

LETTER: Trees falling victim to demolition derby

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Dear Editor:

Re: [Time for Deconstruction Instead of Demolition \(http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-time-for-deconstruction-instead-of-demolition-1.2103294\)](http://www.nsnews.com/opinion/letters/letter-time-for-deconstruction-instead-of-demolition-1.2103294), Nov. 4 Mailbox 4.

As a homeowner on a street that is increasingly under siege — eight homes demolished in five years with three currently under construction and more to come — I concur with Tina Childs that deconstruction should be required and that all fees related to development for new builds should be increased.

I'd also like to add my comments regarding another key victim of this demolition derby.

Trees are being removed at an alarming rate including those that require a "permit" (i.e. diameter greater than 30 inches).

Permit trees can be removed for mere hundreds of dollars or replaced with trees that are essentially twigs compared to those which were removed.

It is time to calculate tree removal rates based on height as well as girth or to require replacement on the same scale.

Razing a property of both trees and buildings with few penalties to the builder is not at all green, and this lack of a strong policy is part of what is adding fuel to the development fire (pun intended!).

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