

As a Connecticut licensed arborist, I fully support the proposed updates to the Tree Bill, especially the posting of all trees, regardless of ownership. Trees provide immeasurable benefits to communities and the environment. The affected residents should have a chance to weigh in on any proposed pruning or cutting. I fully support the preservation of mature and non-hazardous trees by requiring DOT to submit plans for proposed tree management to the Legislature and DEEP for review and approval prior to any tree-cutting or pruning. Lastly, requiring utilities to clean-up the debris from tree removals will improve the final aesthetics, and perhaps at the same time reduce some of the negativity associated with the increased cutting. I know that when I drive down a road that has been recently cut, the mess left behind gives the impression of a much more severe cutting than actually occurred.

Sincerely,

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