

"Let it not be for present use and delight alone, but let it be of such a work that our descendants will thank us for it."

-Frederick Law Olmsted

"The way we respond to the natural environment directly reflects the way we treat human beings. The willingness to exploit the environment is revealed in the willingness to permit avoidable human suffering. So the survival of the natural environment is also the survival of ourselves. When will we understand that a crime against nature is a crime against ourselves and sin against God?"

-Ecumenical Patriarch
Bartholomew I, Leader of
Greek Orthodox Church

Save Hellenic Hill, Conserve the Pond

Hellenic Hill is a largely undeveloped piece of woodlands overlooking Jamaica Pond owned by Hellenic College. The college is considering selling 12.5 acres of pristine forest for development. The sale would bring in millions for the college, but destroy Olmsted's vision and purpose of the park.

The church and the college have made *clear statements* that they are for the **protection of the environment**. Community Caring Institute is too. That's why selling 12 acres of untouched, pristine forest for development is against our mission and theirs. More importantly, this sale would not only mean less trees and thus a less scenic view at Jamaica Pond, but also the possible degradation of an ecosystem, from habitat loss to water contamination.

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What's to lose if trees are destroyed?

Degradation of the environment:

- ❖ Habitat loss for wildlife
- ❖ Water contamination
- ❖ Loss of the pure, spring fed pond
- ❖ Water cycle changes
- ❖ Less reduction of pollution
- ❖ Loss of place for migrating birds
- ❖ Increased soil erosion
- ❖ Aesthetic loss



Health Benefits from Nature:

- ❖ Reduced stress and depression
- ❖ Reduced pollution and asthma
- ❖ Reduced ADHD and behavioral problems in children
- ❖ Increased incentive to exercise
- ❖ Increased spiritual awareness
- ❖ Increased sense of freedom

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