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Dear Shoreline Council Members:

Please be advised of my strong support for retaining 30% of significant trees on MUR-70' sites. In addition to combating the heat island effect that is relentless once it starts, trees perform so many valuable services for us:

- **They stabilize our soil from erosion**
- **By sharing their organic matter with soil, they keep our soil alive**
- **Among other things, live soil can store large quantities of water for us, increasingly helpful as the effects of climate change become more harsh**
- **They provide food and shelter for many species that make their home in Shoreline**

Please do not make the significant mistake of allowing trees to disappear in so many parts of our city. It's a mistake that's hard to correct.

Thank you for your kind attention and support for this important issue.

Sincerely,

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