

G. Public Comment
Jeanette

On Mon, Apr 20, 2026 at 8:05 PM Jeanette Egerton <jegertonmc@gmail.com> wrote:

We , the undersigned residents and supporters of the Hammock Trace community, respectfully urge you to halt the planned removal of approximately 60 mature trees within our neighborhood and to consider alternative solutions that preserve the natural environment we value so deeply.

The trees in our community are not merely part of the landscape -they are essential to the health , beauty and character of our neighborhood. Many of us chose to live here because of the rich tree canopy and the sense of peace and connection to nature it provides. Each mature live oak is capable of supporting over 2,300 species . These trees provide vital food , shelter and habitat for wildlife , contributing to a thriving and balanced ecosystem.

In addition to their ecological importance, these trees offer significant every day benefits to residents. They provide shade from the intense Florida sun, making our streets more walkable and enjoyable for families , children and pets. They help regulate temperatures, reduce energy costs and enhance overall quality of life.

The removal of these trees would have lasting negative impacts including those already mentioned:

- Loss of wildlife habitat

- Increased heat and reduced shade

- Higher energy costs for residents

- Decreased property values and neighborhood appeal

This outcome is not what residents want for our community, nor what was envisioned when Hammock Trace was developed.

We also urge, Brevard County to look to nearby communities such as Titusville, where thoughtful tree protection policies have been successfully implemented. Through citizen advocacy and city leadership, Titusville established regulations requiring preservation of existing tree canopy, protection of heritage trees and developer contributions towards tree mitigation. These measures demonstrate that responsible development and environmental preservation can go hand in hand.

We believe community involvement is essential in decisions that shape our environment and quality of life. We respectfully ask that you :

- Pause all plans to remove these trees

- Engage with residents to explore alternative solutions

- Consider implementing stronger tree protection measures

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We urge you to act in the best interest of Hammock Trace and protect these irreplaceable natural assets.

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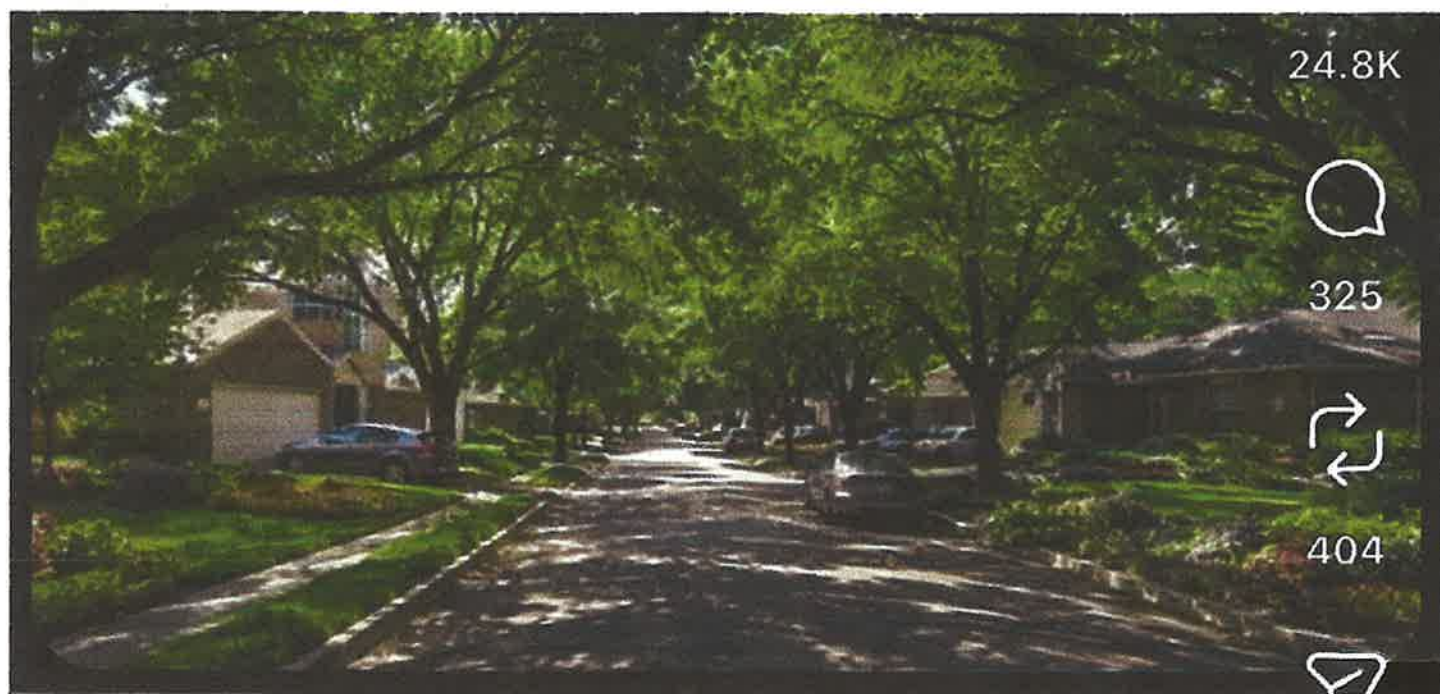
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