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Dear Hamilton City Council:

Hamilton continues to manage the deterioration of its tree canopy due, in part, to the 'gypsy moth' or Lymantria Dispar Dispar (LDD). Hamilton has a stated goal to increase its tree canopy and to its credit the strategy of the Street Tree Planting Program is to provide residents trees free of charge. I would like city counsel to consider another strategy totally under its control which would be the planting of very hardy, drought resistant, heat resistant, and practicable indestructible trees along the Lincoln Alexander and Red Hill Valley Parkways. Some of the benefits of roadside trees would be as follows:

1. Gives shade and cover from sun and rain. May also assist with sunrise/sunset blindness or glare from oncoming vehicles while driving
2. Supplies oxygen to the environment
3. Prevent erosion and reduce dust particle
4. Reduce greenhouse effect. Absorbs vehicle pollution.
5. Helps to beautify roadside area. It just looks nice! Provides a calming effect.
6. Helps stabilize the roadbed by putting down root systems that keep soil from washing out from under the pavement. Trees along the road will absorb and clean water that runs over the road.
7. Reduces noise pollution They act as a sound barrier to block road noise from local houses and businesses.
8. Compensate for the trees proposed to be cut due to disease (e.g. LDD).
9. May serve as a barrier to out of control vehicles crossing over the median.
10. Provides cooling effect during hot summer months.
11. Supports local habitat birds.

I have lived here since birth and take great pride in my city and I hope you give this some consideration.

Best regards,

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