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Avondale Estates City Hall  
21 North Avondale Plaza  
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Attention: Warren Hutmacher

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Dear Warren,

I received your letter addressed to Pete dated January 10<sup>th</sup> and want to address some of the points you raised. We will gladly repair the cap on the retaining wall and remove the gator bags under the existing trees. I will call my maintenance crew and have them remove the bags on their next visit. In addition, I will attend to the need for grass at the Old Rockbridge entrance.


I would like to address issue #4 in your letter: PATH planted the trees in question in April 2003 (invoices attached). Many of the plants and trees were stolen from the site resulting in us filing several reports with the Avondale Police.

We agree, the giant Post Oak south of Old Rockbridge does not appear healthy and may need to be removed. Before the trail was built, Jesse Milton from Arbor Guard inspected the tree and advised us on how to work near the tree. PATH will consider helping to remove the tree if it indeed dies.

The PATH Foundation is working with Dean Williams of the DeKalb Tree Bank on potential tree location near our trails. Possibly Dean will have trees as specified in your letter of January 10<sup>th</sup>.

I appreciate the fact that you are responding to the concerns of one of your citizens, however I take exception to the notion that PATH did not "honor its' commitment" and that we should start planting scores trees to "compensate the City for its' loss". We have spent several years and over \$500,000 in Avondale Estates building a world class trail for nearby citizens. Never once did we ask the City for money or even in-kind services to get this done. In addition, we self imposed the responsibility of maintaining this trail through your village in perpetuity. I think you are out of bounds punishing us for damaging a few trees and asking us to replace trees stolen within your boundaries. Sorry, but most cities are finding ways to help us rather than writing us letters such as yours.

Sincerely

  
Ed McBrayer