

To whom it concerns:

I want to stress how very important it is for a proper and enforceable bill concerning bamboo is made. The running bamboo is an incredibly horrible situation for any homeowner, as it takes over quite rapidly and is almost impossible to remove. When a neighbor, either through ignorance or malice, plants this, it will directly affect not only the value of your home, but also the usability of it. State forests are also at risk as the rhizomes can reach there as well, causing huge tracks of bamboo to be produced. Roads, sidewalks and drainage systems can be destroyed by this.

Think about this: how would you like it if a neighbor plants something that can destroy the value of your house. That's exactly the situation here.

So, it is imperative for this bill to enforce 3 additional items, to ensure that the responsible party can be held accountable. There items are:

- 1) Clear wording that bamboo shall not be maintained or allowed to Exist within the 40 foot buffer zone regardless of when the bamboo was planted**
- 2) enforcement narrowed to Zoning Officers (since DEEP has no resources) with fines PAYABLE to the municipality**
- 3) ADD that the Court can also enforce the 40 foot buffer zone with attorney fees, costs and disbursements paid to the prevailing party.**

Thank you for your continued assistance.

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