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Spencer Kanis, Chairman and Board Members
East Hills Architectural Review Board
East Hills Village Hall
209 Harbor Hill Rd.
East Hills, NY 11576

Dear Mr. Kanis and Board Members:

I am an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture (IAS), the major national accrediting body for tree experts (certification number NY0918A). (I am also a resident of Nassau County and have been for about 45 years.) I have been a practicing arborist for about 10 years, and I am the owner of Nassau-Suffolk Tree Service, a firm with about two dozen employees. We work throughout the North Shore and beyond. I was an appointed member of the Village of East Hills Architectural Review Board and helped write the Village's Tree Preservation law several years ago.

I also hold a BS (1962) in Agricultural Science from Cornell University, and I have received additional extensive training in arboriculture in rigorous continuing education seminars required by the IAS.

I was asked to evaluate proposed tree removals at 60 Crescent Lane. I live

nearby at 73 Holly Lane -- and have for several decades.

The eight trees proposed to be removed all appear to me to be healthy, with the exception of one tree in the rear, a Beech, are healthy and attractive trees. These trees are assets to the community and essential parts of the local ecosystem.

In addition this property is well balanced architecturally and aesthetically with its trees. It is a classic Norgate/Strathmore property surrounded by mature trees. It should remain that way.

As an author of the tree protection law I strongly oppose the actions of the Architectural Review Board in permitting healthy canopy trees to be removed. This practice is counter to the law.

In this case few of the trees interfere with the building envelope of the proposed new house. If they do the house can be re-configured. The law provides for requiring homes to conform to the topography.

I urge the Board to deny the tree removal requests.

Sincerely yours,

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