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May 4, 2016

Village of East Hills 209 Harbor Hill Road East Hills, NY 11576

RE: Tree Inspection of 205 Elm Drive, East Hills, NY 11576

To whom it may concern:

As per your request, I inspected the trees to be removed at 205 Elm Dr. I read the letter enclipted their tree removal permit request. My purpose is to report on the health of trees, their structure integrity and to opine about the effects that construction may have on them.

All of the tagged trees are in perfectly good health and have no structural issues observable ground.

If you have any questions please call me at 516-781-6464

Sincerely,

Peter Felix

ISA Certified Arborist NY0263



For ARB Referal

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## TREE REMOVAL/ALTERATION PERMIT APPLICATION

A) DESCRIPTION:					
Property Owner: AManda	+ David Al	fred Phone:	646 64	3 3558	
Address of Property: 205  Section: 7 Block: 2	78 Lot(s): 1	Ve' Ro. Date	slyn e: 4/181	16	
Tree Info: Total # of Trees to be Removed. Species of Tree:	4 (We) Diameter:	Will Pla Reason for	A+ + Removal:	trees.	to 1 the:
2 Quercus Alba "white Oak"					
Acer Saccharum "Mage"		- 4 dt	Jahl		
the above tree work part of a con	nstruction/renovati	on project, eithe	er ongoing or		

Are there any proposed grade changes that might adversely affect trees? [YES]

My husband, David Alfred, and I moved our family (three children) to East Hills in July of 2014. Before we moved, we went in front of the ARB to remove three trees that were obstructing our backyard. These trees are also very hazardous leaning towards our house. During storms they sway and large limbs sever hitting our house and lawn (see attached pictures). Additionally, the trees stand in the middle of our property and are impairing proper grading so we could make it flat. As a result, our property in the backyard is higher up than the house (slopes down) so when it rains all of the water runs down toward our house. The ARB denied that any trees be removed (the vote was 4 to 3 with one member abstaining). We even offered to plant multiple trees around the perimeter.

Due to the denial of removing the trees we had to make best with the property. We have had landscapers come in and try to help with the water damage that has occurred all around our property. We have spent thousands of dollars on sod and new drainage systems with no successful outcome. If we had initially been approved, we could have flattened our property from the and wouldn't have these issues. We have raccoons that come and lift up our sod to eat grubs that formed from the wetness in the ground. (Please see the attached pictures). We are not thrilled at all that we have to spend more money fixing a problem that could have been avoided.

We are hoping that we can take down three trees that stand in the middle of our backyard so that we can then grade the property and make it flat. We are hopeful that if it is flat, there will be less water sitting on the sod, which in turn will let us use our property like we should be able to. We just wish we could enjoy our backyard.

Regards, David & Amanda Alfred Residents of East Hills

