

From: Alison Takemura
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To: Woodbury, Catherine <cwoodbury@cambridgema.gov>
Subject: Appeal to stem tree canopy loss

Dear Ms. Woodbury,

I'm writing to urge the urban forest master plan task force to prevent further net loss of tree canopy in Cambridge. It's been disturbing as a resident to hear that we're losing the large canopies of mature trees through neglect (poor soil, oversalting, under-watering) and development. I've been in Cambridge over a decade, and have seen many plantings of ginkos along Vassar St. die, and go unreplaced. I've felt myself avoid treeless sidewalks, as they feel dangerous and exposed — overly urban. I want the city to retain that welcoming character that's found in the shade of its most foliated streets.

Best,
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