

A close-up, black and white photograph of tree bark with a green diagonal overlay. The bark is highly textured, showing deep grooves and ridges. A bright green diagonal band runs from the top right towards the bottom left, partially obscuring the bark. The text is centered within this green band.

Petition to Town Council to save trees
between the Courtyards at Homestead
Road and 2217 Homestead Road

Introduction-Jeff Charles

- Citizen volunteer in Chapel Hill for 10 years
 - 6 yr member and cochair, Transportation and Connectivity Board
- Chapel Hill Representative on OC Advisory Board for Aging
 - Involved in the 5-year Master Aging Plan

Trees behind Greenway Landing



Rationale for Saving the Tree Buffer

- Requesting a 50-ft buffer of original growth trees be left between the two properties
- This is 1 ¼ acres of mature trees.
- These trees will neutralize enough CO₂ to neutralize emissions from ~60 cars per year¹
- Estimate ~150 cars in the new development

¹Vermont Dept. Forests, Parks and Recreation – November 2016

Save Trees and Prevent the Berms

- Use construction fencing around all tree areas to protect root systems and damage
- Remove berms from the current development plans
 - Berms save builder cost to remove excavation dirt at the expense of saving trees
 - Heavy equipment to build the berms will disrupt tree roots and the berms will kill the roots of nearby trees
 - Berms with new planting on top will not provide privacy for either community as it will take at least 10 years before an adequate buffer regrows

Traffic Mitigations

- Require developer to include 150-ft merge lanes on either side of the development entrance
- Recommend placement of the following sign at both ends of the access road between the two developments

No cars allowed. For emergency access, bicycles, and pedestrians only