

# Hey East Hills, **Trees Are Not the Enemy!**

Global Warming and Man-made Destruction  
are the Enemies, and They are Increasing.

If you agree, help create the Keep East Hills Green Civic Association to *speak up for and defend our values* and set an example for other communities.

## Our goals

- **To organize a corps of like-minded residents to form a credible, reliable public face for Progressive and Ecological values in East Hills.**
- **To participate aggressively in and publicize monthly Village meetings where critical environmental and development decisions are made – currently without independent oversight or accountability!**
- **Put forth green, progressive, competent, non-Republican candidates for village offices and boards.**

*If you care about the environment, I sincerely need your help.*

I have been working for the past two years to lay the groundwork to fight back against crass **over-development, inept and corrupt** Village government, and widespread man-made **ecological destruction** in East Hills and nearby.

My work has been documented in **The Roslyn News** and my website, **Planet-in-Peril.org**. I grew up here in the 1960's, went to Yale and many points in between, and have been back for a prolonged but temporary stay.

As we look at the panicky response to **Hurricane Sandy**, it is important to

push the following facts in the policy debate to come:

- *Most trees – even massive ones -- survived Hurricane Sandy just fine, and remaining trees have been stress tested at up to 80 or 90 MPH;*
- *By far most fallen trees were rotten or top-heavy – both issues that could be detected and addressed in advance;*
- *On many well-maintained properties nearly every towering tree survived – for example see the old Norgate properties of tree-advocate Hilda Yohalem on Great Oaks and neighbor the Raphael family on Deerpath;*
- *Trees are home and sanctuary to our remaining indigenous animals – birds, squirrels, and small mammals; they provide shade, privacy, wind breaks, generate oxygen, cleanse pollution, and give us beauty;*
- *We humans are the cause of global climate degradation – the trees are innocent parts of natural systems that in fact work 24/7 to counter-act our CO2 pollution;*
- *We cannot destroy our way to safety and security;*
- *Although it has a new official arborist, no active efforts were made by East Hills before the well-publicized hurricane to advise residents to prune top-heavy trees or detect and remove decayed trunks;*
- *My lone independent efforts to speak to residents, document meetings, inspect healthy trees proposed for destruction, or circulate on public property have been met with repeated illegal and incendiary actions by Village officials, regularly ending in confrontation mediated by police.*

**You cannot trust your Progressive and Ecological values  
to East Hills' present government and leadership.  
Help now to form an honest advocate and watchdog.**

*Please help support a new Progressive Green/Democratic “Keep East Green Civic Association”. Contact **Richard Brummel (516) 669-1741, rbrummel@att.net**. Read about the fight for responsible environmental policies in East Hills and elsewhere at **[www.Planet-in-Peril.org](http://www.Planet-in-Peril.org)**. Thanks. (11/17/12)*