

### VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY

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# **Daniel Roemer**Building Inspector

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VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Date 04/29/2024

## **Permit Application**

Application Number AT2024-0050

Job Location 125 BELLAIR DR

Owner: Katrina Golub

125 Bellair Drive dobbs ferry, NY 10522

(206)321-1560

Applicant: Golub, Justin & Golub, Katrina

125 Bellair Dr

DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522

206-321-1560 katrina.golub@gmail.com

Lot # 3.120-114-1

Application Type: Tree Removal Estimated Cost of Construction: \$

Description of Work: Tree removal permit requested for (4) invasive Norway maples to be removed from

right of way.

#### Form Questions:

Diameter of Tree to be Removed	8,8,12 and 15

#### **Application Parcel Owner Contact:**

Parcel Owner Email	Justin Golub <jsgolub@gmail.com></jsgolub@gmail.com>
Parcel Owner Phone	206-919-2287

Job Location: 125 BELLAIR DR

Parcel Id: 3.120-114-1

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✓ The owner of the property descr	ribed herein.	
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	duly authorized by resolu	tion of the Board of Directors, and that
said corporation is duly authorize	zed by the owner to make this applicatio	n.
A general partner of	with offices	and that said
Partnership is duly authorized by	y the Owner to make this application.	
The Lessee of the premises, duly	y authorized by the owner to make this a	pplication.
The Architect of Engineer duly au	uthorized by the owner to make this appl	cation.
The contractor authorized by the	owner to make this application.	
y Public / Commission of Deeds	LIM KIM A.  Notary Public, State of New York  No. 01L16144154	Applicant's Signature
	Qualified in Westchester County Commission Expires Apr. 24, 20_2/6	•
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Qualified in Westchester County

Commission Expires Apr. 24, 20

To: Mayor Rossillo, Board of Trustees, Tree Commission, Planning Board, Robert Yamuder,

Valerie Monastra

From: Justin Golub

125 Bellair Dr

Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 jsgolub@gmail.com

Date: April 14, 2024

Subject: Request waiving the tree replanting guideline or village tree fund fee

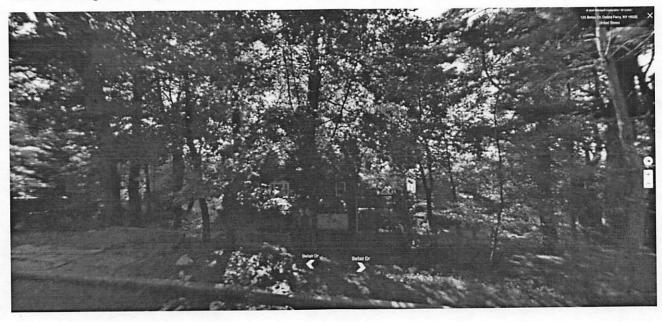
Dear Mayor Rossillo, Board of Trustees, Tree Commission, Planning Board, Robert Yamuder, and Valerie Monastra,

My family and I have resided at 125 Bellair Dr for the past year. We have lived in Dobbs Ferry for eight years total and are proud to call it home. One of the factors that drew us to Dobbs Ferry is its protection of trees. The leafy properties we have owned have improved the quality of life of our family and the community. Indeed, we planted three trees in our prior Dobbs property.

When we purchased 125 Bellair Dr two years ago, it was a derelict property from 50+ years of neglect. We have since renovated the house, which had holes in the windows/flooring/roofing, nonfunctional appliances, and barely functional plumbing. We are now focusing on renovating the landscaping. The corresponding plan was just approved by the village boards April 4, 2024.

Our property is completely overrun with invasive Norway maple trees. Numerous agencies, including the Westchester County Government¹ classify these harmful trees as creating intolerable conditions for native trees/plants and threatening local ecosystems.² In a lot of 9,261 sq feet, we have 36 trees over 6 inch diameter, with 31 (86%) being invasive Norway maples. Excluding the house, the land is 8,150 sq ft, which means one mature tree per 226 sq; substantially and inappropriately above average for the village.

Below is an image of the property just before we purchased it, with the house barely visible through the neglected and dense canopy of overrun invasive Norway maples:



<sup>1</sup> https://www.westchestergov.com/trees/species-in-westchester/plant-native-not-invasive

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://www.wnylc.org/post/the-invasive-tree-that-threatens-our-forests

Below is an image of our property (125 Bellair Dr, right) next to our neighbor's (117 Bellair Dr, left. You can clearly see how outrageously dense the invasive trees are and how out-of-character our tree density is with the neighborhood.



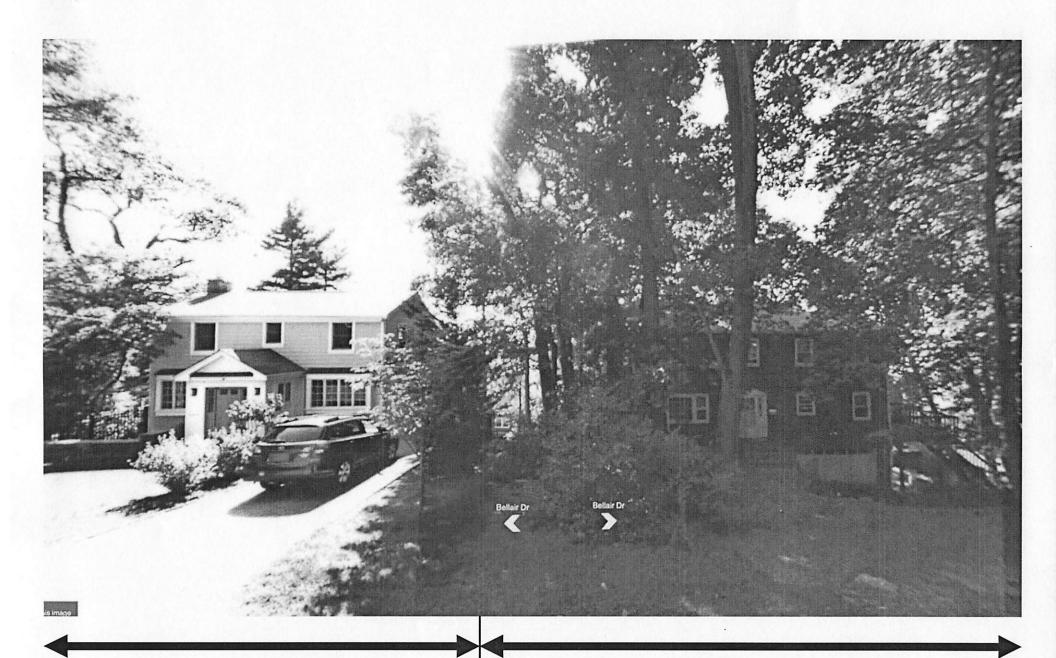
As far as we are aware, no other property in the village looks like the above and is in our unique situation. As part of our landscaping renovation plan, we seek to remove 14 invasive Norway maple trees, which will be replaced with approximately 5 trees as well as many dozens of shrubs and hedges. After the tree removal, our property will still have far more tree density than average for Dobbs Ferry.

If we follow the village guideline to replant trees of at least half the diameter, our property will be inappropriately overrun with trees again. If we instead opt for the \$375/inch fee to the village tree fund, we will owe \$40,875 (\$375 x 109" total inches of tree removal). This is to remove entirely invasive and overrun trees! If anything, we should be incentivized to remove invasive trees, not penalized \$41,000.

Given the exceptionally dense and unsightly overgrowth of **invasive trees** in our property, we request the board to allow an exception and waive the tree replanting or fee requirements. The planning board has already approved the project with the indicated tree removal and replacement plan. We assure you that once our landscape project is complete, the property will remain dense with trees and will be a dramatic improvement over the current state.

Thank you for your consideration,

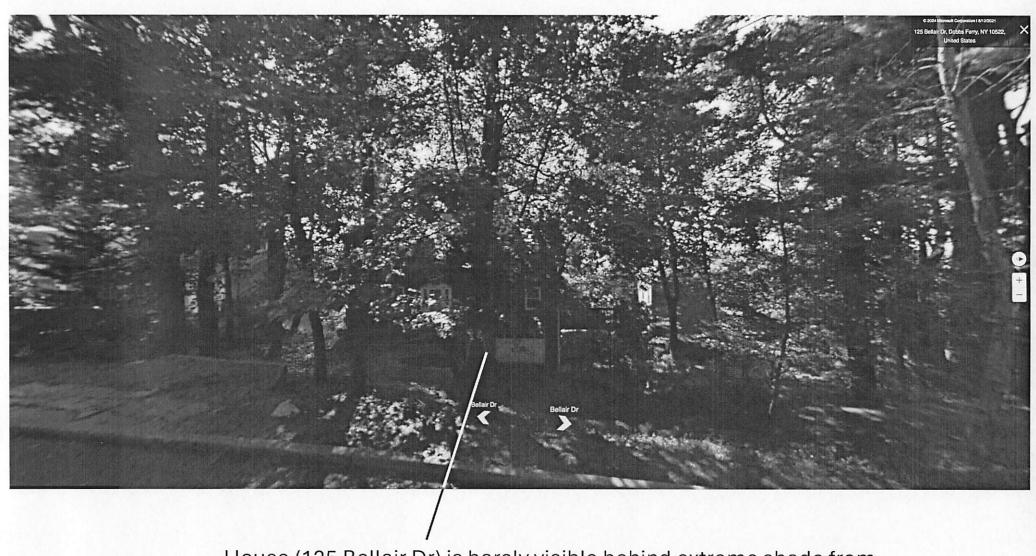
Justin Golub 125 Bellair Dr



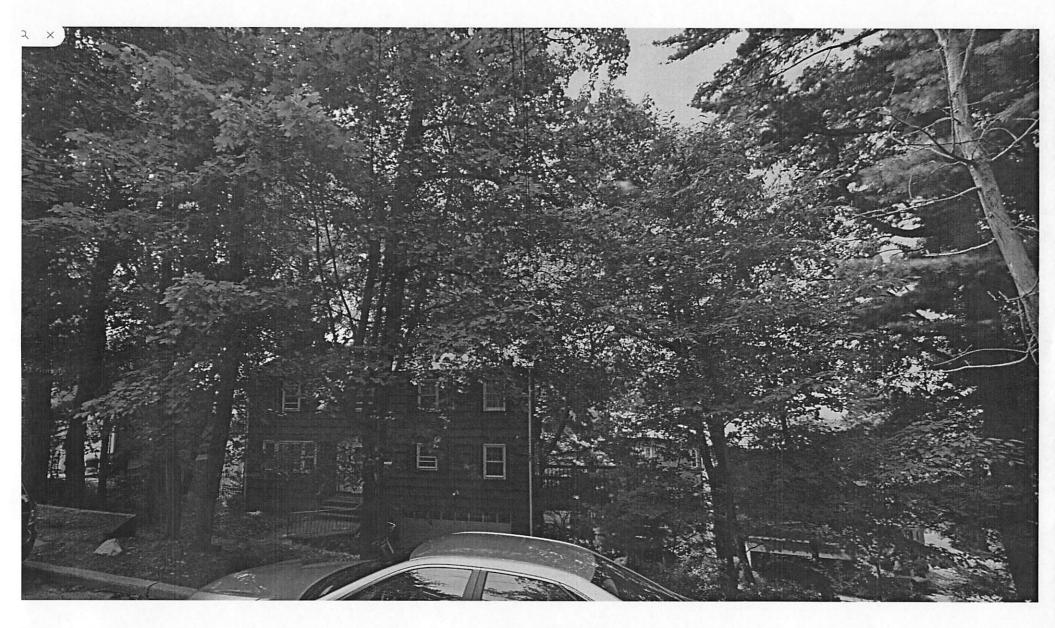
Neighbor (117 Bellair Dr)

Typical tree density

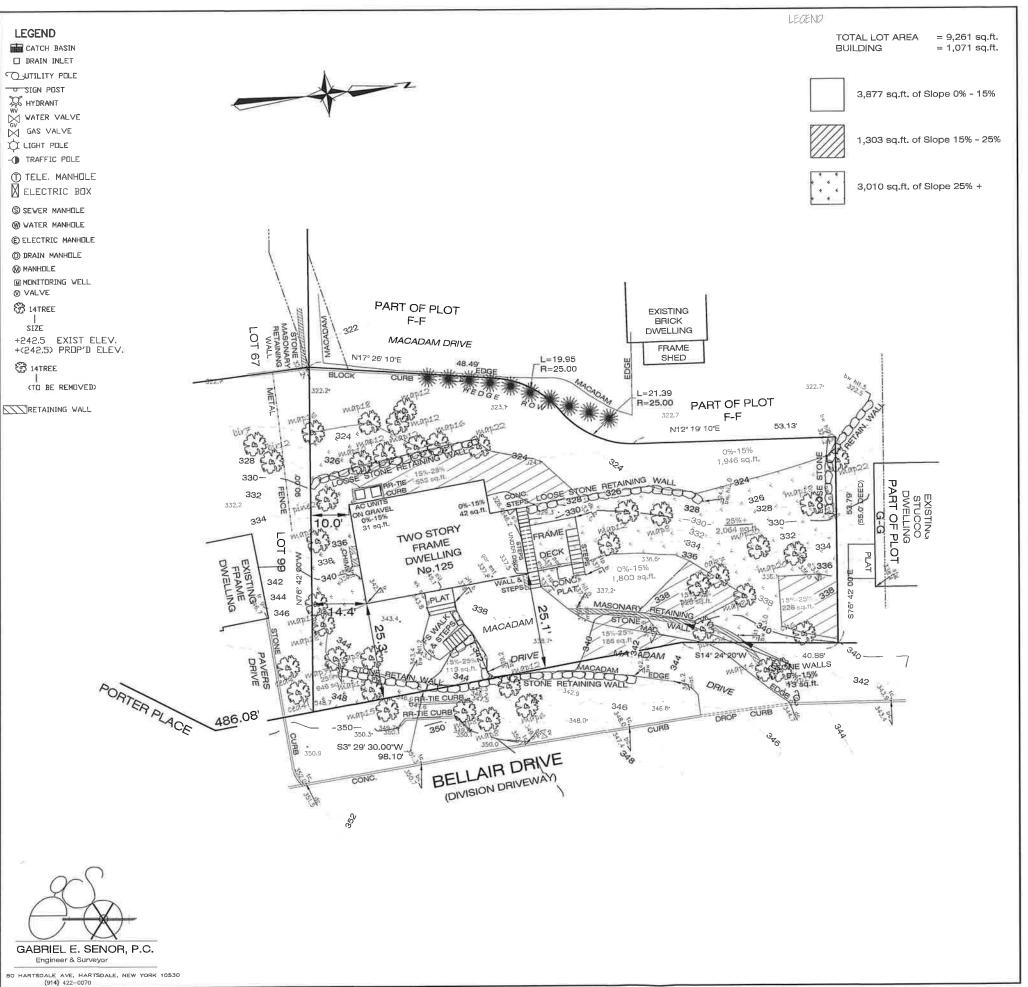
Our property (125 Bellair Dr)
Extreme over-density of invasive,
non-native Norway maple trees



House (125 Bellair Dr) is barely visible behind extreme shade from overpopulated invasive Norway maple trees. This is also unhealthy for the several non-invasive pine and oak trees we have.



Another view



JOB NUMBER: R.O.V37P28-23-1

#### NOTES:

Locations, sizes and descriptions of all utilities are based on field survey location of surface appurtenances and available record plate data. Same is subject to scale and method limitations. Exact location for existing service installations may require verification by the respective utility companies (call 800-952-7962) and by excavation. The location, material and size of existing underground improvements or encroachments hereon are not certified underground routing cannot be guaranteed. Exact connections for existing service installations may require verification by excavation or dye testing. Such tests will be subject to additional fee based on time. Underground utilities may not always follow a straight line between surface appurtenances and should be confirmed by excavation and the respective companies. Please note that there are usually no utility company records of the location of on-site utilities connections.

TOPOGRAPHIC MAP & SLOPE ANALYSIS MAP TAX LOT 1 BLOCK 114

No. 125 BELLAIR DRIVE LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF DOBBS FERRY TOWN OF GREENBURGH WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK.

NOTE: CONTOUR ELEVATIONS ARE ASSUMED.

## GABRIEL E. SENOR, P.C.

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SCALE: 1" =	15'		
	DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2022		
	DRAWN BY: EJC.	CHECKED BY: ES.	

