

From: Devereux, Jan
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:13 AM
To: Woodbury, Catherine <cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov>
Subject: Fw: trees on private land in Cambridge

Catherine,

Passing along this resident's email and my reply as a comment for the UFMP group.

Jan

From: Devereux, Jan
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:12 AM
To: daniel.schutzberg
Subject: Re: trees on private land in Cambridge

Thank you for offering this suggestion. I believe that any ordinance that applied to trees on private property would include an exemption for trees that are diseased, dying and pose an imminent threat to public safety. I will pass this along to the DPW staff supervising the Urban Forest Master Plan process.

Jan

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From: Daniel Schutzberg
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 9:43:15 PM
To: City Council
Subject: trees on private land in Cambridge

Honored City Council Members,

The current tree debate is of direct interest to me as a homeowner and a Cambridge property manager/owner.

I have have had the responsibility to keep my tenants, neighbors and their homes safe from sick, diseased elm and ash trees. The City has offered no support, no guidance and until recently no restrictions in how I should be handling this type of situation.

I would prefer that any current or future City Ordinance for tree removal provide some financial support and engagement for tree replanting. Offering arborist services and /or recommending tree removal specialists would also be useful and help to better manage the urban forest.

Most recently, I removed an ash tree which was attacked from the roots - I had a very challenging experience in selecting the removal service as most providers were both uncomfortable and unfamiliar with the narrow

driveways and difficult access to the sick tree.

If the City's aim is to better manage and maintain the urban forest - we would do better working this issue in partnership. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue in more detail at an appropriate time/place

Kind Regards,

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Daniel Schutzberg, PMP