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Hello,

I read the tree protection code proposal. I appreciate the intent for sure. I am uncomfortable with the order of events regarding tree canopy protection. By this I mean, I would like to see a change in the county tax code first. Right now I am essentially subsidizing certain folks who have their land in forest management tax break (a huge tax break) and they are being encouraged to log their land, at the expense of the rest of the greater community. There were two logging operations this year in my neighborhood under this tax break, virtual clearcuts, of perhaps 20 to 30 acres each. How about we give tax breaks for folks who place parcels in conservation with no development rights? That is something I would happily subsidize. The logging programs create a vast loss of canopy, in a brief moment.

I imagine with the continued rate of population influx, we will need the tree code too eventually, but it adds another burden of regulations and expenses to everyone hoping to build, and to the county to apply the new rules.

Thank you ,  
sincerely,

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