

Dobbs Ferry
Conservation Advisory Board

June 22, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Hunter and the Planning Board,

The Conservation Advisory Board advises against the excessive removal of trees at the proposed building site at 185 Ashford Ave. There are at least four trees slated for removal in the site plan. Specifically, there is a twelve-inch diameter tree, which we believe is a sugar maple, that will be removed to create a ramp to bike storage. While having a space to encourage bike riding is laudable, the concept of removing a tree in order to access it seems antithetical. Perhaps the design could be modified to allow for the mature tree to exist and the ramp to be built.

Please reconsider the destruction of a living being, which fills many roles, including water retention, shade, and oxygen production, and habitat, for an amenity that may or may not be utilized. If we are encouraging sustainable building practices, our first priority should be protecting the work that nature has already done to make our planet livable.

Thank you,

Sue Galloway
Chair
Dobbs Ferry Conservation Advisory Board