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Mayor Sanford and Assembly

City/Borough of Juneau

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CBJ Manager's Office

I am responding to the response from Parks and Landscape Superintendent, George Schaaf of September 6, 2013. The letter denied our request to remove, trim or thin the invasive alder that have seeded themselves and spread after St Anne's Avenue was last repaved and before 2002. The letter refers to the *City and Borough of Juneau Tree Cutting Policy. Section: Green Tree Policy. Cutting of trees for view enhancement of private property is prohibited.*

Our issue is that the alders were not on the bank/hillside growing along the path going down into Savikko Park.

The alder seeds were blown onto the bank after 2002 and started sprouting. I enclosed photographs from Brian Lupro's & Devins' houses on St. Anne's on how fast the trees sprung up.

The alders have made the path into Savikko Park hidden and unsafe to take dogs, children and sport equipment down through the brush. In the winter the trees, hold the snow on the hillside path, carrying hockey gear to Treadwell Ice Arena is difficult for children. The alders want to cover the entire hill side. The sliding hill section has trees trying to close it off and narrowing the shoot. Small trees were pulled out last month, bringing back some sliding room. Before 2002, home owners noticed that the street or park maintenance crew would keep the brush cut back deeper on the street along the parking lot. This was discontinued.

To point out what happen, I have enclosed photos take this week of Gastineau School remodeling project. The contract required new landscaping installed. Last year, 2012 the first phase of landscaping was planted along the right side parking lot of the school. Last week, I took photos of the new plants along the right side entrance steps to the parking lot and street. Then, wider photos of the 2012 narrow grass planted in the strip in front of the parking lot. Please note the small plant leaving out in the grass, among the new perianal beds and the narrow parking lot grass strip. These are 100s and 100s of alder shoots.

*Is the Borough going to require that none of these alder starts be removed or cut?* According to your Green Tree Policy, they are allowed to pop up where ever they land. These are in the middle of flower beds & grass. If there is no funding for grounds maintenance for the school district they will become tall thin trees less than 2 years.

This is how the St Anne's situation happened. So again we: the Lupro's, McCormicks, Devins, Williams and Zingers households request that the Borough or homeowners be allowed to cut, thin or trim the invasive alders around the parking lot, park path and along the snow slide shoot. They need to be cut annually.

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