

MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayors and Supervisors; Municipal Managers and Administrators

FROM: George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

RE: **Model Tree Ordinance**

Colleagues,

We are advised that a number of communities are considering changes to their existing tree laws and ordinances. While the County government has no authority over what is clearly a local Home Rule matter, we want to share what we consider a model ordinance – “best practices” if you will – for your consideration. I have attached the tree ordinance from the Town of Greenburgh which addresses property rights and community environmental standards in order to protect our valuable trees and advance environmental protections.

You are welcome to speak directly with your counterparts in Greenburgh to address any questions you may have; they can provide details essential to how their law has worked during its time in place.

As other issues arise, we will continue to identify local legislation that may be helpful to you in your municipal efforts.

Warmest wishes,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive