

Pope, Marc A.

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To: Councilmember Pridgen - Ellicott; Pope, Marc A.
Cc: Bill Paladino; bleahy@ellicottconstruction.com
Subject: National Grid and Symphony Circle Active Living

Dear Mark,

My name is Linda Schineller and I own the carriage house at 290 Summer Street, which is situated directly behind the new Ellicott Development project on North Street — the Symphony Circle Active Living Apartments. After considerable time and expense, I've turned the carriage house from a barely habitable structure to a delightful home and office that represents my commitment to Buffalo's renaissance <https://buffalonews.com/2016/06/18/home-of-the-month-a-renovated-buffalo-carriage-house-exudes-elegance/>. Ellicott Development has also invested in the neighborhood and they have been very considerate of both the environment and their neighbors throughout the construction process, inclusive of extending the green space between the Summer Street residents and their new building, and saving the old growth trees.

Not the same can be said of National Grid. Two weeks ago they annihilated the trees in my neighbor's yard and adjacent to my house with a buzz saw, so that they could string even more electrical lines on top of our property. Saturday was the final straw; National Grid workmen erected a power pole practically on top of my house, as you can see in the photos below, and it also obstructs the view from my window. There's plenty of space on the land behind me for the utility company to position a power pole so that it would not be on top of anyone's house. I spoke to the men as they were erecting it and asked them to move the pole two feet east of where they were trying to place it, but to no one's surprise they ignored me. It's ironic that the old growth trees were saved by Ellicott Development, but I won't be able to see them with the power pole blocking my view.

I'm turning to the City of Buffalo and Councilman Pridgen for advice, since I feel my air rights have now been violated and that I have no recourse with the behemoth power company. When I lived in Chicago and New York City, air rights were a real issue, and as Buffalo moves into its future, I propose that they are a real issue here now, too.

I respectfully ask for the City of Buffalo's counsel and advice.



Kind regards,

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