

CSX Tree Killing for New Twin Tunnels

Ward 6 has the lowest tree canopy (17%) in the city.

CSX has already started **removing 191 trees from public lands in Ward 6, even though there's a rapidly-advancing legal challenge underway** by the Committee of 100 on the Federal City.

CSX is killing:

- 168 trees along Virginia Avenue (47 with a diameter of more than 12 inches);
- 15 trees in Virginia Avenue Park;
- 8 trees on Marine Corps land;
- 20 healthy trees of at least 17 ½ inches in diameter on CSX property; and
- All other trees on CSX property, number unknown.

The CSX tree removal fee of \$133,100 averages \$697 per public tree.

Mature trees removed from public lands will eventually be replaced with saplings.

Mature trees removed from CSX lands do not have to be replaced, and CSX only needs permits for the 20 “special trees.”

There are 404 trees within the project’s Limits of Disturbance (LOD). Even trees that are not removed could weaken or die because of years of relentless construction, sometimes only a few feet away.

The environmental (NEPA) review did not analyze the cumulative loss of so many trees within such a concentrated geographic area.

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society said that many trees may not be replaceable in their current location because the wider, higher, shifted tunnels would interfere with their root systems.

For more information, see:

<http://dcsaferail.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/dcsaferail>

<http://committeeof100.net/what-we-do/transportation/virginia-avenue-tunnel-lawsuit>

CALL YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER

Tell them to stop construction while the CSX expansion receives proper legal review. And tell them to demand a new, fair, transparent environmental review. The last one was decided in secret before it even began. DC wants shade, not shady deals!

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