

*Note: This petition, collected by Richard Brummel of East Hills, was designed as a quick sampling of support in the community for the issues outlined in it. It was collected almost exclusively by knocking on strangers' doors throughout the community over two weekends and asking whether residents agreed with it. Each signer – and some non-signers – was given a copy of the text to review at their leisure, along with contact information. None followed up with any questions or reservations. Generally we spent about 5 - 10 minutes discussing the issues at each home. The petition was submitted to the Village Board May 14, 2012 as part of the Written Comment Period for the Tree Protection Hearing of April 30 and also during the Building Review Hearing of May 23. A long cover-letter was also attached. No response has been received. -- R Brummel 6-25-12*

*East Hills Petition re Trees and Building*

**EAST HILLS PETITION AGAINST TREE DESTRUCTION  
AND OVER-BUILDING**

May, 2012

Contact Richard Brummel (516) 669-1741

We residents of East Hills NY wish to address our concerns to the Mayor and Board of Trustees as you formulate changes to Building and Tree-Protection laws, as noted on the Village website. We request that our names and concerns be added to the Hearing Record(s) for the Tree- and Building-law reviews.

*(This petition is designed to communicate two sets of concerns and is structured so that signers can opt to support one or both of the two issues currently being addressed by the Village Board. Signers will sign and then initial the issue(s) with which they are concerned.)*

(A) **Trees** – We, the undersigned initialling “A,” are very dissatisfied that numerous healthy trees are being removed around our community with approval of the Mayor, Architectural Review Board, Zoning or Planning Boards, or the Tree Warden, when houses are demolished and reconstructed, or when so-called “landscaping plans” are created, or for frivolous issues like “exposed roots”, “close proximity” to houses, or leaves falling on decks, etc., or by LIPA, or for questionable issues of health and safety that have not been confirmed by an independent arborist.

We are also very dissatisfied that each tree removed is not replaced by another native species, despite clear language in the **Tree Protection** law that specifically **requires replacement in all cases except where the terrain prohibits it**.

We are also opposed to the loopholes in the law for government removals and removals under “waiver” by the Architecture board.

We want the laws to be re-written to prevent ALL removals except where trees are unquestionably unhealthy and pose a safety risk, and to steeply increase fines for violations.

We urge that a **moratorium** be imposed to prevent all but emergency tree removals until the laws are re-written.

We also urge that the village begin an urgent replanting program affecting every willing property.

And we urge that the new laws include provisions for annual reporting of all tree-related actions and on the state of our trees and other natural assets.

(B) **Building** – Real estate developers and new owners are rampaging through our community knocking down original homes and replacing them with over-sized and typically inappropriately designed new homes that maximize all dimensions to the limits allowed in our zoning laws. We oppose this practice.

Real estate speculation is causing our streets to become construction zones for months on end, and is ripping apart the neighborhood character of our streets, despite rules that are supposed to protect neighborhood character under the Architectural Review laws.

We, the undersigned initialling “B,” urge the Village Board to change our laws to reduce permitted square footage, to increase setbacks, to put time limits on construction, to impose noise and emissions rules for construction equipment where possible, and to delay the starting hours of construction.

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We hope such changes will reduce the incentive to demolish and rebuild homes and instead encourage renovation to maintain our neighborhood character, reduce construction activity, and to conserve natural resources.

We also urge the village to announce and open to the public ALL meetings of its **Building Law Review Committee**, to maintain public Minutes of the meetings, and to hold a public hearing to incorporate residents' concerns **prior** to the committee's issuing its report(s).

We urge that a **moratorium** be imposed to prevent all but emergency construction until the laws are re-written.

Name	Address	Phone	<u>A</u> TREE LAW	<u>B</u> BUILDING LAW
Jackie mansbach	35 Arbor Rd		jeo	juu
leslie Spelke	75 Great Oaks Rd		lsh	lsh
Gravy HSIAO	49 Crescent Lane		li	lii
Debbie Singer	59 Crescent Lane		js	sh
Sherrie Keume	29 Crescent Lane		se	se
Debbie Kemer	99 Crescent Lane		ok	ok
Dyan Tasman	147 Crescent Lane		ST	ST
Rhoda Helman	115 Oakdale		SA	SA
Susan Kay	85 Oakdale		SK	SK
Kent Metzger	55 OAKDALE		KM	
Peter Alport	36 Oakdale Ln		PA	B
Roxana Sacarin	23 Beechwood Rd		RS	RS
Michael Birnbaum	3 Maplewood		MB	MB



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Name	Address	Phone	A TREE LAW	B BUILDING LAW
JEROME RICH	24 Canterbury			JK
Ivan HALPERIN HALPERIN	24 Canterbury		JA	JA
Steve GILIFFANO GILIFFANO	27 Canterbury		JS	JS
Ellen Greenfield	22 Canterbury La			EL
Edward Greenfield	22 Canterbury La			EB
Alan Brichter	30 Overlook Terrace		AB	AB
Adam Tomack	102 Overlook		MT	MT
Ruth J. Ho	78 Overlook		RH	RH
Mary Helen	102 Overlook		MFC	MFC
Roslyn Diet	132 Overlook		RD	RD
Jan Halverson	167 Overlook		JH	JH
Wendy Wendy	170 Overlook		WB	WB
Lillian Krause	176 Overlook		LK	LK
Paul Weinberg	43 Wendy Weinberg		6214780	W
Wendy Weinberg	43 Millard Rd		Wes	Wes
Dr. Zis	55 CEDAR DR			MZ
John Han	45 Cedar Dr		JH	JH

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Name	Address	Phone	A TREE LAW	B BUILDING LAW
INTERVIEW	E. HILLS NY			
WILLIAM C INDEMAN	2 BOXWOOD LANE		WC1	WC1
ELIZABETH WALTON	15 SQUARE HILLS RD		EW	EW
Hilda Yohalem	76 Great Oaks Rd		HY	HY
Stacey Pison	70 Cedar Dr		SP	SP
Wendy Pison	30 Cedar Dr		WP	WP
Ira Pison	70 Cedar Dr		IP	IP
Robert Sahlesky	35 Cedar Dr		RS	RS
William Berger	50 Cedar Dr			
Cory Schmitt	30 Spruce Dr			
Don <sup>FRIMAN</sup>	90 Spruce Dr			
R. TRAFER	200 Maple Dr			
FRED FISHER	20 Wainwright Ave		FF	FF
Kelly Grunther	10 Sparrow Dr		KG	KG
Ling Wang	160 Hummingbird Dr		LW	LW
ANTOINETTE CHARLES	145 Hummingbird Dr		AC	AC
BERETE CHARLES	145 Hummingbird Dr		BC	BC

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Name	Address	Phone	A TREE LAW	B BUILDING LAW
Ben Wites	67 WAGEN RD		BW	BW
<del>Jeffrey Wites</del>	<del>38 Parkway</del>		<del>/</del>	<del>/</del>
Alan Joseph	66 BARBERY		AY	AJ
Robert Karpas	132 Ardover		RJK	RJK
Kate Schussel	53 Wren Dr.		KS-	KS-
Debbie Bass	212 Roundhead		DB	DB
Elen Bodnick	405 Chestnut St.		EP	EP
Kim Proffitt	"		KP	KB
Julie Vestry	55 Fern		JV	JV
Sam Cook	80 Fern Dr.		SC	SC
Robert	55 Fern Dr. Paslyu		RA	RA
Ashraf M. King	20 Fern dr.		AM	AM
Steve Simms	405 Chestnut Dr		SS	SS
Barbara Depper Heller	9 Melby Lane Mt. Park		BD	BD
26 Fern Heller			PH	PH



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Name	Address	Phone	A TREE LAW	B BUILDING LAW
Shuart Sherman	7 Midwood Cross		SD	@
Keren Sherman	7 Midwood Cr		@	@
Roberta Rubin	95 Peach Dr		JR	QR
<del>Jose Ausca</del>	26 Birchwood		JM	JM
DERRICK RUBIN	95 PENCH DR		JR	
Doris Brotman	31 Spring Hill Rd		JB	DB
Oil N. Coates GOLDOS	42 Spring Hill E. Hills, NY 1157		O.G.	O.G.
Jill Kogan	85 Westwood		JK	JK
Ehud Coates	42 Spring Hill		E.G.	E.G.
Penise Wechsler	41 Highfield Ln.		JW	JW
Andrew Newman	52 Highfield Lane		AN	AN
Susan Letteney	175 Village Rd		SL	SL
Gerard T. Lassano GERARDO LASSANO	75 Babson Lane		GL	GL
Howard Glass	114 Wagon R		HG	
Arlene Glass	114 Wagon Rd		AG	AG
Ellen Deffer	85 Wagon Rd		ED	ED

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Name	Address	Phone	A TREE LAW cm	B BUILDING LAW cm
Carol Migden	4 Melby Lane			
Angela Cozzi	7 Melby Lane		AC	AG
Steve Taboran TALIEBMAN	1 Peacock Drive		ST	
Lesley Heller HELLER	3 Mend Lane		YH	
Berry Epstein	5 Herbach Lane			BE
Bonnie Epstein	5 Herbach Lane			BE
Cliff Ala	3 Melby Lane		CA	CA
Jason Kubik	1 Bonwood Lane		JK	JK
Catherine Jukmann	2 Boxwood		CJ	CJ
Cheryl Jukmann C JUKMAN DAURIA	7 Boxwood		CJ	CJ
Abby Smith	20 Bekwood Lane		AS	AS
David Kaplan	25 Woodgreen Lane		DK	DK
Michael Doherty	19 Woodgreen Lane		MAD	MAD
Rosa C Doherty	19 Woodgreen Lane		RCD	RCD
Steven Allen	15 Woodgreen Lane		SA	SA
Barbara Allen	15 Woodgreen Lane		BA	BA



