Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board

October 4, 2021

Dobbs Ferry Planning Board 112 Main Street Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

Dear Mr. Hunter and the Planning Board,

We are writing in regard to the proposed demolition and site plan at 253 Judson Avenue.

The Conservation Advisory Board would like to join the chorus of voices raising alarm at the removal of many mature trees on this site, most notably large native oak and pine trees. The property is currently well landscaped and provides a lot of native species habitat as well as water retention. To remove the trees could have unintended repercussions.

This part of Judson Avenue experiences drainage issues not only in the spring, summer and autumn, but in the winter when the snow and ice experience freeze and thaw cycles. A four season assessment of the water issues on this property is recommended to find out what the impact will be on the neighboring homes.

It is our recommendation that no older native trees be disturbed in the demolition or construction of this site.

Regards,

Sue Galloway Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board