

To: Village Management, Mayor and Village Board of Trustees at 1001 Post Road
Scarsdale, NY 10383 (via email)
Subject: In Support of Recommendation option 1 in the Village of Scarsdale Conservation
Advisory Council December 2020 report: "Mitigating the Health, Environmental, and
Quality of Life Impacts of Gas Leaf Blowers"
Date: Jan 6, 2021

Dear Mayor and Members of the Village Board:

As citizens of Scarsdale with a keen interest in furthering the sustainability practices of the Village, preserving the environment, and doing our part to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are creating a climate crisis, we are writing in support of the Village's appointed Conservation Advisory Council (CAC) recommendation option number 1 in their report "Mitigating the Health, Environmental, and Quality of Life Impacts of Gas Leaf Blowers."¹

We support environmental best practices in landscape maintenance that would effectively curtail the use and mitigate the harmful impacts of gas leaf blowers. Towards this end we urge the Village to adopt the option 1 recommendation of its Advisory Council to mitigate the noxious impacts of gas leaf blowers, principally noise and air pollution among other harms. In the interest of the health, safety and welfare of residents, and in furtherance of the village's commitment to environmental stewardship, we support the amendment of the Code to further limit gas blower use and strengthen enforcement of violations as suggested by the CAC recommendation option 1 which would effectively extend the current gas leaf blower regulation to begin in January and during leaf season limit gas blower use to Tuesday through Friday.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ CAC Report, accessed at <https://www.scarsdale.com/DocumentCenter/View/6644/Gas-Leaf-Report-to-Village-Board---Dec-2020> .

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