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Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Trees – Report to the City Council

Subject: PEPCO Request for Tree Removals

PEPCO has presented a plan for removal of trees in the western part of Greenbelt for year 2016 to protect power lines. This plan proposes that 7 trees on Ivy Lane, 8 trees on Cheerywood Lane, 1 tree on Springhill Drive, 9 trees on Edmonston Road, and 10 trees on Breezwood Drive, which are located under power lines, be removed. Additionally 6 trees on Crescent Road adjacent to the police station are on the removal list, which were also listed on last year's list but had not yet been removed.

The Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT) and Public Works staff have reviewed the list and is in general agreement with the PEPCO-suggested removals. Most of the trees do appear to be in conflict with the power lines and have structural problems.

ACT members agree with Public Works staff that the removal of 6 white pines on Edmonston Road be denied. It does not appear that these trees appear to be a threat to a power line.

The ACT will assist Public Works staff on plans to replant the areas where trees were removed. The group will mostly rely on ACT Report #2015-1, which has a list of "Recommended Trees for Use under Power Lines". The goal will be to plant trees, which are more suitable for the particular site.