

# TREE REMOVAL APPLICATION

## ECHO HILL SOUTH ASSOCIATION

**NOTE:** ALL trees measuring 6" in diameter or greater on homeowners' property must have the approval of the EHSA Board prior to removal.

**Applicant's name(s):**

**Date:**

**Email Address:**

**Home Address:**

**Best telephone or cell phone number :**

1. Please read the **Tree Removal Application Guidelines** before completing this form.
2. How many trees on your property are you requesting to remove?
3. What is the reason for the removal? (*ie: tree health, cosmetic, safety concern, or other. Please explain fully.*)

4. Have the trees been evaluated by an arborist or tree specialist? If so, include the specialist's name and contact info. Please attach documentation of their findings.

5. Please provide any additional information here:

6. What are the plans for landscaping (if applicable) after tree removal has taken place?

7. Please include, on a separate page, a sketched diagram of the entire property. Include the property boundaries, with the house footprint and any other structures, making note of all trees on the property. **CLEARLY mark trees to be removed on the diagram with an "X"**. Please only mark trees you wish to be considered for removal. Also, please mark tree(s) that are under review for removal on your property with brightly colored tape and note the color of the tape on the diagram you submit.

8. Immediate neighbors and abutters may be affected by the removal of tree(s) on your property. The EHSA Board strongly recommends that you notify your neighbors, as a courtesy, of the expected date(s) the tree removal will take place.

9. In some cases, private home properties border EHSA Common Properties or land belonging to the Town of Amherst. Please research where the home property lines fall. Even if the original property markers can be found, please use the **Town of Amherst Property Map** to locate property lines, and also accurate results may be obtained by professional surveyors. <https://www.amherstma.gov/400/Amherst-Maps-Property-Info>

- a) Even if a tree appears to be within a home's property lines, any tree located within 20 feet of the roadway could be owned by the Town of Amherst. Please contact the **Amherst Tree Warden at 413-259-3050** to request a visit to the site to determine the ownership of the tree. If a town-owned tree is a threat to safety, the Tree Warden will notify the EHSA Board and arrange the removal.
  
- b) Failure to obtain permission to remove a town-own tree has resulted in fines to EHSA homeowners in the past.

**10. The applicant will carry out the procedures as outlined in the **Tree Removal Application Guidelines**.**

I (we) accept full liability for any damages to the Common Properties and/or Town of Amherst Properties which may occur during the execution of this proposed tree removal, and understand that all conditions outlined in this **Tree Removal Application**, the **Tree Removal Application Guidelines**, and any other conditions attached to the approval of this application must be fulfilled. *EHSA Board approval does not indicate approval by the Town of Amherst or any other authority.*

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE(S)

This proposal will be reviewed by EHSA Board members, and acted upon within 30 days of receipt. The proposal must be approved in writing by The Board before any tree removal or tree work may begin.

## **Diagram of Proposed Changes**

**Applicant Name(s):**

**Street Address:**

Please draw or attach diagram(s) here. Include plot boundaries and the placement of the house and all structures. **Clearly indicate trees that you are requesting to remove with an "X"**.

Please mark the tree(s) under review for removal with brightly colored tape, and note the color of the tape here:

***NOTE:*** Remember that in Echo Hill South, power lines run underground. Check for markers, and be aware of this when considering large scale work.