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Dear KC Planning and Development Committee,

My name is Jeffrey Smith and I've lived in Kansas City for nearly 10 years. I love Kansas City and part of that infatuation comes from the trees that are part of the city's landscape. I moved here from Houston, TX which in many ways is the antithesis of Kansas City.

Houston, TX has developed without wisdom and made its city into an awful place to live. They have systematically cut down every tree and developed every plot of land possible. This ceaseless development has resulted in a city which experiences severe flooding problems during rain events. There aren't enough green spaces for its people to enjoy, and there is no room for natural processes to happen. The city has essentially transformed itself into an urban concrete desert.

I want better for Kansas City. The people of Kansas City get to enjoy lots of green space and trees which make for better air quality, milder temperatures, and better psychological health. Please keep the trees.

Kind Regards,
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