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Town of East Fishkill Town Planning Board
Attn.: Scott Bryant: Town Engineer
330 Rte 376
Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

Dear Mr. Bryant,

This report summarizes my visit to the Donovan Drive Holdings LLC property (Treetop Development Project) made on Nov 25, 2024. My credentials include my training and professional service as a Professional Forester and Arborist for the last 35 years. Many of the roles in this capacity involve evaluation of the condition of trees and tree parts to determine their state of life and health. Many times this evaluation is done forensically, following cutting of the tree or tree part.

This inspection revealed the following about the site and the work so far:

1. The tree species composition included a large percentage of black locust and white ash, as well as mixed individual sugar maples and tulips. Several large areas were mowed with a brush or forestry mower which removed bush honeysuckle, Oriental bittersweet and multi-flora rose, along with several other invasive plant shrub species. No live white ash were seen in the areas that were not mowed, and standing trees remaining in the mowed areas showed heavy vine presence.





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2. Many downed logs were present including dead ash (from Emerald Ash Borer damage) and dead black locust (from vine choking). Based on the lack of bark and decay in the ash logs, and the moss growing and lack of bark on the locust logs, the downed trees appear to have been down for several years. Most of the downed logs in the un-mowed areas were lying in the same direction, indicating that these may have been blown down by a past micro-burst (possibly the one that happened in this same area in the summer of 2018). The condition of the downed, stacked logs is shown here.



3. My inspection of the work done so far indicated that no live trees had been cut, as no fresh-cut tree stumps were seen anywhere in the areas mowed. A small excavator appears to have been used to move downed logs around, and some of these downed logs appear to have been cut to shorter lengths to allow for them to be moved and stacked. All shrub stumps have been cut close to grade level, as well as fallen up-rooted tree stumps have been cut near the root flare of the trunk. No stumps appear to have been removed and stacked or buried.





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In conclusion, based on my inspection on 11-25-24, the work done so far on the Treetop Development site, is in compliance with the scope of work authorized in the memo from the Town of East Fishkill Engineer Scott Bryant, dated 11-19-24.

Thank you and please let me know if there are any questions

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