhance the value of our real estate and thereby increase our tax payments for the common good.

Many citizens of Forest Hills hold that trees are the Commons similarly to our public rights-of-way, playgrounds and streams [Melvin Hazen, Soapstone, Broad Branch and their tributaries].

Many citizens of Forest Hills are concerned that our neglect, and the neglect of our elected government, of our trees and slopes is causing negative impacts on our children and our neighboring communities.

I conclude that Forest Hills urgently needs a tree and slope overlay as a first step in restoring our rightful place in a Family of W-DC communities.

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I would like to know more about the Fort Circle National Park.