

Protecting Scarsdale's Trees

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Dear Mayor, et al.,

Members of our respective civic groups, including Friends of the Scarsdale Parks, Inc. and Scarsdale Forum, Inc., are in the process of identifying the location and status of invasive vines that are endangering village trees on both residential and village property. We have also been discussing the most helpful way to inform the public about how residents can eradicate the vines on their own trees.

The questions we have for you are: what are the rights and responsibilities of Scarsdale residents regarding removal of invasive vines from trees on public land abutting or nearby their property line; whether they and/or their landscapers have the authority to so remove invasive vines; and whether they and/or their landscapers have the authority to remove invasive vines from trees at Scarsdale's parks, recreation areas, and other green spaces including both village and state designated wetlands. If prior approval from the village is required for any of these activities kindly so advise us.

Sincerely,

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