

## Excerpted Petition Signers' Comments -- 8/17/2015

"Because Asheville should set the example that we value our natural resources in such a way that we will get creative to preserve them. Old growth trees in an urban setting? These are a TREASURE. Let's stand up for beauty, for intrinsic value, for fresh air and cooler temperatures and green spaces. Asheville, let's stand up for TREES!"

"We can't keep cutting down trees for "progress". Trees should be valued for their many contributions (air quality, beauty, physical and mental health, shade, etc) and should be respected as an integral part in our efforts to create - not just seen as disposable. While not all trees can be saved, it is not enough to say that trees that took over 50 to 100 years to grow can be replaced with new ones, and that this should be fine. We should make every effort to preserve and incorporate our old growth trees into our development planning."

"Asheville seems to be losing its charm with rapid growth and little consideration for the ambience that brings people here."

We can't keep our city being the lovely place it is by removing all of the reasons it is lovely. Trees are havens for birds, for small animals, for people! That's one of the wonderful and envious traits of Asheville... little pockets of the forest which surrounds us. Tear them down and we're just any other concrete jungle."

"There must be a recognition that trees are vital to the life and health of our city. They have inherent value, and must not be destroyed."

"We can't have just a mess of breweries and condos; trees give the area dignity and civility and softness."

"The beauty of nature is what draws people to asheville. Let's not strip it of its beauty ..."

"these trees are a public treasure"

"This has been my neighborhood for over 12 years. We need to protect the few natural corridors of green space remaining in Asheville, especially in the rapidly developing South Slope. Please protect this beautiful old stand of trees from being destroyed."

"I live in the apartment building next to the wooded lot and can't imagine the area without the trees. ... The wooded lot is a valuable reminder to us neighborhood residents that Asheville puts an equal premium on its natural resources as its business opportunities."