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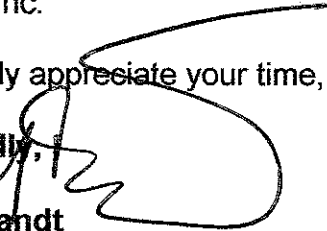
re: Mill Race Trees Variance

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to petition city clerk to submit a request to be added to the city council meeting agenda for July, 2011. This matter involves addressing and examining the tree ordinance regarding trees located on 15-01-100-016 Mill Race Road. To assist council we have included a letter from MC Associates that speaks to the nature and condition of the wooded area on said properties. We are seeking relief of the 37% stipulation that the ordinance defines. Subject property has been under land division consideration and on the market since 2004. Also copies of Tree Plan to be provided by Reichert Surveying Inc.

We certainly appreciate your time, support and consideration concerning the aforementioned.

Respectfully,


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July 7, 2011

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Dear Mr. Elandt:

Re: Trees located on the proposed split of the Mill Race Property

As requested, we did a walk through this wooded area to determine the condition of the trees.

We found an aging unmaintained pine plantation of red and scotch pine inundated with invasive species of norway maple, buckhorn plus dead ash and dead pines.

In pine plantations, trees are close together and don't develop an anchoring root system. The tall trunks with small amounts of foliage at the top form an environment where the trees often uproot and fall when exposed by site development. The plantation floor also has a large amount of dead pine branch debris.

The exotic invasive species are undesirable vegetation that spread readily through wood lots, fence rows and landscaped property. They out compete native plants that provide diversity, habitat and food for wildlife.

In the event of any additional questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Clifton C. Patton
Registered Forester # 416
Certified Arborist # Mi0040