

Not Again?! Builder at 15 Fir Drive Asks to Cut Down Almost Every Tree on Property – Sixteen more...

Village Agrees to consider granting permission

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Despite East Hills laws purporting to “preserve the tree canopy for future generations” the **Republican**-packed Architectural Review Board (ARB) agreed Monday night (10/1) to entertain requests by the builder at 15 Fir Drive to destroy SIXTEEN mature hardwood trees on the lot.

Included in the builder's request are three Maple trees over **20 inches** in diameter, three pine trees over **18 inches** in diameter, a red oak tree **TWO FEET** in diameter, a Fir tree **TWO FEET, TWO INCHES** in diameter, and another Pine, two Maples, three White Walnut trees, a Spruce and a Black Birch.



15 Fir Drive is already largely Clear-cut

You may know that East Hills last week (9/27) cut down multiple trees in the East Hills Park with no notice, including a healthy 200-year-old Oak tree next to the police station (see www.planet-in-peril.org/easthills/tree-massacre-1.html).

You may also be aware that the village has been called to task for allowing over-building, clearcutting and dozens of healthy-tree removals in the past year, at least, revealed by a Freedom of Information investigation. A village-wide petition protesting this scandalous problem received top front-page coverage in The Roslyn News 5/17/2012 (www.planet-in-peril.org/easthills/roslyn-news-petition.html).

In its typical smoke-and-mirrors style the “Koblenz Team” responded with another **Republican, crony** and **building industry** packed “review committee” that held its first meeting in six months last week, and plans to roll up its tent in another two weeks – after two brief sessions.

You can tell the Village Board to STOP this charade and begin enforcing the laws as they are obviously written – to prevent over-sized new houses, to discourage demolitions and aggressive rebuilding, to preserve the tree canopy and prohibit removal of healthy trees.

Come to the Village Board meeting **Thursday October 4th** at village hall at **8 PM** and speak up. And contact me to help form the "Keep East Hills Green Civic Association" and encourage your friends and neighbors to get involved.

Please visit my environmentalist website and view the East Hills section, **www.planet-in-peril.org/easthills/east-hills-index.html**.

East Hills is being decimated. Your help is needed NOW! Thank you..

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