



CITY OF CHARLESTON

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – SITE DESIGN

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

A meeting of the BZA-SD will be held on **Wednesday, September 6, 2023** at **5:00 p.m.** in the **Public Meeting Room, First Floor, 2 George Street.**

The following written comments will be provided to the board members 24 hours in advance of the meeting and also be acknowledged into the record and summarized. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person to speak in order for comments to be fully heard.

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Comments Submitted To Mayor's Office of Innovation Website

AGENDA ITEM B-4: Fairchild Street

Daniel Island | TMS # 275-00-00-269 | Zoned: DI-TC

Request a variance from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of 21 grand trees.

Request a special exception from Sec 54-327 to allow the removal of two grand trees.

Owner: Holder Properties, Inc. | Applicant: Cranston

First Name	Last Name	Address	Submitted Comment	Date/Time Submitted
Dylan	Salpeter	3510 Saltflat Lane, Mount Pleasant SC 29466	Removal of trees and potential development of this space will have a negative impact on Daniel Island and the Charleston area. With so much development in the a Charleston area we need to maintain natural space for animals, drainage, tree protection and overall appearances.	Sep 4 2023 10:04PM
Seth	Haynes	3510 Saltflat Lane Mount Pleasant SC 29466	The removal of any vegetation in this area let alone grand trees is unthinkable. This area serves as a noise buffer. Animal Habitat and water absorption. It would also take away from the look and appeal of the area. At what point do we say enough is enough with over development. This area does not need to have homes built on it. It needs to be left alone and in tact. I no longer live on the island but visit several times a month for dining and other needs. It hurts to think of townhomes being in the view of the highway.	Sep 4 2023 10:07PM
Evelyn	Loggins	1865 Village Crossing Dr	I am against the removal of grand trees on this parcel of land. The trees add beauty, act as a sound barrier, and provide home to many wildlife.	Sep 4 2023 10:15PM
Lauren	Crawford	104 Bounty St. Daniel Island, SC 29492	Daniel Island is a special place and one of the many reasons are the trees that have been here long before its development. We have a responsibility save grand trees to preserve Daniel Island. Removing 23 grand trees would have a significant negative impact on our community. It would make our air less healthy and our streets hotter. It would also harm the environment and displace wildlife. I urge you to vote against the removal of the trees. They are an important part of our community and their loss would be a major setback.	Sep 4 2023 10:16PM
James	Spencer	7770 Farr St. Daniel Island, SC 29492	Opposed to removing trees	Sep 4 2023 10:18PM
Sarah	Newell	1226 Smythe Street	The trees provide a natural sound and visual buffer to the interstate the residents of Daniel Island appreciate. Additionally, building condos in the proposed area is going to create additional traffic congestion issues at the 526 on ramp. There are plenty of apartments, townhomes, and condominiums on Daniel Island. More than one of them has construction defect issues that are undergoing repairs. We do not need additional units built right by the interstate, displacing wildlife and our disrupting our natural environment and noise barriers.	Sep 4 2023 10:21PM
Colleen	Powers	101 Scott Street, Daniel Island	I oppose the cutting down of trees on this parcel of land.	Sep 4 2023 10:21PM

Katie	Clark	721 Talison Avenue Daniel Island SC 29492	Removing 21 grand trees is not in the best interest of the Daniel Island community. Trees provide much needed buffers from road noise and provide homes for local wildlife.	Sep 4 2023 10:22PM
Shelby	Simpson	120 Bellinger St. Daniel Island	I am 100% against the removal of these grand trees. They provide visual and sound barriers for our neighborhood which already gets loud noises from the traffic on 526 24 hours a day. They also provide shelter and habitats for our wildlife. The amount of trees being torn down and habitats being destroyed around here is not acceptable. When will it be enough? I am born and raised in the Lowcountry and have lived on Daniel island for 23 years. The overgrowth has got to stop. The traffic, our way of life, our environment, our animals are all suffering. Please say no to tearing down these beautiful trees.	Sep 4 2023 10:25PM
Tara	Moynihan	324 Ginned Cotton Street	Please do not remove these trees, not only does it act as a buffer from the noise of the highway, it also needs to remain as a habitat for the wildlife here. There are so few spaces left for the wildlife and this island has been overdeveloped as it is.	Sep 4 2023 10:27PM
Heather	Combee	6067 Grand Council St, Daniel Island	This request to essentially remove several grand trees from Daniel Island is nothing more than greed. This parcel of land, which for so long has provided a sound barrier, shelter from the highway (both visual and auditory), and just plain visual beauty, is under request to be essentially demolished. I as a taxpaying citizen ask you to ask yourself that if this were in your backyard would you approve it? Please do not let this company take any more from this island. Thank you.	Sep 4 2023 10:33PM
William	Payer	720 Talison Avenue Apt 207, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I oppose the removal of these trees for aesthetic reasons as well as several other factors. In addition to destroying the "look" of the current transition from 526 these trees offer both a visual and sound buffer from the freeway. Majestic trees are part of the historic legacy of Daniel Island and are, therefore, far more valuable than what is being proposed.	Sep 4 2023 10:35PM
Ryan	Roberts	182 Beresford Creek St. Daniel Island	As a 15 resident of Daniel Island, please do not tear down those trees in order to put up more high density housing. My children enjoy seeing deer at that location almost every afternoon. They provide an important sound barrier from 526 and are one of the last green spaces on that area of the island.	Sep 4 2023 10:36PM
Tiffany	Ferez	163 River Green Place, DI	As a resident of more than 10 years, I am vehemently against cutting down the trees as proposed in this project.	Sep 4 2023 10:36PM
Ralph and Susanne	Dandridge	1307 Smythe Street Daniels Island SC 29492	We protest the cutting down of grand trees. You are ruining our island and exposing us to road noise from I-526. This absolutely should never be done! The island is already over built with no infrastructure to support the traffic! This will only add to the issues we already deal with.	Sep 4 2023 10:42PM
Daniel	Freemyer	235 Rowans Creek Dr, Charleston SC, 28492	I am opposed to approving the destruction of grand trees on this property. This area serves as the main entrance to Daniel Island, as well as a buffer for the highway noise. No single development is worth harming the livability and aesthetics for all those who live, work, and patronize the businesses on Daniel Island. Please deny the tree removal request.	Sep 4 2023 10:42PM

Beth	McDonald	179 Brady St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Absolutely NO to this request. This area does not need to be developed. It needs to remain a natural habitat for wildlife, water absorption, and a buffer from the highway to the island. The island has also become grossly overdeveloped/populated, and our infrastructure is struggling to maintain it.	Sep 4 2023 10:42PM
Renee	Cipriano	1458 Wando Landing St Daniel Island	Do not approve. The congestion on Daniel Island is unacceptable and not sustainable. Entry to the Island and from the Island needs to be redesigned before any other projects are approved	Sep 4 2023 10:43PM
Amy	Campbell	2390 Daniel Island Dr	Please stop the removal of the natural habitat and beauty of our Lowcountry contained among these 23 grand oaks. These trees provide sound and sight buffer for our community. And as a resident of Daniel Island for 22 years, i implore the board to stop the removal of this part of our hometown and the home of many animals. Thank you for your consideration.	Sep 4 2023 10:45PM
Kelly	Wischerath	130 river landing dr, Charleston SC	It's disappointing that despite years of public outcry over removing necessary buffers like historic trees for the sake of development that will most likely fail or be empty in several years, agendas like these still come up. The trees in question are a vital part of the community and make it attractive and more livable for residents and guests. A restaurant and townhomes? We have too many of those already and do not need more residences when we have plenty of options either built or in the works. Not only are the trees good for appearance, they are an essential anchor for the ponds and wetlands around this part of Charleston. I know I am not alone when I say that allowing this portion of land to be developed is a grave mistake and we will not forget any elected official who allows it to happen. The coffers are full already. You do not need more development. You need to focus on what you already have.	Sep 4 2023 10:48PM
Justin	Clark	721 Talisson Ave Daniel Island, SC 29492	No to cutting down these trees!	Sep 4 2023 10:49PM
Elizabeth	Roberts	182 Beresford Creek Street, Daniel Island	This land serves as one of the final remaining barriers between Daniel Island residential and 526. There are deer that frequent this parcel, relying on it for food. There are parents who walk their children on the adjacent sidewalk and kids who ride their bikes beside them. Youth leverage the nearby basketball courts. Keep Daniel Island as it is! We residents moved here for its serenity and beauty but tree by tree it continues to be demolished.	Sep 4 2023 10:49PM
Jennifer	Esse	2228 Daniel Island Dr, Daniel Island SC 29492	I petition to keep all existing trees for this agenda item	Sep 4 2023 10:50PM
Guy	Strenck	2221 Daniel Island Drive	Please do not approve the removal of the trees on Fairchild street. It is a terrible decision. I am all for growth - but to remove the trees for more apartments/condos/mixed use facilities is a terrible idea. Please preserve what little we have left of real nature on this island.	Sep 4 2023 10:50PM

Ginger	Hamblin	1914 Mahone Court, Daniel island sc 29492	NO to cutting down these trees. These trees provide a buffer from the highway to the homes on DI and would affect water absorption.	Sep 4 2023 10:51PM
jeff	Hammer	1305 elfe st	DO NOT REMOVE ANYMORE TREES FROM THIS ISLAND. BESIDE THE NOISE FROM 526 YOU ARE DESTROYING THE BEAUTY OF OUR HOME. STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	Sep 4 2023 10:52PM
Steven	Pearlman	1844 Pierce St., Daniel Island, SC	The beauty of Daniel Island is the preservation of the natural beauty this island has and most important is the trees that possess many positive attributes for our environment. Removing grand trees as an answer to build more apartments and taking away noise buffer lessens the value of what the residents of Daniel Island cherish. Let us not be the unfortunate recipient of what is done by builders of removing a valuable resource in the name of a few more homes. Adjust the plans and save the trees is my vote.	Sep 4 2023 10:53PM
Trey	Campbell	2390 Daniel Island Drive	We have lived on Daniel Island for 22 years and seen much development in that time. One of the things I admire about past development efforts has been that we keep the natural beauty of this area as a priority. The idea of removing beautiful grand trees at the entrance of the island is something that should be stopped.	Sep 4 2023 10:54PM
Meara	Becotte	1996 Pierce Street Daniel Island, SC 29492	As a resident I oppose cutting down these Grand Trees.	Sep 4 2023 10:55PM
Casey	Griffin	1144 Blakeway St	Please do not allow for the removal of 23 grand trees. These trees provide a visual and noise buffer from 526, provide one of the few remaining natural habitats for wildlife in this area, and provide some quickly diminishing green space.	Sep 4 2023 10:59PM
Andy	Collier	153 Scott St Daniel Island, SC 29492	Totally against any further deterioration of remaining daniel island natural space. High density build out of remaining natural spaces is ruining natural habitats and adding to the traffic issues. There is currently a dead deer across the street from this proposed space (in the front lawn of Home2Suites). These trees and natural buffer need to be saved.	Sep 4 2023 11:04PM
Laurie	Steinke	271 Delahow St	Daniel Island is falling victim to overdevelopment, much like the rest of Charleston, and losing a good bit of its original charm. Additionally, our deer population has been squeezed into the last few stands of trees. Just today there was a deer fatality very near this exact location. I vote NO to this request.	Sep 4 2023 11:04PM
Terry	Steyer	1403 Elfe St Daniel Island, SC 29492	The unmitigated growth of Daniel Island needs to stop. I'm actually considering leaving the island and the city of Charleston tax base because of the growth. Please do not approval the removal of these trees.	Sep 4 2023 11:10PM
Amanda	Wagner	402 Amalie Farms Dr. Charleston	The ordinance and provisions in place to maintain grand trees in Charleston is regulated to preserve the integrity and historical value of our city. This petition seeks to remove 21 grand trees for the purposes of development. Removing these trees would threaten and diminish existing tree canopy and vegetation, and natural diversity of wildlife habitat. Wildlife habitat has already been diminished greatly due to development which threatens the livability and quality of life that exists in this community. I strongly oppose removing these trees on Fairchild st.	Sep 4 2023 11:11PM

Carol	Kriza	201 Fairchild St	These trees shield Daniel Island and provide a sound barrier from the highway and should not be removed. Why would anyone want to live on the interstate? It seems it would be unsafe, unhealthy and noisy living adjacent to 526. Please don't continue to ruin our beautiful island. Save the trees.	Sep 4 2023 11:12PM
Heather	Jones	1543 Wando Landing Street	A barrier of grand trees provides a noise buffer and an environmental barrier that are so important to my family. Furthermore, when we bought our property in 2001 (where we've lived as full time residents since then) there was an aesthetic that residents were promised as part of the sustainability promise that was the original intent of the sellers of this entire island that was communicated to the developers. We should be able to have these promise's delivered—the trees being removed or not to benefit the greater part of Charleston for any reason, for example, widening of the road or affordable housing!!! It is just more trees being cleared for more development of unaffordable housing that will be an eyesore for residents once again. This is so disappointing and should be unacceptable.	Sep 4 2023 11:12PM
Sandra	Hamrock	145 Pier View Street, Unit #302, Daniel island, SC 29492	As a resident of Daniel Island, these Grand Trees at the entrance to I-526 provide both a visual and sound buffer to the busy interstate & as well as provide a habitat for wildlife. Just today there are a family of 5 deer in the immediate vicinity. There are also local Eagles and Osprey enjoying the refuge of these grand trees. Please consider objecting to the removal.	Sep 4 2023 11:24PM
Kelly	Steyer	1403 Elfe Stteet	Please DO NOT take these trees down. I have been here on DI for 25 years .Greedy developers have ruined the beauty and nature of what was once such a special place.	Sep 4 2023 11:25PM
Lauren	Orr	118 Codners Ferry St. Daniel Island, SC 29492	NO to cutting down 23 grand trees on Daniel Island	Sep 4 2023 11:29PM
Kristen	Andoos	145 Pier View St Unit 311 Daniel Island, SC 29492	The trees are a vital part of the ecosystem on Daniel Island and quality of life for the people that live here as well. Please Do Not cut them down! I am against removing nature in favor of more development	Sep 4 2023 11:29PM
Deanna	Simpson	1066 Blakeway St Daniel Island, SC	These trees buffer Daniel Island from the interstate. Quality of life on Daniel Island would be diminished. Wildlife would be displaced. Already so little green space left on Daniel Island due to development. Please deny this request!	Sep 4 2023 11:38PM
Kelley	Murray	1225 Water View Lane Daniel Island, SC 29492	I would like to preserve the oak trees. We also own land with a view and built around the oak trees.	Sep 4 2023 11:41PM
Debbie	Geilfuss	837 Dunham Street Daniel Island SC 29492	When I first moved to Daniel Island 22 years ago, it was the natural beauty of the island that drew me to move here. Daniel Island's natural beauty has been chipped away at by the removal of trees and the overgrowth and building of apartments/townhomes. What once drew people to move to Daniel Island now drives them away. With each tree that is removed comes the price of losing habitats for wildlife, sound	Sep 4 2023 11:54PM

			buffers from the i526, and not to mention over populating the island that no longer has the tranquil living we once enjoyed. I beg these trees are NOT approved for removal as they provide far more than anything thought as important to build in their place.	
Hilary	Harrison	166 Etiwan Park Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Request to deny. The trees are a crucial part to our wellbeing here on Daniel Island. They serve as a natural noise barrier with the interstate and improve our overall quality of life. These areas of trees are the reason we bought on Daniel Island. It is not going to be the wonderful place it is if we continue to take down the trees that make this area beautiful and help our quality of life. The natural landscape and pockets of trees are integral to Daniel Island, its community, and its wildlife. I am a very concerned citizen of Daniel Island and plead with you to deny the request to cut down these trees.	Sep 4 2023 11:56PM
Carolyn	Reuther	155 Brady Street, Daniel Island 29492 (25 years!)	I object to the removal of these trees. Firstly, I do not think it fair that this request was submitted on the eve of Labor Day Weekend and the public, i.e., Daniel Island Community, has so little time before the deadline to comment. I object to the removal of these trees because their roots protect against storm surge, heavy rains, by absorbing water. A mature oak tree can consume upwards of 100 gallons of water per day; 23 trees would absorb more than 2,300 gallons of water each day doing their job to prevent flooding. Also, in the larger picture, every single tree near coastal waters helps to reduce carbon dioxide and lessen the acidification of the ocean. Also, we need these trees to help purify the air in an around high traffic areas such as I-526; mature trees help reduce pollution. These mature trees also act as a noise buffer from I-526 loud traffic. Also, they are GRAND oaks, which means we won't ever be able to replace them during our lifetime. Lastly, we should not remove these trees because of their aesthetic value. We have a responsibility to be good stewards, here, and cutting these down poses more of a threat to air quality, water quality, quality of life, and these trees are also homes for wildlife on the island. Leave the trees alone! Let them do their work. Let them stand.	Sep 5 2023 1:01AM
Francine	Glennon	115 river green place	Removal of 21 grand trees should not be allowed. Building should be done around these very special trees.	Sep 5 2023 2:02AM
Lacey	Clement	200 Bucksley Lane, Unit 302, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Please DO NOT remove the trees! One of my favorite things about living on Daniel Island is the nature that surrounds us. This includes the trees. Please don't remove the trees. They are home to wildlife. Development has to be capped at some point. Greed cannot win. Nature is what the Lowcountry is all about. Do not remove it, please!	Sep 5 2023 2:49AM
Andrea	Kelly	217 King George St.	First, I want to thank the committee for soliciting public comment and all the hard work you do. It is not easy to balance all interests, so kudos to you for considering all viewpoints carefully and prudently. I am writing to ask you oppose the request for a variance to remove 23 grand trees from the NE corner of Fairchild Drive and River Landing Drive. A request to remove TWENTY THREE of these Grand trees is absolutely egregious. I'd like to drive 150 mph on 526 sometimes but if I did, there would be serious consequences for me and likely others. It is the same for these trees; there is a reason they are protected: they provide massive erosion and flood control, which is especially important	Sep 5 2023 3:50AM

			for the flood-prone Lowcountry, vital habitat for protected species of birds and also other tree and land animals who are vital to a well balanced ecosystem. They remove more CO2 and produce vital oxygen, helping to fight the climate change battle naturally. In particular, the live oak is the most efficient carbon capturing tree, being able to sequester some 10,994 CO2 equivalents over its lifetime. And because of the larger leaf area index and more leaves, larger trees tend to produce more oxygen than the scrawny counterparts that would need to be planted elsewhere should the variance be granted. If you think climate change is a hoax, you should likely resign from this post, given the overwhelming and objective scientific data to the contrary- and at this critical juncture, every tree, especially 23 grand trees, matter in this fight! Thus, I strongly encourage you to stand up and protect the grand trees, despite the fact I've never been successful in convincing the committee to do so. But, to fail to try is the greatest failure of all. Let the developers renovate one of the massive commercial buildings that have been sitting empty on DI for years, their windows reflecting the sun and contributing to global warming and climate change, rather than tearing down more protected trees that naturally fight the global warming threat we humans created. Enough is enough; here's hoping you have the courage to do what is right. Appreciate your consideration of my comments and wishing you a great rest of your day.	
Nicolas	Diulio	200 Bucksley Lane #105, Daniel Island, SC 29492	This projects concerns me and many other Daniel Island residents. As the rest of Charleston sells off land to developers and allow their communities to be ruined with traffic, over population, and ugly/cheap builds Daniel Island is not a place for this same activity. The draw and desire to be in Daniel Island is all the greenery and nature left behind. Please do not let some developer trying to make a buck ruin trees and landscaping that the island needs for wildlife, flood prevention, and sound buffer from 526. These trees have been here for hundreds of year they should not be removed for a money hungry developer that'll throw up cheap builds and walk away when it's done while all of us residents deal with increased sound, flooding, and traffic afterwards. Sincerely, a concerned resident.	Sep 5 2023 4:11AM
Todd	Laire	1722 Pierce St, Daniel Island SC 29492	The natural area with grand oaks and red oaks are not only a visual introduction to our community if Daniel Island but also serve as a home to wildlife, flora and fauna. The natural also is an excellent sound barrier to the freeway. I oppose the removal of trees in this important area of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 4:50AM
Marisa	Nava	1414 Wando view st.	Please do NOT remove the trees. Removing the trees will negatively impact the quality of life on Daniel island and will increase the level of noise from 526.	Sep 5 2023 5:08AM
Marisa	Nava	1414 Wando view st	Please do NOT remove the trees. This will negatively impact the quality of life on Daniel island and will increase the noise from 526.	Sep 5 2023 5:09AM
Lola	Massoglia	2243 Daniel Island Drive	I am radically opposed to this project. It will contribute to mass amounts of noise, pollution, and take away from the tranquility of living on this island and reduce our property values. It is suspicious how this request was submitted late and over a holiday weekend, providing residents and homeowners with little to no time to respond.	Sep 5 2023 5:27AM
Melissa & Marc	Hineman	508 N. Leavitt Ct.	I am absolutely opposed to the removal of any/all trees related to this project. These trees provide a visual and sound buffer to the gateway to Daniel island and are habitat for numerous	Sep 5 2023 5:29AM

		Charleston SC 29492	animals and birds. They buffer sound and provide a visual screen to the constant and growing flow of traffic in that area. Removing these trees would be an absolute crime! There is already not enough trees in this area and removing what is left would be a huge blow to the residents quality of life in the surrounding area. This blatant disregard for the wishes of residents on Daniel island has to stop and this tree removal project needs to be at the top of the list for you to vote NO! The last minute timing this proposal was submitted is extremely shady and hopefully this counsel agrees with the numerous number of residents that strongly OPPOSE the passing of this agenda item.	
Leigh	Darby	223 Fairchild Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	As a 10 year resident of Daniel Island, I oppose the removal of the trees on Fairchild Street to develop town homes. I live in the residential section of Fairchild Street and the removal of these trees will likely remove some of the natural sound buffer from interstate traffic noise that can be heard at my house. Please keep the trees!	Sep 5 2023 5:29AM
Renee and Joseph	Flowers	Corn Planters Street, Daniel Island	Please do NOT remove the trees on this parcel, and do NOT develop the land into residences. The trees provide a buffer from 526 noise, help remove air pollution, are home to birds and other wildlife, and act as a "gate" to welcome people to OUR town.	Sep 5 2023 5:35AM
Robin	Sinclair	901 Longkeep Lane #311, Daniel Island	No more trees need to be removed from Daniel Island for development! Not only is this a buffer for noise from the highway, but more importantly a habitat for dwindling wildlife population here on the island. When will development cease here? Quality of life is deteriorating, and the island is losing its charm. We don't need this development to be the first thing you see when coming on the island. KEEP THE TREES!!!	Sep 5 2023 5:40AM
Stephanie	Brown	403 Milner Court, Charleston, SC 29492	Please do not remove these trees to develop this are. This area buffers Daniel Island from the interstate and removal of the trees would impact quality of life. Water absorption, noise levels in the community, wildlife sustainability, etc. would all be negatively impacted.	Sep 5 2023 5:49AM
Todd	Esse	2228 Daniel Island Dr	This was not part of the Daniel Island Master Plan and not sure who had the authority to sell but destroying another 24 grand oaks on an island that has already been overdeveloped is unacceptable. We need to think about more than someone getting rich off the land. Stand your ground, this is unacceptable.	Sep 5 2023 6:05AM
Christi	Youngquist	1241 Water View Lane	No more cutting down our few greenspaces we left for multi family housing units. They are ugly and you are ripping away our natural sound buffer to the island. The green spaces is why we have chosen this place. Please stop destroying and cutting down our trees!	Sep 5 2023 6:18AM
Karen	Szlosek	1128 Blakeway Daniel Island SC 29492	Stop the over development. Save Charleston while you still can. The greed will destroy this wonderful city. There is no need to develop this corner when plenty of office space sits empty on DI. Turn those into livable units then talk about cutting down more trees. Make the right choice	Sep 5 2023 6:25AM
Jonathan	Bennett	127 Cartright St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I would strongly encourage the BZA to deny this appeal to remove 23 grand trees and destroy what is currently a useful and attractive natural barrier to I-526.	Sep 5 2023 6:38AM

Kara	S Majewski	1443 Willtown St	This is absolutely ridiculous. No! Please don't cut anymore trees down! Unreal how we were given a fit for trimming our oaks and THIS!! NO one wants more trees cut down. NO TO TREE REMOVAL	Sep 5 2023 6:45AM
Jennifer	Pingolt	1857 Pierce Street, Daniel Island, SC. 29492	I am NOT in support of removing these beautiful trees. We need the trees for sound abatement, potential flooding as well as just aesthetics. We are losing nature on this island and replacing it with condos and apartments at an alarming rate.	Sep 5 2023 6:45AM
Lori	Stuart	1109 Barfield Street, Daniel Island	Please do NOT allow the development of this parcel of land that is covered by protected trees. The only person who benefits is the developer, this construction would be a great loss to Daniel Island and it's residents. The trees serve as a noise buffer and are the entrance gateway to the island. The developer should NOT get to change this zoning law just to like his pockets and put up eyesores of crammed together housing up against 526. Please do not let yourselves be swayed by influence or power. Protect those trees and the buffer it gives to the island.	Sep 5 2023 6:49AM
Dawn	Mallett	2461 Louisville Street	As a resident of Daniel Island, I request that the variance to remove 23 grand oak trees be denied. The wooded area in question is a sound and visual buffer between Daniel Island and 526 and removal of the trees would diminish the quality of life of those on Daniel Island and diminish the natural beauty of the area. Furthermore, it is an extremely poor location for a residential development due to the proximity of a major interstate that is slated to be widened in the future.	Sep 5 2023 6:52AM
Emily	Curry	177 Brady St. Daniel Island 29492	I am against cutting down the trees on this parcel of land. This parcel has served as both a noise and visual buffer from the highway since the beginning of Daniel Island development. Cutting these trees would increase noise pollution which is already a concern on Daniel Island. These trees also help with flood management and land erosion.	Sep 5 2023 6:53AM
Melissa	Steele	839 Dunham Street	I am opposed to the removal of the grand trees. These trees are a natural sound buffer and a beauty of nature to this island community. This would be a terrible loss	Sep 5 2023 6:53AM
Elizabeth	Tomaseski	2517 Daniel Island Drive	As a property owner on Daniel Island, I deny the request to remove the trees along Fairchild and 526. This is not only a beautification but sound buffer for our quaint island.	Sep 5 2023 6:57AM
Deborah	Jaccarino	130 River landing dr 6102 Daniel island sc 29492	Please don't disrupt the trees that buffer 526 from the island. They are home to many animals that have been displaced do to other developing. Also on t makes DI more vulnerable to the elements such as wind water and erosion. Please help preserve this beautiful space and what we have left. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 6:57AM
Kim	Leatherberry	1040 Barfield Street, Daniel Island SC 29492	The trees this proposed project is asking to remove were planted in that area for a very specific reason! They provide a buffer and shelter from the extremely busy highway traffic noise and pollutants! And just as or even more importantly, building in this area would greatly change the water drainage flow. The large retention pond that has functioning in the proposed area looks more like a natural pond. There are no cement sea walls or other man made containments. The pond levels fluctuate greatly with rains and does exactly what it's designed to do. Where will all the water go if that pond and trees are removed and replaced with structures and concrete? Water run off will move just across	Sep 5 2023 6:59AM

			the street to our shopping district? Flood our close by Governor's Park with its many youth sports playing fields? The proposed building site is the only natural land in that immediate area! The retention pond is also home to many species of birds, alligators and other wildlife. And it is aesthetically pleasing as you exit the highway onto our beautiful island! Development is slowly robbing this once carefully planned community that gracefully melded our neighborhoods with nature! STOP moving forward with this irresponsible,reckless and greedy development project!	
Michael	Daigle	2557 Daniel Island Dr, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I would like to respectfully submit my opposition to this request for variance to remove trees from this parcel. These trees serve as an effective sound buffer from the interstate which, given the continued growth in our area, will continue to generate more traffic and more noise. This stand of trees also serves as a buffer providing shelter for a buffer for our wildlife.	Sep 5 2023 7:01AM
Peter	Nemeth	1060 Rivershore Rd	I oppose this project and the removal of this tract of trees on Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 7:02AM
Garret	McNally	2518 Daniel island Drive 29492	I am against the removal of the grand trees. They act as a safety and sound buffer for our community from interstate 526. It is also home to many wildlife animals the call Daniel Island their home. I vote no to tree removal.	Sep 5 2023 7:02AM
Louis	Steinke	271 Delahow Street, Daniel Island	Daniel Island is facing serious over-development. The loss of additional natural habit as proposed at this main entry point to the island will significantly impact the community feel of the community as well as the wildlife that lives there. As residents, we are already suffering significant issues in getting on and off the island. The construction of additional high density housing units will just add to the problem. I wish to go on record as STRONGLY OPPOSED to this variance.	Sep 5 2023 7:03AM
Jacqueline	Hazlett	515 Robert Daniel Drive, Daniel Island, SC	Development of this area would further diminish the quality of life for Daniel Island residence. This island is intended to be an oasis and instead it has become clogged with constant construction. Stripping away further natural beauty would only ruin not only the beauty of the island, but also property values. This area does not need to be developed. It needs to remain a natural habitat for animals, water absorption, and a buffer from the highway to the island.	Sep 5 2023 7:04AM
Timothy	Smith	1704 Doldridge St	Please don't destroy the entrance, exit on Daniel Island! It's time to take a stand and say NO More to destroying grand trees and habits for the deer that roam the island. I'm not anti development but enough is enough!	Sep 5 2023 7:05AM
Stacy	Fox	1050 Blakeway Street	I am against the removal of the 23 Grand trees along I526.	Sep 5 2023 7:06AM
Shelley	Kuczkir	127 Brady St Charleston SC 29492	These grand oaks provide a natural sound and visual buffer for the Daniel Island community. Our grand trees are vital to the overall aesthetic of our island. This particular area of trees is home to our beloved Fox Squirrels.	Sep 5 2023 7:08AM
Melissa	Wilkinson	330 Island Park Dr Daniel Island SC	I vote no on this proposal, the trees provide sound & visual buffers for the island. The green space is used & needed for wildlife. There is no need to remove these beautiful trees.	Sep 5 2023 7:09AM
Jason	Wilkinson	330 Island Park Drive,	It's unacceptable to remove 21 grand trees and reduce the islands noise buffer for this project. This will materially degrade the beauty of the island. Please do not approve this proposal.	Sep 5 2023 7:10AM

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Tom	McCurdy	547 Wading Place Daniel Island SC 29492	I do not support this project due to its impact on the island, both beauty & noise.	Sep 5 2023 7:12AM
Carol Ann	McCurdy	547 Wading Place Daniel Island	This is extremely concerning and absolutely not supported due to the location and what it would do to the aesthetics and noise control for our beautiful island and community. The removal of all of those trees would not only clear a great deal of valuable green space but also open us up to added noise and view of the 526 increased travel. This would be a terrible idea and especially disappointing after all the strict policies that we as homeowners follow to keep our island so well protected and built with careful consideration of greenspace preservation and noise consideration as well as tree preservation. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 7:16AM
Michael	Rizzo	927 Etiwan Park Street Daniel Island, SC 29492	This proposal will diminish the quality of life for everyone on Daniel Island. The Greenspace and trees in this locale provide a much needed sound and air buffer between the residential areas and 526. It is indispensable for the health of near by residents from both a noise and air pollution perspective. This project would do permanent and irreparable harm to the eco structure of the island. The timing of this proposal and request seems intentional to limit discussion and push through a damaging proposal during a holiday weekend. It is my sincere hope that the board will not grant this seemingly obvious attempt to limit public discussion and force through a damaging proposal.	Sep 5 2023 7:17AM
Brian	Salta	1219 Smythe Street Daniel Island	I am against removing the grand trees from this site as they serve as an important sound barrier. Additionally, this is a main thoroughfare on and off the island and the beauty of the grand trees should not be lost.	Sep 5 2023 7:18AM
Jane	Prudoehl-Nandy	2505 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island, SC	Please do not agree or consent to cut down grand oak trees.	Sep 5 2023 7:19AM
Edwin	Campbell	1546 Mitchell Wharf Street	This area is a visual and sound block keeping the noise from I-526 for residents on Daniel Island. I don't know who would want to pay for a townhouse with an interstate right next to you. It seems wherever there is a piece of land on DI someone wants to build something. This island is basically built out and next they'll probably want to take one of our parks away for more housing. When does it end?.	Sep 5 2023 7:22AM
Elaine	Tomaseski	1523 Wando Landing Dr	No to cutting the trees down	Sep 5 2023 7:22AM
Jacob	Cass	132 Etiwan Park Street, Daniel Island	Offering support for NOT permitting the cutting of the trees in subject proposal. The quality of life for Daniel Island residents is tied to keeping the pockets of nature intact. This includes strategically located groves of green space and nature. Transitioning this area of mature trees into a hard scape or development could significantly impact the environment and	Sep 5 2023 7:24AM

			habitat of the area. The existing trees contribute to the adsorption of water following heavy rains, this area also acts as a natural barrier between the highway and the DI neighborhood as a whole. What will compensate for the lost habitats, adsorption and buffer? Bear in mind that cities are out the world are currently investing heavily to install features like this grove of trees, as means of adapting to a deteriorating climate. Leave the area as is!! Please!	
Morgan	Strenck	2221 Daniel Island Drive	Do NOT support cutting down of the trees	Sep 5 2023 7:24AM
Steve	Wahl	1469 Willtown St	Daniel Island is a special place. The look and feel matters. The Guggenheim family had a vision for maintaining natural beauty along with development. Certain areas of the Island to be kept from development, as to enjoy the natural beauty of the island. This is a prime example of the beginning of over development to the point where DI is another over developed community... Please do not let the developers win to pad their pockets and leave the rest of us missing the last remnants of nature as we drive onto this beautiful island. Vote: NO please!	Sep 5 2023 7:25AM
Mary Beth	Florez	1101 Barfield Street	Please block the removal of the strand of trees in this area that serves as a visual and sound buffer for Daniel Island. These trees serve a vital purpose, and should be maintained.	Sep 5 2023 7:27AM
Arlene	Goodman	209 Amberjack Lane	Please stop the removal and over development of Daniel Island. These 23 trees are important to the esthetics of the island and also act as a buffer to the traffic noise on 526. The increased population of the Charleston area has added many more cars on the highway. PLEASE VOTE NO! Thank you.	Sep 5 2023 7:29AM
Mary	Faust	78 Iron Bottom Lane	We need more green space, not less. These grand trees are beneficial to the environment and provide an effective sound barrier to our neighborhood from the I-526. Please do not allow these beautiful trees to be sacrificed for the "progress" of building structures that destroy the natural beauty of Daniel Island. The only "progress" that would result is the progression of the bank account balances of the developer.	Sep 5 2023 7:30AM
Daniel	Moynihan	324 Ginned Cotton St, Daniel Island	The removal of the grand trees/sound barrier provided at this location is detrimental to Daniel Island. This is not only a visual buffer, but also an audio buffer to the traffic noise. Additionally, the residents of Daniel Island take great pride in protecting as many trees, as possible, and the removal of more long standing trees is not necessary at this time. Additionally, the 30 families, with 30-60 additional cars will add stress to an already overburdened infrastructure on the island.	Sep 5 2023 7:30AM
Bettina	Garren	130 River Landing Drive, Unit 2112 Daniel Island, SC	Please keep the buffer of trees and do not have them destroyed. The beauty and uniqueness of this island is quickly being eroded by demolition of green space. Please find a way to keep trees while considering new construction.	Sep 5 2023 7:34AM
Peter	Fisher	1651 Pierce Street Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am strongly opposed to the clearing and development of the parcel of land with the thick stand of trees which shields the entrance of Daniel Island from I-526. The timing of the announcement on Labor Day Day weekend with a short suspense time appears to be an attempt by the developer to bypass public and media attention. The over-development and native tree clearing is completely changing the landscape beauty of what	Sep 5 2023 7:34AM

			was once a protected native habitat for wildlife and native horticulture.	
Terri	Wischerath	109 Lucia Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	We have lived near the end of Fairchild Street for 18 years during which time nearly 50% of the woods along Fairchild, between Island Park Drive and Daniel Island Drive, have been removed for development of commercial and housing units. Preserving stands of trees, especially these grand trees in such a large number is important for noise reduction from 526, for runoff and groundwater absorption and also because trees maintain buffers between homes, buildings and neighborhoods. If all these trees are so "diseased and damaged" and need to be cut down, Mother Nature would have done the job with her winds and rain. And if one did come down, it would hurt no property but provide shelter for some of Daniel Island's original creatures. Please do not allow another senseless removal of anymore Grand Trees on Daniel Island, of any sort, for the sake of another commercial development. These trees will not grow back nor be replaced and that is a huge loss to all of us.	Sep 5 2023 7:34AM
Jennifer	Kleinschmidt	111 Brady St Daniel Island, SC	Please decline this request to remove trees from this area. Doing so will have an impact on the animals living in this area and the quality of life of those on Daniel Island. With the removal of the trees, this will push more wildlife into the populated areas of the island which could cause danger to both the animals and the residents.	Sep 5 2023 7:35AM
Audra	Raus	1079 Barfield Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Do not tear down these trees for more development. The removal of trees and over development of the island is ruining its appeal and livability. These trees act as a visual and sound buffer to the community and we'd like to keep it that way.	Sep 5 2023 7:40AM
Richard	Mantone	1063 Blakeway St Daniel Island	I strongly oppose the remove of the Grand Oaks from this location. They provide a barrier for the residents of Daniel Island from I-526, and are part of the natural habitat that makes this island a special place to live. Developing on this site would be reckless.	Sep 5 2023 7:41AM
John	A. Shultz	1683 Pierce Street	We are strongly against the removal of these trees. We need to protect our environment for the sake of our children and our community. We have endured enough construction and destruction due to development. Do the right thing!	Sep 5 2023 7:41AM
Edwin	Kalemjian	22 Woodford St.	Under most zoning laws applicant must show that there is no other way for this property to be developed unless the trees are removed. Surely there are other conforming uses for the subject property without removal of the trees, precious few trees left in the area	Sep 5 2023 7:43AM
Sandy	Hill	1408 Elfe Street Dani Island SC 29492	The builder is proposing to cut down trees that currently act a noise buffer to the island from interstate 526 traffic noise. I suspect this wooded area also mitigates water buildup and flooding during storms.	Sep 5 2023 7:45AM
Lani	Staebell	106 Nobels point street, Daniel island, sc 29492	The submission to remove several trees to Holder Properties for development of a townhome community would be a travesty to Daniel Island. The trees provide the much needed privacy from interstate 526 and if removed would expose the island to an array of things.	Sep 5 2023 7:45AM

Sherri	Kellam	301 Apprentice Street, Charleston , SC 29492	The proposed removal of (more) trees from Daniel Island is an abomination. Not only will it ruin the aesthetic of this part of the Lowcountry, but it will take away even more of the natural habitat for the many animals living here as well increase noise and environmental pollution from the 526 which is immediately next to the property. Part of the beauty of this area ARE all of the trees, and far too many have been removed already. Please don't ruin the Charleston area any further!!	Sep 5 2023 7:46AM
Kim	McColl	8025 Gibbon Street Daniel Island SC 29492	The grand oaks lining Fairchild and River Landing are tremendous visual and sound buffers for the Highway. Removal of those tree will not only effect wildlife and drainage in that area but also negatively impact quality of life on Daniel island. Our family is adamantly opposed to the removal of these trees for development.	Sep 5 2023 7:46AM
Brett	Trambow	1225 Blakeway St Unit 1206	We have got to stop taking down our grand trees to keep over developing our island. If the want to build they should plan around the trees.	Sep 5 2023 7:47AM
Elisabeth	Bova	141 Sandshell Drive, Charleston , SC 29492	Please do not allow the removal of the trees on this land. One mature oak tree can absorb 100 gallons + of water per day which is incredibly important during weather events that we often have. These trees significantly reduce air pollution, water pollution, and are an important noise buffer for this part of our island. This area of nature also offers a vital aesthetic green space view of our island from the surrounding area.	Sep 5 2023 7:47AM
James	Tomaseski	2517 Daniel island dr	Do not cut the trees down at the 526 entrance. It protects us from flooding and sound. It would be a big mistake	Sep 5 2023 7:48AM
Ruth	Meloeny	1425 Hooper St	The project to remove the grand trees to make way for more condos, in my option, would have a negative affect to all individuals who both live and work on Daniel Island. The trees and wooded area provide a wonderful sound and visual barrier to 526 traffic. They also encourage the natural look that we are trying to maintain on an ever growing population in the Charleston area. Also it is my opinion that until 526 traffic issues are resolved, putting more high density, living condos on DI is not a good idea. With the current construction on the Saint Thomas Island Bridge leaving 526 as the only vehicular route off and on Daniel Island, this request comes at absolutely the worst time.	Sep 5 2023 7:49AM
Tamra	Measure	400 Hutty Street Daniel Island	I am asking that you deny the removal of any or all of the grand trees for development of this parcel. It is a visual and noise buffer for the island. It's a quality of life issue for our residents.	Sep 5 2023 7:52AM
Marielle	Debbas	515 Robert Daniel Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Removing these trees will severely diminish quality of life on Daniel Island, known as a quiet community. These trees are a sound barrier to an increasingly busy interstate highway. They keep the island picturesque and appealing. Cutting down these trees will increase noise and be a visual blight on the otherwise beautiful setting of Daniel Island. More and more trees are being cut down to develop an overdeveloped island. Cutting down a key barrier to the visual eyesore of the highway is completely unwise.	Sep 5 2023 7:52AM
Rosanne	Barnum	539 Lesesne St., Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am absolutely against the removal of the trees at the Daniel Island entrance that is proposed in the project above! Keep the trees!!!!	Sep 5 2023 7:53AM

Katherine	Delman	2481 Daniel Island Drive	Our family opposes the removal of these trees and the proposed townhome development. The trees not only provide a noise barrier but it adds to the true beauty of our island. There is no need for the townhomes and we feel strongly that the removal of trees would diminish our quality of life here on Daniel Island. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 7:55AM
David	Blatt	720 island park drive Charleston Sc 29492	Please don't remove the trees. They are pivotal in air purification and provide security to parents letting their kids play on the basketball court.	Sep 5 2023 7:56AM
Dyan	Heineck	1265 Smythe St	Do not allow these trees to be destroyed. These grand trees and live oaks play a vital role in not only our environment, but also our quality of life on Daniel Island. The environmental impact of destroying all of these trees and the ecosystem that they support to add more concrete surfaces and buildings needs to be the priority in this decision. Trees are just being removed all over Daniel Island in the name of development with no regard for the importance of trees in our quality of life. They create a natural noise barrier as well as help with water runoff and that is just a couple of the benefits. The residents of Daniel Island deserve to have a voice in this matter that is more important than the revenue to be made from this developer.	Sep 5 2023 7:58AM
Sean	McColl	8025 Gibbon Street Daniel Island, SC 29492	The trees that are supposed to be removed are an integral part of the beauty and rustic nature of Daniel Island. The view and the effect as you exit I-526 onto Daniel Island is immediate and significantly enhanced by these beautiful trees. Removing them would destroy the beautiful view one sees immediately upon coming on to the island. I strongly oppose the measure to allow these gorgeous trees to be removed and to irreparably damage the stunning initial impression people get of the island. Do not let these trees be removed!	Sep 5 2023 7:58AM
John	Wallach	125 Pier View Street #304	The cutting down of these trees is a horrible idea for the residents of DI. Another example of greedy developers who want to further destroy the environment and beauty of our island for their own profit. This large stand of trees provides a visual and sound barrier that protects residents from the noise from the interstate. It also is the most visible entrance/exit for the island and adds so much beauty to the area.	Sep 5 2023 7:59AM
Vanessa	Schneider	Mebusschneider@yahoo.com	Such shame to cut down more trees. The trees prevent noise from the highway to the island. Before more and more development and more cars- fix the highways!!!	Sep 5 2023 8:00AM
Katherine	Burgeson	612 Cattle Street, Daniel Island SC 29492	Please deny the application to cut down these trees. This is a critical barrier for visual and sound pollution for Daniel Island. Residents were given little notice or you would be hearing from thousands in opposition. Please - do not let these trees be destroyed!	Sep 5 2023 8:03AM
Jana	Edgington	100 Bounty St., Daniel Island	I am sick to hear a request has been made to cut down the trees on this project! It is one of the most beautiful areas as you enter Daniel Island because of the trees! The nature and trees on DI is what makes a homeowner on DI proud to live here! The trees you are wanting to cut down also provide a sound barrier from the interstate. It will be an eye sore to see something other than the beautiful trees where the proposal wants to remove the trees. I am most definitely against it!	Sep 5 2023 8:05AM
Julie	Lawrence	175 Beresford	I adamantly oppose the tree removal in this proposal. Highway 526 has a high volume of traffic which includes 18 wheelers traveling to and from the port. These vehicles generate a lot of	Sep 5 2023 8:06AM

		Creek street	noise. Trees between the highway and community neighborhoods serve as a sound and visual buffer to this traffic. Removal of these trees will negatively impact the people who live and work in this location. I ask you to please deny this request.	
Ronda	Schilling	1111 Barfield Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	There is absolutely no reason to remove the trees that act as a buffer to the island from the noise of 526. At this point, there are enough living spaces and for developers to take every inch is ridiculous. We have plenty of apartments, townhomes, condos, and residential homes. Some forest/tree areas are needed for the living space of our wildlife.	Sep 5 2023 8:06AM
Katherine	Matthews	118 Cape Street, Daniel Island, SC	I oppose allowing the developer to remove all of these protected trees. The application from the developer says that it will not negatively impact the area, but those trees serve as a buffer to 526 and the entryway to the island. Cutting down the trees will negatively impact not just the area around the development but the entire island who enter and leave via that exit. I cannot think of a reason why such a large exception should be made unless the rules around tree protection mean nothing. Or maybe they only mean nothing when you are a wealthy developer.	Sep 5 2023 8:07AM
Robyn	Lahlein	2013 Purcell Lane	No - as a resident of Daniel Island, I do not support the removal of the Grand Trees for the development. These are protected and protect the island from the interstate.	Sep 5 2023 8:08AM
Chris	Brown	2521 Daniel Island Drive	Please do NOT allow these trees to be cut down. We are tired of seeing the overdevelopment of Daniel Island. When we moved here 10 years ago, the trees and respect for nature was something that appealed to us and we were told was going to continue. Instead, the zoning board has allowed tree stand after tree stand to be destroyed and now all we're left with are ugly buildings, a lot of traffic and no nature. The riverfront has been ruined and now the entrance to the island is about to be ruined as well. Do not allow this to continue. Please block these trees from being removed.	Sep 5 2023 8:09AM
Donna	Schroeder	1734 Trewin Court Daniel Island	I think this should not be approved. The trees to be removed provide a sound barrier, serve as beautification purposes as well as soak up a great deal of water when storm issues arise.	Sep 5 2023 8:10AM
Elaine	Cechak	935 Cochran st	Please consider not removing the trees in this area. This is a very important sound barrier for the Daniel Island neighborhood, as well as a visual entrance to the island. The removal of these trees will impact our neighborhood in a variety of ways. Thank you, Elaine Cechak.	Sep 5 2023 8:12AM
Kelly	Engelbert	1747 Providence St.	I strongly urge that the removal of the grand trees that act as a sound and visual barrier to the interstate 526 not be permitted for this project. This will adversely impact the quality of life for homeowners on Daniel Island, particularly in the Beresford Creek neighborhood.	Sep 5 2023 8:14AM
Mark	Burgeson	612 Cattle Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	As a DI resident I am OPPOSED to allowing a variation or any other means to allow the cutting of these trees. I would attend in person to make my opposition known but will be out of town and unable to return on such short notice.	Sep 5 2023 8:15AM
Lawrence	Berger	210 Amberjack Lane, Daniel Island	I am tired of developers overrunning Daniel Island. Residents need an act of Congress to take down one tree, but developers can just bulldoze wherever they want. In the interest of preserving the natural beauty of Daniel Island, the proposal to remove 23 trees should be denied. I challenge the Board to represent its	Sep 5 2023 8:16AM

			constituents and not roll over for the developer's proposal. I am confident that most, if not all, DI residents agree with me.	
Ginny	Salvino	235 Fairchild St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am a current resident of Fairchild street and have been for the last 9 years. The removal of so much of our beautiful landscape is having an impact on the quality of life of current residents as these mature oak trees are important to maintaining our land quality during times of flooding, they help to reduce air pollution in the area from all the tractor trailer trucks traveling to and from the port on a daily basis, and they also are a fantastic noise buffer for those of us who reside in the immediate area. As a resident of the immediate area, I request that you DENY the removal of these majestic trees in the interest of the current residents and wildlife who live in the area. It is important that we retain these trees/forest areas to keep our home livable. The City of Charleston needs to put the needs of their citizens above the needs of the developers.	Sep 5 2023 8:18AM
Steven	Kellam	301 Apprentice Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	No. Just no. Please deny this request for tree removal. We moved here for the trees and beauty. By removing them, you will be lowering everyone's property values and the very reasons we moved here. We don't want to live in any area that is replete with cement and asphalt with a diminishing natural beauty. This will turn in Nag's Head or Virginia Beach if we aren't careful. PLEASE DENY THIS REQUEST.	Sep 5 2023 8:23AM
Sara	Powell	1813 Beekman Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Having lived on Daniel Island since 2001, I have witnessed nearly a complete developmental transformation. Most has been well done and created a vibrant, healthy, unique community. However, the request to remove these trees and add more housing on this parcel is an abomination of nature, residents, visitors, and patrons, athletes and artists of Credit One Stadium. This reminds me of a time when a port was on the docket with trucks barreling past Daniel Island School to get to the end of the island. It was an ugly, greedy, unsavory idea which would have caused great harm to the island. This particular project carries the same feelings and detriment to our community. This part of the island is often the entry point for visitors to the beautiful city of Charleston. The green space and trees are necessary for the wildlife that we so treasure - including protected species. I have listened to countless speeches by our city council members and other local government officials about preservation of our environment and responsible development - now is the time to show integrity for the betterment of the future. This project should not be permitted nor should the trees in this area ever be permitted removal. Allowing either will be the cause of irreparable damage to the environment, wildlife, home values and further traffic woes at an already overcrowded interchange. Thank you for your consideration.	Sep 5 2023 8:25AM
Elizabeth	Pheney	215 Ferryman Ln	Please do not pass the request to kill the trees for more building. The trees are important to buffer the highway noise, add beauty, and we should respect nature.	Sep 5 2023 8:25AM
Nicole	Lerardi	2593 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island SC 29492	Developing this area will diminish our quality of life on the island. Demolishing 23 historic, sacred oak trees is heartbreaking, those are part of Charleston's history and should never be touched. That land needs to remain in tact for animals, as a physical and visual buffer to 5-26, water absorption. If more of the natural buffers are cleared for homes, the charm and island we know and love will be ruined. Lastly, I don't want to see traffic from the island, nor people passing by to see our homes.	Sep 5 2023 8:25AM

Joe	Wischerath	109 Lucia Street, Daniel Island.	I firmly oppose the Holder Property request to cut down 23 Grand Trees plus... That area provides a much needed buffer between I 526 and DI. To suggest that the trees are diseased or compromised is comical. I wish the trees that were planted by the City of Charleston on my property looked half as good as the trees pictured by the applicant. The trees look fine - the applicant merely needs more land. The trees have been there a long time and common sense would suggest that if they survived numerous hurricanes they are healthy enough to continue to provide this much needed buffer. In a low area such as Daniel Island, we can ill afford to eliminate vegetation for more asphalt. I have lived here for 18 years and we moved here while the developer branded the area as a Town, an Island, a Way of Life. Nothing could be further from the truth. The current development should have the moniker, "Last Tree Standing Wins." I strongly oppose the elimination of these trees in favor of an asphalt jungle. Not to mention, the ultimate widening of 526 would put vehicles in the living rooms of these proposed apartments. Please refuse this variance request and listen to the residents not the developer.	Sep 5 2023 8:26AM
Donna	Pearsall	1232 Blakeway Street, DI, SC 29492	Please stop the insanity of putting up buildings on every square inch of land, ruining the natural beauty and charm and removing our beautiful trees. Enough is enough in the name of greed.	Sep 5 2023 8:26AM
Dorothy	Cantwell	250 Island Park Dr #206, Charleston, SC 29492	I am extremely concerned that the notice of this before a 3 day holiday weekend will not permit sufficient time for wide community awareness, consideration and comment. I believe the project as proposed will have severe negative environmental and quality of life impacts on my community. I urge reconsideration and reduction of the size and scope of what is being proposed.	Sep 5 2023 8:28AM
Patrice	LaBelle	130 River Landing Dr, Unit 9113, Daniel Island	Please do not approve the removal of all those trees. It is a buffer from 526, and a place for wildlife. All the building getting approved, and the destruction of our natural habitats is destroying the beauty of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 8:29AM
Philip	Reuther	155 Brady Street	One tree mitigates nearly 50 pounds of carbon dioxide per year- -50 lbs x 23 trees = 1150 lbs of CO2. Large, mature trees will "drink" nearly 100 gallons of water per day. This is important in record rainfall amounts and in living on the coast with major storm flooding. These 23 trees will also help reduce highway noise significantly. Since trees were planted in the Daniel Island "J" parcel directly across Highway I-526 on the eastbound side to mitigate highway noise, shouldn't these remain standing for the very same reason? Do not cut them down.	Sep 5 2023 8:30AM
BRANDON	WISHNOW	515 AMALIE FARMS DRIVE CHARLESTON, SC	I am vehemently against the removal of any other trees. It will devalue the property, as it removes an important insulator to outside vehicular traffic which will be extremely costly to combat. It also infringes upon the overall appeal of the island, and goes strongly against the wishes of the current residents. While we understand development is important, it cannot come at the sacrifice of value, to both the local area as well as the businesses and homes that are here.	Sep 5 2023 8:32AM
Amy	Jimenez	1708 Doldridge Street	I oppose this development because this land is a shield for noise from the interstate. It is a gateway for Daniel Island and provides one of the only respites for nature that we have left. A development here truly diminishes the quality of life for all residents of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 8:32AM

Patty	Wojnar	191 Brailsford St Daniel Island	I strongly oppose the removal of the oak trees on this parcel of land. These oaks provide a noise buffer to the communities on DI from the interstate, are home to many animals, and provide drainage for water to prevent flooding.	Sep 5 2023 8:33AM
Amber	Barna	1088 Barfield St, Daniel Island SC 29492	Please vote NO to request for tree removal. As a longtime resident on the island, we would like to keep the tree buffer. Thank you!	Sep 5 2023 8:33AM
Lindsey	Martin	1240 Blakeway Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	NO. I strongly oppose this. Please deny the tree removal as it significantly reduces air pollution, water pollution, and is a noise buffer. Our wildlife lives in those trees and desperately needs their homes. Please deny the development of this parcel.	Sep 5 2023 8:34AM
Brittany	Weis	515 Amalie Farms Drive Charleston , SC	My family wants to live in a peaceful, and noise-free zone. This additional tree removal is completely unnecessary as more than a fair share have already been removed. We would like to keep our community beautiful and peaceful, and I do not see any potential benefit whatsoever from removing this important barrier. Please listen to the constituents of the island before making any rash decisions. If there is any public benefit, at best it has been extremely poorly explained.	Sep 5 2023 8:35AM
Kristin	Matthews	1555 Willtown Street	Please do not allow the building of townhomes along the entrance of Daniel Island. Having moved from the midwest, one of my favorite things about living on the east coast is leaving the trees along highways to protect neighborhoods near highways. Building townhomes right by the entrance to Daniel Island will eliminate the sound barrier, create an ugly and overcrowded look to Daniel Island and create a logjam of traffic getting on and off the island. PLEASE do not allow this!	Sep 5 2023 8:37AM
Summer	Young	523 Amalie Farms Drive Charleston , SC 29492	Please do not allow the removal of these trees. These are a sound buffer for the island. These trees separate and shield Daniel Island from the interstate.	Sep 5 2023 8:37AM
Megan	Broderick	500 Seven Farms Dr. #212, Charleston , SC 29412	The request to remove these trees should not be granted. The trees provide a sound barrier and visual barrier for the residents of Daniel Island from the highway. In addition it is home to fauna like deer who will be displaced further in to the Island if the trees are removed. Furthermore, the Island has already been overdeveloped and cannot sustain the current population, particularly in regards to policing & stopping theft/burglary on the Island. As such, I vehemently oppose this project or any project that will bring further residential or commercial development to the Island at the detriment of residents, wildlife and even visitors. I urge you all to vote no on this project to protect our community.	Sep 5 2023 8:37AM
Alexis	Collard	528 Amalie Farms Dr 29492	We are opposed to the removal of the trees. The trees provide wildlife homes and the trees help with flooding (a big issues on the island already).	Sep 5 2023 8:40AM
Jill	Shively	2455 Settlers St	I think the removal of these trees is a mistake and should not be removed. They create a sound buffer and provide to the beautification of the island. Yet another residential development	Sep 5 2023 8:40AM

			isn't what is needed as there is adequate development in other areas of the island. Thank you.	
Melynda	Toth	481 Seven Farms Drive, Apt 402	Please consider denying the tree removal. One mature oak tree can absorb 100 gallons + of water per day, important during flooding. They significantly reduce air pollution, water pollution, and are a great noise buffer. Then, there is the aesthetic value of trees!	Sep 5 2023 8:40AM
Carrie	Blackburn	1225 Blakeway. #1403	Stop cutting down our trees!!! We need them as a buffer and for aesthetics. It would make for an unceasing noise from 526. Trees help clean the air from all the car pollution and reduce noise,	Sep 5 2023 8:40AM
Tom	Pherson	1380 Smythe Street, Daniel Island	I have lived on Daniel Island for 12 years and have been very disturbed by the amount of grand oaks that have been removed in the name of "progress". Other than the financial investment made by Holder Properties in the hope that they would receive a permit to cut down these beautiful trees, I see of no reason that this should be granted. It takes away some of the beauty of Daniel Island as well as removes the noise buffer. 5 years ago, land was cleared for the Central Island Square project which created downtown sprawl and removed much of this buffer. This project continues this trend and reflects poorly on the Daniel Island concept of "working with nature" 526 is an extremely busy road and building people's homes with an I-526 overlook is just a poor trade-off for the beauty they will be replacing. At very least, I think that the community needs more than 3 days to evaluate the impacts of this decision. If this appeal cannot be rejected outright, I suggest that it be tabled until the next meeting.	Sep 5 2023 8:41AM
Amy	Chimento	932 Cochran st	I do not feel it is appropriate to clear any more trees on the island, especially given the flooding issues already occurring across the island and Charleston as a whole. These are important to maintain water levels and noise buffers for residents.	Sep 5 2023 8:41AM
Stephanie	Allen	1817 Beekman St. Daniel Island, SC 29492	Do not cut down these threes at the entrance of Daniel Island! Do not give in to the greed of companies wanting to develop every last inch of our beautiful island! It's wrong! One mature oak tree can absorb 100 gallons + of water per day, important during flooding. They significantly reduce air pollution, water pollution, and are a great noise buffer.	Sep 5 2023 8:42AM
Kelsey	Gaston	246 Beresford Creek Street	As a resident of Daniel Island, I am adamantly against the removal of these beautiful grand trees for the purposes of building more townhouses. The preservation of grand trees that block highway noise is paramount to maintaining the well-being of our community and the environment. These majestic trees serve as a natural barrier, mitigating the relentless clamor of busy highways, providing respite to residents and wildlife alike. Removing them would not only expose communities to increased noise pollution, but also disrupt the delicate ecosystem they support. These trees offer shade, filter pollutants, and contribute to cleaner air, making them vital for our physical and mental health. Instead of removing them, we should prioritize their conservation, recognizing their invaluable role in enhancing our quality of life and preserving the beauty of our landscapes.	Sep 5 2023 8:42AM
Michelle	Siau	2714 Waker Street, DI, SC 29492	I totally disagree with the removal of the trees. Those trees are a safety measure for the island to 526. Those trees are a savior to many wildlife, including eagles that utilize those trees as a home. Those trees are part of what makes DI a beautiful location here in the Charleston area. Lastly, how can someone from Atlanta, GA know the extent of what those trees are for if they don't leave here.	Sep 5 2023 8:44AM

Robin	Fishburne	1722 Providence St Daniel Island, SC 29492	I absolutely do NOT want any trees much less gorgeous old trees to be cut down on Daniel Island. That is a buffer between the highway and our island and precious trees that historical in age.	Sep 5 2023 8:44AM
Scott	Cardelfe	600 Bucksley Ln. unit 204 Daniel Island, SC 29492	I think that cutting down the trees in this area would be a huge mistake. I think changing/altering this particular parcel of land would affect the quality of life of Daniel Island. In addition I think there would be many other ancillary concerns that would arise after these trees were cut down. Noise, buffer from the highway, all of the wildlife that lives in that area being dispersed. I think the overall plan for Daniel Island included buffers of trees such as this and removing this area would dramatically change the way Daniel Island looks. Please allow more time and do further research to find an alternate solution other than clearing this particular parcel of land.	Sep 5 2023 8:44AM
Tina	Hartford	1070 Blakeway St, Daniel Island	I am against removing the grand trees between Fairchild St and I-526. They act as a natural buffer.	Sep 5 2023 8:46AM
Rana	Jordahl	181 Beresford Creek St, Daniel Island, SC	I have lived here for 21 years and am adamantly against this proposed project due to the resulting noise after the removal of approximately 23 grand trees. This natural tree buffer is important for mitigating noise and debris from I-526. One more multi family project on DI is unnecessary and harmful in this particular case. I'm trusting the City of Charleston to do right by our community and cancel this plan. Telling the community about this on Labor Day Weekend a couple of days prior to the meeting seems very shady and a good way for the developer to get this undesirable project pushed through.	Sep 5 2023 8:46AM
Krysten	Coulter	1037 Barfield St, Daniel Island	I STRONGLY OPPOSE removal of trees from this area and to this development. This is a natural buffer for noise and water absorption at one of the only points of entry/exit on Daniel Island. The parcel marked is often visibly flooded after storms. Removal of trees and development in this area will cause all that water to displace onto the ramps and streets leading on and off Daniel Island. This could create a problem for residence to be able to leave or return to Daniel Island after a storm. Natural habitats and barriers, for both water and sound, are extremely important to the wellbeing of a community and effect the standard of living. Removing trees for a development at an on ramp to a major highway (a highway that is set to be expanded and this development will likely encroach on the expansion area) is not smart water and sound mitigation practice, nor is it necessary. I STRONGLY OPPOSE removal of these trees.	Sep 5 2023 8:49AM
Bob	Reich	1420 Wando View Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	This would be OBNOXIOUSLY BAD and is not even REMOTELY in the Master Plan submitted by the developers in the mid 1990's. In fact, almost NONE of the recent developments approved in the past 4 years conform to said Master Plan. The population density of Daniel Island was NEVER intended to get to this point. And now you want to make it even worse AND tear down some of the last remaining stands of trees on the island? Heck, you won't even allow Publix to expand their supermarket on a BARE LOT THEY OWN next to their current store! And yet you're potentially going to allow this? Please tell Matt Sloan to focus his efforts on the 9,000 new homes off of Clement's Ferry Road. Daniel Island is	Sep 5 2023 8:52AM

			overbuilt and, after "The Retreat" is completed, no new development should be allowed. From that point forward it should simply be teardowns of existing homes if someone wants brand new. If I were an attorney or had the means to hire an attorney I would fight this tooth and nail. And, by the way, since Blackbaud has no use for the huge parking lot on the same site that should be returned to woods as well.	
Jane	Mantone	1063 Blakeway Street Daniel Island	To whom it may concern, leveling that area will destroy the natural sound barrier created to buffer the noise from 526. Not to mention the eyesore it will create when all those trees are gone. Please do not destroy the few beautiful pieces of land God has given us. We have so little left in this area.	Sep 5 2023 8:54AM
Craig	Willison	2536 Josiah Street	The request for this variance is being made by a for-profit entity that has no interest in maintaining the serenity and beauty of Daniel Island. It is a step back from preserving what the City of Charleston, its Developer, ARB and DI Associations have created. The only benefit is to Holder Properties for another project on their books. This is a terrible variance request that has NO community benefit. It removes the barrier that isolates Daniel Island from ever-increasing 526 congestion and unknown future 526 expansion, increased vehicle sound/noise, an increase in unwanted traffic onto DI from those having a new and different perspective coming westward and eastward on 526, speeding on Daniel Island, and an increase in crime. DI will lose its isolation to become just another community on 526. It would be a great disservice to the citizens of Daniel Island to approve this variance, to removing the EXTENSIVE number of trees, and moving forward with this project.	Sep 5 2023 8:56AM
Cheryl	Gesser	1425 Tidal Mill Place Daniel Island SC 29492	Please do not remove more trees, they provide a visual and sound buffer for the island from 526. Removing the trees will introduce more interstate noise and give the requesting builder an opportunity to request further development by building more apartments or townhomes, which we do not need. Please do not remove the trees!	Sep 5 2023 8:56AM
Suanne	Trimmer	169 Brailsford Street	The requested removal of the huge area of grand trees is yet another example of a developer that does not live on this island, wanting to change the vision for this island solely to meet his or her desire for economic gain, without regard to what it does for those living here. In the past seven years since we have arrived, so many trees have been cut down, so many buildings have been built, and the island community that has been advertised, has changed significantly because of these changes. Please do not let this developer change the way the entrance to our island looks. These trees provide cover both visually and for sound from the massive traffic on 526, when clearly, the developer can achieve their economic goals another way. Please do not let yet another developer without ties to the island or a desire to maintain our neighborhood feel, destroy these grand trees.	Sep 5 2023 8:58AM
Daniel	Olsen	212 Brailsford St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am writing to strongly oppose the remove of grand trees from this site. The site provides a visual and sound buffer to a large section of housing on Daniel Island. This request is also out of the normal development that Daniel Island has followed and which makes it such a beautiful area, which is to preserve large trees at the expense of development. Many homeowners have built around these beautiful trees and roadways turn or place trees in the median to save them. This significantly adds to the character of the island and provides numerous other benefits from keeping	Sep 5 2023 8:59AM

			these trees. The removal of these trees would be an injustice to the community. They are irreplaceable and I strongly request you deny the motion to allow for there removal.	
Sue	Mevers	142 Beresford Creek St Daniel Island. SC. 29492	Please do not allow this request to go forward. Daniel Island needs to maintain a visual and sound barrier as well as keeping the beautiful trees. My husband and I moved to DI over 24 years ago and love our community. We have never opposed any other project; but this request needs to be denied. I hope other residents have an opportunity to see this notice and have time to respond- the timing of the notice was unfortunate for the community.	Sep 5 2023 9:00AM
Deb and Ken	Scarlett	1444 Willtown Street, 29492	This tract of land is VITAL to act as a visual and sound barrier to the surrounding properties on Daniel Island. Removing grand trees is not in the best interest to the residents or wildlife. There does not appear to be enough of a need for more housing to justify this project and the need for tree removal.	Sep 5 2023 9:00AM
Jen	Flanagan	193 corn planters street	This is the last line of defense blocking DI from the highway. There will be noise and loss of so much nature and habitats for animals. This should not be approved. I vote against this.	Sep 5 2023 9:00AM
Geret P and Theresa	De Piper	276 Beresford Creek St	The beauty of Daniel Island is the green space left for the benefit of humans and nature in all its glory. Little by little the undeveloped areas are being cleared of vegetation and developed. To devoid this area depletes the natural sound barrier and the cleansing of the carbon dioxide from the traffic along 526. It also displaces the animals that shelter in this large area.	Sep 5 2023 9:00AM
Patricia	Cullins	117 Bellinger Street Daniel Island SC 29492	We moved onto DI about three years ago and wake up everyday and thank God that we live in this beautiful community. And for three years we have watched as developers have butchered what is left of our island. As a community (and myself) we are pleading with you to turn down this project. In a world of climate change and animal erosion, those tress that are "the buffer" provide so much more than just a tree line. There is no need to cut these down. What makes Charleston as beautiful as it is (and the surrounding areas) is the nature that we are so lucky to call home.	Sep 5 2023 9:03AM
Susan	Spencer	7770 Farr Street, Apt 240. Daniel Island SC. 29492	Do not remove the trees	Sep 5 2023 9:03AM
Amanda	Harridge	2520 Gatewood Street Daniel Island, South Carolina 29492	We are begging for these trees to remain in this parcel. Not only does it help with the noise, but the beauty of the island. It's heartbreaking to see the greediness in our world these days and nature being destroyed. Please help us keep our island what it was plan to be: an island of beauty, solitude and community, surrounded by natural lowcountry resources. Not townhomes and highrises!	Sep 5 2023 9:06AM
Debbie	Rosiak	2524 Josiah St. Daniel Island SC 29492	TMS # 275-00-00-269 As a resident of Daniel island I wish to propose that we DO NOT remove these trees. We wish to keep our island a quaint island and there are areas that protect this community from heavy traffic and visuals of highways etc. The removal of the trees will not benefit our community.	Sep 5 2023 9:06AM

Patricia	Pherson	1380 Smythe St	I am writing to request a vote to deny removal of the trees in this area! Please consider this as it effects the residents of Daniel Island as well as the wildlife that lives here.	Sep 5 2023 9:08AM
Megan	Beville	209 Fairchild St	I am pleading with you to not allow the destruction of this forrested area on Daniel Island. I live on Fairchild Street and my husband and I have lived on Daniel Island for 18 years. When trees were torn down to build the new Benefit Focus building (now not even used) the sound barrier from the trees was completely destroyed. Now I hear the traffic (ever growing) from 526 from my bedroom window at night and from my front porch daily. The sound bounces off the buildings and is therefore magnified. Furthermore, that area of trees is truly beautiful and unique. Every fall it is this area of trees that changes colors to a beautiful array of golds and yellows and reds. There is no other place on Daniel Island where these colors exist and fall can be experienced so vividly. These trees are what make our island beautiful. Slowly, Daniel Island is loosing it's forrested areas which cannot be relpaced. It is for the nature around Daniel Island that we chose to move here 18 years ago. So much has been taken from its beauty to be replaced with buildings and traffic and noise. I beg of you to preseve this beauty which we enjoy ever single day. There is a sense of peace in this bit of nature coming and leaving this Island. I cannot stand the thought of someone who doesn't even live here to tear it down as if it is in the way. Please hear the pleas of the people. Preseve and protect nature, please.	Sep 5 2023 9:08AM
Brenda	Sidwell	1225 Blakeway st. Unit 1305 Daniel island SC 29492	I wish to not remove the trees at this location. Those trees act as a flood barrier and for protection of our island.	Sep 5 2023 9:10AM
Mike	Keating	mtkeating 18@gmail .com	This is outrageous! Please do not build these townhomes. No one who lives on Daniel Island wants this development to happen. No more housing here on Daniel Island - it is completely built-out and full. Our schools, daycares, roads, etc can't handle it. The builder / developer will make attempts to show that the traffic and infrastructure can handle more density; but we all know this is NOT the case! A bias study will be presented to state their case, but if you live on Daniel Island, you know we can't handle any additional development - residential or commercial. The only action that should be considered and vetted very carefully would be a redevelopment of an existing structure.	Sep 5 2023 9:11AM
Scott	Rosiak	2524 Josiah St. Daniel Island Sc 29492	Please do not remove these trees. These trees protect our lands as flood barriers. We do not wish for trees to be removed!	Sep 5 2023 9:11AM
Kevin	Maher	1942 Bellona St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I understand that this proposal will be taking out a total of 23 Grand Oaks from a heavily wooded area. A few points: 1) the land owners knew what they purchased when they purchased it. They also knew the rules around taking down these trees. We all built our houses around the Grand Oaks on our properties here on Daniel Island and take pride in doing so. The thought that the tree ordinance does "effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property" should have been considered when	Sep 5 2023 9:14AM

			<p>they purchased the property. 2) This stand of oaks acts as a green buffer area (both visually and from a sound perspective) between the residences of the south side of Daniel Island and I-526. Removal of these trees will both increase noise and will open up views to infrastructure effectively diminishing the quality of life for property owners including our family. Similar residences on the Park Side (north of I-526) already feel this. 3) Holder is looking to develop a townhome community. Daniel Island is being over developed, especially with multifamily, at this point. Daniel Island residents were sold on the concept of a master planned community and thrive on it. For years as development has continued, we ask, "was that on the master plan?" and are OK when development is in line with it. My master plan map from 2016 does not show this development. It certainly doesn't show another townhome development. We do not need this pressure on our streets, infrastructure and lifestyle - this is not in the interest of the public good. 4) Holder maintains that the application of the tree ordinance will "unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property". There are always hurdles to development. South Carolina and Charleston pride themselves on these grand oaks - it is one of the major reasons people are drawn here and especially to Daniel Island. The developer needs to look at options which will allow them to develop a profitable project with a different footprint and impact - the current plan DOES impact the character of the district. 5) The submittal right before a holiday weekend adds to the fact that the developer was concerned they were doing something that the residents of Daniel Island would not like. This is a shady move by the developer. Kevin Maher DI Resident since 2016</p>	
Jafferty	Northrup	113 Captains Island Dr. Daniel Island, SC. 29492	<p>My name is Jafferty Northrup and I live at 113 Captains Island Dr. Daniel Island, I am not in favor of the removal of these trees! They provide our beautiful island with shelter from the highway as well as many other benefits. Thank you!</p>	Sep 5 2023 9:18AM
Angie	Moody	763 Dunham St	<p>These trees provide vital flooding prevention as well as limit noise pollution to Daniel Island residents. Any building here would jeopardize the delicate thoughtful environmental ecosystem we have built.</p>	Sep 5 2023 9:18AM
James	Gray	124 Fairbanks Oak Aly, Daniel Island, SC. 29492	<p>I am a 25+ year resident of Daniel Island. When the Daniel Island I-526 in/off ramps were built, the city promised "beautification" and a large number of pine trees were planted just east of the recently completed helipad. This new proposal will destroy both beautification and noise barriers. It must not happen. Submission late Friday on Labor Day Weekend with comments deadline Tuesday after Labor Day appears purposeful to avoid residents knowing about this proposal. Disgraceful and disrespectful.</p>	Sep 5 2023 9:19AM
Sophie	Sorenson	1325 Blue Sky Ln	<p>Please do not let our generation sacrifice grand oaks (23 of them!!) that took several generations to grow into majestic trees that produce shading, cooling, sound buffering, nature dwelling and beauty that is typical of the Lowcountry!! This piece of property can be developed in a way that is more cohesive and respectful of the environment.</p>	Sep 5 2023 9:26AM
MARGA RET	GALAS	023 Baltimore St, Daniel	<p>I am not in favor of this tree removal. Trees are important to prevent flooding by absorbing water. They help reduce water pollution and air pollution, and make a terrific noise buffer. They</p>	Sep 5 2023 9:27AM

		Island, SC 29492	are a home to wildlife. These trees are a beautiful natural entrance to our island.	
Bruce	Markham	1114 Barfield St	Cutting these Grand trees should be a last resort and a high monetary fee paid. These trees present a good picture of Daniel Island as we leave and arrive on the island from I-526. I believe their project would look much better on Clements Ferry Rd.	Sep 5 2023 9:28AM
Eldridge	McBride	146 Beresford Creek Street	The city zoning rules require that consideration be given to existing trees. The following is from the city zoning rules LANDSCAPE DESIGN CRITERIA 1. Design Theme and General Requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Existing trees and vegetation are recognized as valid assets to Daniel Island's Town Center, providing a more healthful and beautiful place to live and work as well as beneficial to attracting visitors, new residents and businesses. <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape designs within the Daniel Island Town Center should reflect this awareness by complementing the natural surroundings. <input type="checkbox"/> The retention of existing tree cover, hedge rows, and natural edge vegetation is extremely important as the basis for acceptable landscape design. <input type="checkbox"/> The common streetscape design them will be carried throughout the project. This theme will provide for shade canopy along all public roadways. <input type="checkbox"/> Planting plans should reinforce site and building entry with primarily evergreen shrubs, with accent seasonal color and trees. <input type="checkbox"/> All exterior paving shall conform to ADA and any other state and federal standards.	Sep 5 2023 9:29AM
Milton	Sands	250 Island Park Dr. #102, Daniel Island SC 29492	My wife Kathy and I are opposed to the project as it destroys the tree barrier between the Daniel Island community (noise and pollution) from #526 and further feel more home building- especially multiunit facilities - on the Island are detrimental to its population and its character. Dr. and Mrs Milton Sands	Sep 5 2023 9:29AM
Cooper	West	67 Darlington Ave, charleston SC 29403	I work on Daniel Island and have been a resident of Charleston my entire life. We have an opportunity to preserve the beauty of this community, and we should not let this moment be squandered. The city of Charleston is developing rapidly, and in a time of climate change trees like these not only add to the aesthetic they help prevent erosion, wind and storm damage to private property and act as a sound barrier to the community. What do we want our legacy to be while we are making these decisions?	Sep 5 2023 9:30AM
Kayla	Wood	7 Fieldfare Way Charleston , SC 29414	Please deny the tree removal request.	Sep 5 2023 9:31AM
Jacee	Brown	2521 Daniel Island Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	*NO* to this variance, in any capacity! That means EVERY. SINGLE. ONE. of those 23 trees, along with the smaller trees around it, needs to STAY. This grove of trees is a vital natural sound and visual barrier for Daniel Island, particularly our neighbors in the Scott Park area (also, "stands of trees" were listed in the Daniel Island covenant, so not sure how ANY of this proposal is acceptable at all). Summarizing the critical reasons: - Aesthetically, it sets the tone for the rest of the island to our residents and visitors, establishing that we are a community that treasures and protects our natural resources - Ecological water runoff area for the surrounding highways and streets - It's precious remaining habitat for numerous animals, including southern fox squirrel and deer - Sound barrier for 526 that no "concrete wall"	Sep 5 2023 9:31AM

			could ever replicate - Visual barrier for 526 that no "concrete wall" could ever replicate Furthermore, per item d in the conditions that must be met in order to grant a variance: "d. the authorization of a variance will not be of substantial detriment to adjacent property or to the public good, and the character of the district will not be harmed by the granting of the variance." ...this would ABSOLUTELY destroy the character of our district, harm our environment, and cause detriment to the public good. NO to TMS # 275-00-00-269. NO. Absolutely not. The entire remaining swath of the 526-adjacent trees by Blackbaud should be off limits permanently. The DINA should have the opportunity to purchase the land to protect in in perpetuity.	
Summar	Phillips	1417 Hooper Street	I am opposed to the removal of 23 grand trees on Daniel Island. The removal would negatively impact the community. These trees provide one of the only natural sound and visual barriers from the interstate. The removal is unnecessary and harmful.	Sep 5 2023 9:32AM
Heather	Weeks	7726 FARR ST, Unit 708	These trees provide habit for beneficial local wildlife. They act as a noise and wind barrier, allowing our population to enjoy nice breezes (especially in these upper 90s temp days!). These trees also absorb water. Beyond this, they are beautiful and add to the ambience of the island. These beautiful trees are part of the welcoming feel of the island.	Sep 5 2023 9:34AM
Julie	Trost	1770 Pierce St	I would like to express my deep concerns with the proposed development based on the fact that we will be removing the grand trees that serve as a buffer between our beautiful community and the Highway. Not only do trees protect us from noise and road debris, but they also are important for flood mitigation. When the time comes to update or replace that bridge, not having the space there could hinder the plans and make the process more negatively impact our community. Away the very least, it will make it a miserable place to live during that construction. Please protect our trees, our quality of life (flood mitigation and beautification) and don't cram buildings in every nook and cranny (over crowding).	Sep 5 2023 9:34AM
David	Campopiano	2459 Settlers St	As a long time resident of Daniel Island and current board member of the Daniel Island Community Association, I oppose the short notice give to the residents to review the impact of this project on Daniel Island, the residents and its property values. The proposal to remove these grand oak trees which provide an critical buffer to Daniel Island residents from I 526 and the increasing traffic noise from the growing number of trucks traveling to and from the terminal in MT. Pleasant has not been addressed in this proposal. Further it has always been the desire of the city and county architectural boards to at all coast save the grand oaks from destruction. This project eliminates a beautiful number of historical old grand oak trees for the sake of economic gain for a few outsiders. The excuse of decay and rot as displayed on these trees in the exhibits for eliminating these trees would need further discussion as many if not most grand oaks show similar traits simply from their age. One just needs to walk around the island and observed for themselves. I oppose the removal of these trees.	Sep 5 2023 9:35AM
Kelliann e	Hickey	515 Robert Daniel Drive, Charleston	I am writing to respectfully express my strong opposition to the variance application submitted for the removal of trees on Fairchild Street in Daniel Island. These trees serve as a vital natural buffer, a habitat for wildlife, and a crucial aesthetic and environmental asset to our community. I firmly believe that the	Sep 5 2023 9:35AM

		, SC 29492	approval of this variance would have a detrimental impact to those living nearby and the overall well-being of Daniel Island. These trees not only contribute to the visual beauty of our neighborhood but also play a significant role in mitigating the negative effects of noise pollution generated by the adjacent highway. Their presence serves as a valuable sound barrier, shielding nearby residents from the constant noise of the highway. Removing them would undoubtedly disrupt the tranquility and peace that our community currently enjoys. Furthermore, these trees provide a habitat for local wildlife. Their removal would displace these creatures, potentially damaging the delicate ecological balance of our area. Preserving this natural habitat is essential for maintaining the unique character of Daniel Island. Additionally, the proximity of these trees to the highway adds an aesthetic charm to our community. They enhance the visual appeal of the area and contribute to the overall attractiveness of Daniel Island. Their loss would diminish the aesthetics of the neighborhood, which in turn may affect property values and the desirability of living in our community. I urge you to deny this variance application and protect the irreplaceable natural assets and quality of life that our community enjoys. We must prioritize the preservation of these trees, which contribute to the ecological, aesthetic, and auditory well-being of our neighborhood. I kindly request that you consider the long-term consequences of allowing the removal of these trees for commercial development and instead encourage sustainable and environmentally responsible practices. Please stand with the residents of Daniel Island in safeguarding our unique and cherished environment. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I trust that you will make the right decision to protect our community's interests and the natural beauty of our neighborhood.	
Ryan	Fisher	851 Dunham Street, Daniel Island, SC	I strongly oppose granting a variance from Section 54-237 to allow the removal of 21 grand trees. There are numerous scientific studies demonstrating that trees are effective in reducing road noise (e.g. see https://www.fs.usda.gov/nac/assets/documents/agroforestrynotes/an42w05.pdf ; see also https://greenblue.com/na/trees-as-sound-barriers/#:~:text=Where%20space%20permits%2C%20thick%20strips,for%20use%20as%20sound%20barriers)). Allowing the removal of these grand trees will increase the road noise generated by 526 traffic and therefore negatively impact the quality of life on the surrounding areas of central and southern Daniel Island. Additionally, the average daily traffic on 526 between Daniel Island and Long Point Road is expected to increase 69% between 2017 and 2050 (526 East Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Report). Such increased traffic will result in increased road noise and, with reduced vegetation to act as a buffer, exacerbate the negative impact on the surrounding community. Thank you.	Sep 5 2023 9:36AM
Robyn	Gedney	1440 Wando Landing Street	I am 100% against the removal of the Grand Trees. We need to preserve the sound barrier and the beauty of the trees. It is one of the distinctions of Daniel Island and removal of them will destroy that. We also need to keep the ecosystem in tact as much as possible. Daniel island will be losing more of what makes it unique in the low country.	Sep 5 2023 9:36AM

Brandi	Muller	1168 Blakeway Street	Do not allow any more trees to be cut down on Daniel Island for more housing. There is no infrastructure to support the current housing projects and business developments. Not to mention the wildlife that is already being displaced and flooding concerns by removing more natural barriers. And the aesthetics of giving the community a small barrier from the interstate with the trees.	Sep 5 2023 9:39AM
Lauren	Flanagan	8063 Gibbon St	As residents, we do NOT wish to have these trees on DI removed. They offer a great sound and visual barrier to the highway and protect against local flooding. STRONGLY OPPOSE.	Sep 5 2023 9:40AM
L	Hansen	Daniel island Drive	When will the destruction of the island stop? When will the developers be happy? It's obvious that's it's all about money, but the people with money on this island will eventually get fed up and leave if the environment and quality of life that they moved here for is gone. Then, there goes your developments as well. It's disgusting that developers are still not happy. The trees provide a buffer to the highway and reduce the sound. If you don't have any respect for the trees themselves, then respect the people who live here. I know people will have a lot more to say, but I wanted to add my name to the disapproval of this matter. Thank you.	Sep 5 2023 9:43AM
John	Gedney	1440 Wando Landing St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Please do not grant the variance to remove 23 grand trees from the northeast corner of Fairchild and River Landing Drives adjacent to the I-526 on/off ramps. These trees are vital to the natural habitat. Charleston needs to continue strong efforts preserve these remaining undeveloped parcels; otherwise, the low country will lose its balance between commerce and nature. Further, the trees and natural area are home to wildlife, which would have to relocate it developed, plus the trees provide a visual and sound buffer which is needed with the increasing traffic on I-526. Thank you for your consideration.	Sep 5 2023 9:44AM
David	Epner	200 River Landing Dr, Unit 310D, Daniel Island SC 29492	Do not approve this variance. Loss of this green space would adversely impact quality of life and the character of Daniel Island, not to mention the growingly sparse areas for wildlife. These trees provide a necessary wildlife habitat and barrier between the highway and our community.	Sep 5 2023 9:44AM
David	Epner	200 River Landing Dr, Unit 310D, Daniel Island SC 29492	Do not approve this variance. Loss of this green space would adversely impact quality of life and the character of Daniel Island, not to mention the growingly sparse areas for wildlife. These trees provide a necessary wildlife habitat and barrier between the highway and our community.	Sep 5 2023 9:45AM
Ellen	Casey	1007 Cochran st	We are concerned about the impact of removing all of these trees will have to the surrounding areas. Tree root systems helping with flooding etc. being removed are a big concern to residents. As well as having the nature and refuge for wildlife as development is slowly taking that all away.	Sep 5 2023 9:45AM
Melissa	Ohlson	449 Island Park Drive	I represent five members of my family in speaking absolutely AGAINST any more removal of trees to what was once a gorgeous, tree-laden island! We have been residents for 16 years and I am absolutely disgusted with whomever is allowing for the continual removal of trees and habitat for both humans and animals (like deer). Why would this island need any additional condos/homes/apartments? To take away a buffer from the highway, when so much has already been taken away on the other side of the island is irresponsible of the city. Please	Sep 5 2023 9:45AM

			listen to your community members and keep Daniel Island green (for as much as there is left to keep green).	
John & Shannon	Slowiaczek	2320 Daniel Island Drive	Daniel Island needs to keep these beautiful trees which now serve as a visual and sound buffer to the Island. In addition, these trees provide oxygen, improve air quality, conserve water and support wild life. They also play an important role in our weather patterns. Please do not remove these grand trees for further townhouse development. We need them.	Sep 5 2023 9:46AM
Megan	de Jager	1012 Barfield Street, DI	I object to the cutting down of the trees as requested in this variance. This tree stand absorbs water after a big rain, and therefore the loss of these trees would be detrimental to Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 9:47AM
Jean	Johnson	107 Bounty Street , Daniel Island	Live Oaks are part and parcel of living here in the Low Country and have been for centuries. The land here is being decimated literally, by people who have little to no affinity for the life here on the Island, and the landscape being affected. We are already overdeveloped and without tree buffers the noise continues to escalate and living here is essentially like any other bustling city. Live Oaks are respected by the people who live here .. it would be just another travesty that we as a community have been forced to endure . The size and height of the development being considered is also something that I don't want and I know many others agree. Has the land developer actually spent time on the Island, other than just for meetings or to survey the land, and experienced what our lifestyle is here ? The entire proposal is so very upsetting to those of us who live here and have seen the landscape of our beautiful island being hacked away parcel by parcel, tree by tree ..seemingly with no end in sight !	Sep 5 2023 9:48AM
Rebecca	White	153 King George Street, Daniel Island SC 29492	I respectfully request that the City of Charleston deny the request for tree removal as requested by Holder Properties/Cranston/Morgan Smith. While it is understood that the area is zoned commercial - mixed use, the removal of the 23 grand trees will irreparably damage the Daniel Island community. The trees provide both a sound and visual buffer between the island and I-526. According to the city's own zoning guidelines, removing the 23 trees in question would not be in keeping with their stated objectives: 1) existing trees and vegetation are recognized as valid assets to Daniel Island's Town Center, providing a more healthful and beautiful place to live and work as well as beneficial to attracting visitors, new residents and businesses; 2) landscape designs within the Daniel Island Town Center should reflect this awareness by complementing the natural surroundings; 3) the retention of existing tree cover, hedge rows, and natural edge vegetation is extremely important as the basis for acceptable landscape design. It is hoped that the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals will do what is best for the Daniel Island community and deny the petitioner's request to remove the 23 grand trees on the property in question. Thank you!	Sep 5 2023 9:48AM
Anne Marie	Kerzner	108 Cartright st	I am against removing of these trees. The community needs these trees for privacy and sound barrier from the highway.	Sep 5 2023 9:50AM
Rosie	Stieby	172 Etiwan Park Street	I am against the variance to remove the grand trees. Those trees are needed there as a sound barrier from the highway noise.	Sep 5 2023 9:50AM

Amy	Giove	47 Dalton Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	This objection is to the removal of 23 grand trees specifically but also to the development of this property in general. All of the trees in this area - and especially the grand trees - are needed as a sound and environmental buffer for already constructed properties on Daniel Island. I live in an area of the island that is affected by the construction of Wellmore and The Port House Daniel Island. Noise at our house has gone up significantly, and is something we as residents need to pay attention to as it erodes quality of life. The environmental impacts should also be considered.	Sep 5 2023 9:50AM
Deb	Hazlett	515 Robert Daniel Drive Daniel Island, SC 29492	Development of this area would further diminish the quality of life for Daniel Island residence. This island is intended to be an oasis and instead it has become clogged with constant construction. Stripping away further natural beauty would only ruin not only the beauty of the island, but also property values. This area does not need to be developed. It needs to remain a natural habitat for animals, water absorption, and a buffer from the highway to the island. The destruction/construction on our island has gotten OUT OF HAND and NEEDS TO BE STOPPED!!!	Sep 5 2023 9:51AM
Douglas	Cutting	1620, Bulline St	Our decision to purchase our first home on Daniel Island 15 years ago was based on its responsible, balanced development. Leaving stands of mature trees to offset the ramped-up construction is an important part of that balance. The trees and pocketed wetlands provide obvious aesthetic benefits, nature corridors and important filters for the Wando and Cooper river basins. The woods also critically buffer the community from highway noise. Daniel Island and the surrounding current and future developments offer plenty of existing housing opportunities. Clearing these trees beside 526 for more townhomes is not a responsible or productive move for the community.	Sep 5 2023 9:52AM
Kevin	McDonald	1899 Village Crossing Drive Daniel Island	I'm absolutely opposed to this project and the destruction of more trees and wetlands	Sep 5 2023 9:52AM
Glenn & Jan	Williman	2451 Settlers St, Daniel Island 29492	We object to the proposed request for variance in the removal of grand trees. Our objection is based on our desire to maintain the visual and aesthetic barrier that exists along I-526 and the east bound exit from River Landing Drive. We believe that the approval of this variance is not in the public interests of the residents of Daniel Island and will substantially alter the character of visual and sound buffer that currently exists. We further believe that insufficient effort has been taken in the site plan to reduce the number of trees requested to be removed.	Sep 5 2023 10:00AM
Alfred	Johnson	1436 Willtown St., Daniel Island, SC	Several comments: 1. There should be a 2 week minimum period of time for hearing, variance and comment requests 2. There should be a second opinion, requirement of two sources, to assess any Grand tree removal. Are these trees at risk of dying or falling? 3. The resulting development will be an unwelcome first impression for everyone driving either direction on 526 and also those exiting DI. 4. Was there or will there be a visual inspection of the trees for raptor nests? Bald eagles and hawks are seen daily over DI and this is one of the few remaining stands of oak trees where raptors tend to nest and feed.	Sep 5 2023 10:01AM

Lauren	McNally	2518 Daniel Island Dr	I ask that this request to remove 23 grand trees is denied. These trees serve great purpose to the Daniel Island community and would be a disgrace to have them removed especially to only add more development. Please say no.	Sep 5 2023 10:01AM
Laura	Flanagan	128 eitwan park street	I say a definite NO to removing the trees on Fairchild on Daniel Island. Part of the beauty of DI is our trees. The trees act as actual sponges for flooding. The trees are a sound buffer from I-526. Theses trees separate and shield DI from the interstate . Removing the trees would do irreparable damage to the Island both aesthetically and ecologically. All of this to be done in name of progress and townhouses. Please stop and think about what you want to do and please do not do it	Sep 5 2023 10:02AM
Krystina	Deren	130 River Landing Drive, Unit #6103, Daniel Island, SC 29492-7419	I am against/not in support of removing the 25 grand trees. These trees together form a green screen that provides a noise and visual barrier between I-526 and Daniel Island. Every day the road traffic, including large numbers of trailer trucks, pass by this area and frequently are backed up in traffic jams. We need these trees to help mitigate the noise; even some mitigation is better than none. Additionally, this green screen filters the air pollution created by this road traffic. As a resident I shop at the local businesses in this immediate area and appreciate the benefits of this fortress of trees that protect my ears, eyes and nose. If the parcel is ultimately developed, my hope is that more trees will be planted. We all know the benefits that our trees provide us. In the meantime we must speak up and not support their removal.	Sep 5 2023 10:03AM
Derek	Moore	111 River Green Pl. Daniel Island	We need to preserve this property on Daniel Island. For consideration, the noise reduction coming off 526. The aesthetic enhancement, environmental benefits, and overall sustainability and livability of the community. Balancing growth and development with the preservation of natural resources is crucial for maintaining a high quality of life for current and future DI residents.	Sep 5 2023 10:03AM
Ava	Meade	305 seven farms dr.	Taking down more trees is going to destroy what little wildlife remains on this island, it will also cause more noise for residents whom deserve to have the tranquility and quiet of nature. Not mention the fact that trees provide oxygen and filter out pollutants, please do not approve even more removal of trees that are thriving , just to build more buildings that this island can't support. The infrastructure just isn't there and the traffic is already bad enough as is.	Sep 5 2023 10:07AM
Don	Glass	47 Watroo Pt Daniel island	I'm strongly opposed to removing these trees on this site. They provide a noise buffer for our community. But most importantly this is the ENTRY to our community and removing these beautiful trees and building more townhomes right at the entrance is just unbelievable to even be considered. Keep it as green space and refund Holders \$2.5m purchase price. KEEP THE TREES !!	Sep 5 2023 10:07AM
Robert	Schilling	1111 Barfield Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	1. The proposed lot is the entry way to Daniel Island. Removing the large number of trees indicates a lack of planning and sensitivity to the Island planned community atmosphere. 2. Traffic is already backed up in that area when Blackbaud resumes in person offices. 3. There are already numerous vacancies in the area. This development is not needed.	Sep 5 2023 10:08AM
Kristie	Gaunt	602 S Leavitt Ct, Charleston	Please do not clear the trees for more development. There are many issues that this could cause including flooding, over population, etc.	Sep 5 2023 10:11AM

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Perry	Morrisette	1038 Barfield St	I have been a resident of Daniel Island for almost ten years, and during this span, I have observed the slow decline of the natural and picturesque beauty of Daniel Island because of the endless construction of multi-level residential buildings in and around the I-526 corridor. I strongly implore the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals to reject the subject variance request as well as reject the proposal to construct another large apartment/condo complex on Daniel Island in the subject area. The removal of the trees and allowing the construction of the building complex to continue will significantly and adversely disturb the beautiful surroundings and natural character of the DI community; severely impact the public good by further adding to the excessive volume of automobile traffic on DI; and subject DI residents and their families to a harmful and unhealthy living environment. Respectfully submitted, Perry J. Morrisette 1038 Barfield Street	Sep 5 2023 10:12AM
Kevin	Flanagan	193 Corn Planters St Charleston SC 29492	Please deny the request to remove all trees	Sep 5 2023 10:12AM
Kathleen	Susol	1416 Elfe St Daniel Island	I am 100% against the removal of these trees. The trees provide much needed support in terms of flooding and sound and visual buffer between the interstate and the town.	Sep 5 2023 10:14AM
Gina	Boyd	2 Grove Lane DI 29492	We strongly oppose the removal of these trees and the development of this property.	Sep 5 2023 10:15AM
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Betsy	Sarsfield	287 Delahow st 29492	No cutting down those trees. It will look horrible for a beautiful island !!!	Sep 5 2023 10:16AM
Paul	Alotta	105 Lucia St.	I am very concerned about losing the natural beauty of Daniel Island and also about the potential overcrowding of the Island with the establishment of more townhomes. I would not like to see this variance approved.	Sep 5 2023 10:17AM
William	Higley	710 Cunningha m Street	This would be the final step in completing the final ruining of Daniel Island for its current and future residents. When will it stop. "JUST KEEP CUTTING". What a total shame and act of greed. "ENOUGH ALREADY". The trees are also a sound buffer from the Interstate for current residents. Please deny this application.	Sep 5 2023 10:17AM
Kristin	McGivern	1860 Village Crossing Dr	Is it not Charleston's goal to create the least amount of impact on the environment, as well as, uphold the aesthetics that make Charleston and the surrounding areas so beautiful. This includes a certain amount of road frontage dedicated to maintaining a natural habitat.	Sep 5 2023 10:18AM
Matt	Crawford	104 Bounty St.	Daniel Island is a great place to live, for now. Best Suburban Smart Growth Community. That was in 2004. Urban Land Institute Award for Excellence. That was in 2007. There is still much to be thankful for in terms of conservation on Daniel Island, but much has changed over the past couple of decades. With some rare exceptions in Daniel Island Park, a look through the recent history of development on Daniel Island shows a stark contrast between the old and new styles. Drive through Codner's Ferry and you'll find a landscape that moves with nature and	Sep 5 2023 10:20AM

			offers privacy and community in the same breath. Travel south and west from there and you'll find plenty of homes that practically touch one another and many that share common walls. Great homes for sure, but clearly built to maximize the residential square footage per acre. I guess this makes sense, since in the early days Daniel Island was desperate for people to live here, but now it's the people who are desperate to live on Daniel Island. If you build it, they will come. The real question we should be asking is what are our standards? At what point does that last bit of profit gained tip the community scale from quaint and vibrant to crowded and messy. It may seem trivial to care about one particular stand of trees when thousands of acres have already been cleared and developed, but this moment is a reckoning that it may be too late. A reckoning that the scale may have already been tipped and this community may have failed to meet its standards years ago. The fear is that once this stretch of land is leveled and developed without a thought about the impact to nature, noise or community, then why stop there? Why not rezone some of our community parks and build more residences? There is plenty of room for some exclusive "final phase" homesites on the west side of Smythe Lake. Bellinger Island could handle at least 30 townhomes and you position them properly. What this development represents is gain for some, but loss for most. Loss of habitat for deer and eastern fox squirrels. Loss of natural highway noise abatement. Loss of privacy. Most importantly, loss of the feeling that Daniel Island is more than your average suburb.	
Laura	Sullivan	283 Beresford Creek St.	Hello, I would like to state that the removal of the grand oaks would be such a tragedy for our neighborhood. I am vehemently against this proposal. I live very close to this site and would hate to see the trees downed to only cause more noise pollution and animal habitats destroyed. We cannot keep cutting these incredible trees down for the sake of new buildings. They will get replaced but are not ever truly replaceable. The grand oaks are treasures and should be treated as such. Their removal is the antithesis of conservation for our city.	Sep 5 2023 10:21AM
David	Wickwire	1435 Willtown St, Daniel Island 29492	The current level of development on Daniel Island has resulted in minimal buffering between I-526 and Daniel Island. As I-526 becomes wider and more heavily used with the proposed expansion plans, the amount of noise, air , and water runoff pollution will become much greater than it already is. The proposed variance will result in the destruction of many of the grand trees that are part of this environmentally fragile buffer. In order to protect and preserve the quality of life on Daniel Island I urge the Board of Appeals to deny this variance. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 10:21AM
AMAND A	BUSILLO	1424 WANDO VIEW ST	Not only is the architecture unappealing and cookie cutter...the design team should also put greater effort into preserving ALL OAK TREES, no matter the grade or condition. The natural buffer from 526 should be preserved at all costs and they should further study ways to reduce the number of units and/or increasing their setback from the highway.	Sep 5 2023 10:22AM
Randi	Carlin	1253 Water View Lane Daniel	TMS # 275-00-00-269 I absolutely oppose the removal of trees which in addition to providing "the island way of life" which we purchased, also provide a sound barrier to traffic, allow for cleaner air, and offer our wildlife refuge. Do not remove these trees and do not allow more development that was not originally	Sep 5 2023 10:22AM

		Island, SC 29492	planned. We simply do not have the infrastructure to continue removing trees and developing this property. You will decrease property value and clog our already congested roadways.	
Elizabeth	Stropki	250 Island Park Drive, Unit 106, Daniel Island	I am against the destruction of these 23 grand trees to make room for another dense development on Daniel Island. These trees which provide a visual and sound barrier must be preserved for environmental, ecological, and aesthetic sake. Not enough time was given to provide for comments or make arrangements to attend the meeting, especially over a holiday weekend. Please consider all comments submitted against this project.	Sep 5 2023 10:22AM
William	Bates	8051 Gibbon Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I strongly oppose the removal of the grand trees off Fairchild Street. These trees are a valuable buffer between Daniel Island and I-526. They help dampen the noise, and they hide the INCREASING traffic (particularly the heavy trucks on the way to the port). The location in question is at the entrance to Daniel Island. Do we want to see GREEN when we drive by Daniel Island, or do we want to see more urban sprawl. This is NOT Northern Virginia! Everywhere you look, you see climate change this and global warming that. Oh, I've got a great solution -- let's just cut down some more trees. That'll fix the problem ... especially given that the trees in question are old, well-established, and large. Let's be reasonable here. Cutting down those trees will have a harmful effect on the DI community; of that there can be no doubt. I recognize the owner of the land has rights, but he does NOT have the right to despoil the natural beauty that those of us who live and work on Daniel Island enjoy on a daily basis. Please don't cut down those beautiful old trees. Mr. Peabody's coal company has hauled it away!	Sep 5 2023 10:23AM
Sharon	McLean	1225 Blakeway St unit 1102 Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am vehemently opposed to this proposal. Cutting down this stand of old growth trees would have a negative direct impact on all residents and visitors to Daniel Island. Noise from 526 would increase dramatically. This section is a gateway onto and off of our beautiful community. Replacing trees with buildings here would destroy the aesthetic that greets every visitor. We visited Hilton Head yesterday and were immediately struck by the excellent planned community, where nature is highlighted and businesses and homes are built BEHIND the natural barriers of trees and shrubs. This excerpt from the Daniel Island MASTER PLAN: "Neighborhoods are set within a permanent natural framework of green public spaces, made accessible by walkways, boardwalks and bicycle trails."	Sep 5 2023 10:24AM
Rebecca	Roman	130 River Landing Drive Unit 12200, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I understand there is a master plan on Daniel Island that has been in the works for 20+ years. Just because there is a master plan does not mean we need to continue it. As everyone can see, especially the people who live on this island, it is becoming overpopulated and the nature and beauty of what made Daniel Island special is being ruined by overdevelopment. Removing these trees will diminish the beauty even greater! The trees also act as a natural sound barrier to the 526 traffic near that on/off ramp. They separate and shield Daniel Island from the interstate and create a visual and sound buffer for our community and to the homes nearby. Please do not approve the removal of these trees. Even if the developer was to add back trees at a later date, it will take decades to get a natural sound barrier and the beauty back and none of us will be here at that point. Or they will put up an ugly wall as a sound barrier. Keep Daniel Island	Sep 5 2023 10:24AM

			protected. These developers, who do not live here, are literally ruining the beauty of this place.	
Joseph	Salvino	235 Fairchild Street, Daniel Island	The rapid development on Daniel Island, especially the plan for multiple additional large apartment complexes is turning our once quiet island into a urban city. The large increase in traffic these buildings will produce will threaten the safety of our children and will cause Daniel Island to lose the small town feeling that has made it valued by so many of its residents. The project proposed on Fairchild Street (agenda item B-4) is a another example of the clear cutting of our once beautiful Island. I am fully opposed to this project and the removal of the tree stand at this location.	Sep 5 2023 10:28AM
Allison	Hamlett	142 Corn Planters Street Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am requesting that the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals deny this developer's request to remove grand trees. This destruction of nature will greatly diminish the quality of life of the community and Charleston as a whole. Of course development and growth is inevitable in our great city; however, it is imperative that our city does not allow developers to destroy such important natural buffers in the process. The fact that the developer needs a variance illustrates the fact that they are trying to go against the rules and regulations that our government has already put in place to protect our city and natural assets. These trees provide a natural buffer and absorb noise from the interstate. Interstate noise can already be heard all across the island (which is to be expected to a certain degree), but this natural destruction will make the noise worse and decrease the quality of life of the city's residents. In addition, the trees and land provide important water absorption and help to alleviate flooding. The trees also provide a habitat for wildlife. Trees were planted along the other side of the interstate, and that helps further illustrate the importance of having these trees as a natural buffer. Our city is one of the top cities in the world, and one of the reasons I believe our city remains on the list is because we still have places of undisturbed nature. Our zoning board has helped to uphold our rules and regulations to preserve the quality of life of the residents of our city. Denying this request will ensure our board continues to protect our city.	Sep 5 2023 10:34AM
Kristine	Piret	130 River Landing Dr, Unit 3314	AGAINST cutting down 23 grand trees	Sep 5 2023 10:34AM
Kerrie	Murphy	106 Bellinger Street, Daniel Island, SC	I would like to oppose this new development and plans to remove trees. These trees provide important visual and sound buffer to the community, as well as maintain important refuge for wildlife in the community. Daniel Island's growth has been problematic in recent years, and there are currently a number of other large-scale apartment, condo, and townhome projects which are currently under construction in the area. I am very concerned at the increased strain on local community resources, particularly increased road traffic, especially as the other developments are not yet full or occupied. I urge the board to please reject this proposal in consideration of the importance of maintaining nature and the important visual/auditory buffer in our community and reducing unnecessary building projects in an already densely populated community.	Sep 5 2023 10:36AM
Patric	Ruppel	2025 Pierce St Daniel	Dear Members of the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the request for a variance to remove 23 grand trees from the NE	Sep 5 2023 10:36AM

		Island Sc 29492	corner of Fairchild Drive and River Landing Drive, particularly at the onramp/offramp of I-526, as outlined in the recent submission (TMS # 275-00-00-269). I believe it is essential to preserve these trees for several compelling reasons. Firstly, these trees form a vital visual and sound buffer that separates and shields Daniel Island from the bustling I-526. As the gateway onto and off of Daniel Island, this location holds significant importance, serving as the most visible entrance to the Island. The presence of these trees has long contributed to the aesthetic appeal and tranquility of our community, making it a welcoming and peaceful place to reside. Moreover, the removal of these trees could have a detrimental impact on the overall environment. Trees play a crucial role in mitigating air pollution, absorbing carbon dioxide, and providing habitat for local wildlife. The loss of such a substantial number of trees would undoubtedly disrupt this delicate balance and harm our ecosystem. Furthermore, I am concerned about the proposed townhome development by Holder Properties, Inc. It should not come at the cost of sacrificing our natural surroundings. The decision regarding the grand trees should not be deferred any longer and must be considered with the utmost care. I kindly request that you consider the broader community's interests and the potential irreversible damage that could result from this variance request. Our trees are not just part of our landscape; they are a part of our identity and the character of Daniel Island. I strongly encourage you to reject the variance request and protect the natural beauty that makes Daniel Island a unique and cherished place to call home. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.	
Kandy	Higley	710 Cunningham St	Please VOTE AGAINST this project. Little time has been given for a full vetting. This looks like a sneaky, rush job and reeks of someone pulling “a fast one” on the residents of Daniel Island. The once pleasant area is about to be destroyed. Please vote NO.	Sep 5 2023 10:37AM
Ellen	Vance	Daniel Island SC	No no no—do not approve any more overcrowding of Daniel Island and do not remove the trees !!	Sep 5 2023 10:37AM
Eric	Van Scoik	5000 Parkside Drive	Don't cut down these trees – they're habitat for hundreds of animals, they're a buffer for sound and busy road, they make DI more beautiful to drive into and out of.	Sep 5 2023 10:41AM
Katelin	Haver	1135 Oak Overhang Street	As a resident of Daniel Island, I am extremely concerned with the environmental and community impact of removing the trees proposed in this variance request. This parcel currently provides a buffer to the community for both noise and traffic pollution from the freeway. In addition, it serves as a natural barrier for other unforeseen environmental conditions including storms and flooding. It currently provides a home to wildlife and supports the overall balance of Daniel Island. Finally, the extremely short nature of this submission and time for appropriate review by the community is a calculated maneuver and does not reflect an organization intent on bettering the Daniel Island community as a whole. I oppose the passing of this variance and strongly request that the removal of the trees be declined.	Sep 5 2023 10:41AM
Jana	Upshaw	1336 Newport Ct	Taking down grand oaks is like shooting your grandma for her inheritance. We don't need more condos at least not at the expense of natural beauty. These trees are ancient and what makes the Lowcountry special and unique . If you want to live in a	Sep 5 2023 10:43AM

			city of condos go to Miami. The money is not worth it. Stop giving into contractors	
Valerie	Ruppel	2025 Pierce St Daniel Island SC 29492	<p>Dear Members of the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the request for a variance to remove 23 grand trees from the NE corner of Fairchild Drive and River Landing Drive, particularly at the onramp/offramp of I-526, as outlined in the recent submission (TMS # 275-00-00-269). I believe it is essential to preserve these trees for several compelling reasons. Firstly, these trees form a vital visual and sound buffer that separates and shields Daniel Island from the bustling I-526. As the gateway onto and off of Daniel Island, this location holds significant importance, serving as the most visible entrance to the Island. The presence of these trees has long contributed to the aesthetic appeal and tranquility of our community, making it a welcoming and peaceful place to reside. Furthermore, the removal of these trees could exacerbate an already dire traffic situation in our area. The traffic congestion on Daniel Island has become increasingly unbearable, impacting the daily lives of residents and commuters. The proposed development could worsen this issue, making it even more challenging for people to navigate our neighborhood and access the interstate. Additionally, our schools are already at full capacity, and this proposed development could strain our educational resources further. Daniel Island's schools are well-regarded, and the influx of new residents from the development may overcrowd classrooms and diminish the quality of education for our children. Moreover, I am concerned about the proposed townhome development by Holder Properties, Inc. While development can be beneficial, it should not come at the cost of sacrificing our natural surroundings, exacerbating traffic congestion, and overburdening our schools. The decision regarding the grand trees should not be deferred any longer and must be considered with the utmost care, taking into account not only the visual and environmental impacts but also the effects on traffic and school capacity. In light of these concerns, I urge the City of Charleston Board of Zoning Appeals to carefully evaluate the long-term consequences of removing these grand trees, considering the existing traffic and school capacity challenges. The preservation of our cherished green spaces is my number one priority. I kindly request that you consider the broader community's interests, the impact on traffic flow, and the capacity of our schools. Our trees are not just part of our landscape; they are a part of our identity and the character of Daniel Island. I strongly encourage you to reject the variance request, protect the natural beauty that makes Daniel Island unique, and work towards addressing our traffic and school capacity concerns in a responsible manner. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.</p>	Sep 5 2023 10:43AM
Anita	Greene	577 wading place Daniel Island 29492	The variance should be DENIED! These trees shield Daniel Island from the interstate. These trees provide a visual and important sound barrier for DANIEL ISLAND community. As traffic flow has increased these trees have become more important to the Daniel island community	Sep 5 2023 10:45AM
Mark	McRae	1225 Blakeway St unit	This proposal is a direct violation of almost every building covenant of the Daniel Island "Master Plan". Specifically but not limited to a harmonious and environmentally sensitive relationship	Sep 5 2023 10:45AM

		1102 Daniel Island, SC 29492	with the surrounding flora and fauna habitat. I am fervently opposed to the development of this parcel of land. In addition to the negative environmental impact, it would put an immeasurable burden on the quality of life for both residents and visitors alike.	
Barbara	Berger	210 Amberjack lane Daniel Island.	These trees should not be removed. This is a major entrance and exit from the island. It gives a buffer from the highway. Please don't let this area become just another ugly entrance to a m area if Charleston. Don't keep taking away the beauty that is part if Charleston.	Sep 5 2023 10:46AM
Denise	Gosnell	500 Bucksley Lane, 308, 29492	I am commenting to voice the opinion that tree removal be *NOT* permitted due to ecosystem loss, noise, and the traffic which will be introduced as a result of a new condo complex. Removing the trees will only increase the noise, which is already high due to increased traffic volume on the nearby interstate. The developer is Holder Properties, Inc, and headquartered out of Atlanta, GA. They do not understand our local ecosystem or noise levels due to the interstate.	Sep 5 2023 10:48AM
Alex	Donohue	1755 Providence St. Daniel Island	I've been a homeowner on Daniel Island for over 3 years, my sister lives on DI as well with her husband and two children and so do my parents. I have 3 year old twins and my husband I work from our Daniel Island home. I am urging you to not approve the plan for mowing down barrier trees to make way for more townhomes in our neighborhood. The trees create a sound and safety barrier to protect my home and the homes of my family and neighbors. We chose to move to Daniel Island because of its position and relative safety due to trees and protection. Please do not take that protection away from our residents.	Sep 5 2023 10:50AM
Roodney	Whitwell	203 Captain Goddard Road, Daniel Island.	The proposed development of 30 condominiums on this site should be declined. The current area provides a natural sight and sound barrier between downtown Daniel Island and I-526. This barrier would be eliminated by the proposed development. Moreover, the proposed condominiums would add more high density housing units to an already crowded and growing Daniel Island community.	Sep 5 2023 10:51AM
Noelle	Itharat	1775 Pierce Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Please STOP destroying what is left of Daniel Island by cutting down the few trees that even remain. We have lived here since 2008, and I am shocked how much has been taken away from residents who pay a steep price to live here. Stop jamming more apartments where we don't need them. The tiny bit of nature, trees, and wildlife is one of the few things that help me keep my sanity living here as it has been way overdeveloped. Animals have no where to build nests or escape human development. You cut it all down to keep paving and putting up buildings, and it will be gone forever. It is disgusting and unattractive, and depletes the value of life here for everyone, including wildlife. STOP it. This kind of thing absolutely makes me want to sell my house and move away from here.	Sep 5 2023 10:51AM
Alexandra	Lanza	409 Lesesne Street	Please save our history and our trees!! These are historic reminders of the Lowcountry that make South Carolina so special and especially Daniel Island. They survived hundreds of years of hurricanes and drought, please don't remove them just to develop another parcel of precious green space. These antique trees are also very valuable to our landscape. No one destroys an antique desk to make room. It gets preserved! Please do the right thing and save our antique trees!	Sep 5 2023 10:53AM

Craig	Reynolds	484 Island Park Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I oppose this request for taking down these trees to provide space for a new condo development. These trees provide critical coverage for the Daniel Island residence from the traffic noise of I-526 plus the visual image of the traffic. They also are an important environmental barrier from I-526. Further, Daniel Island is becoming overcrowded and the existing roads are not designed to support more population residences. We simply do not need more development in this proposed location. I strongly oppose this request and it should be denied	Sep 5 2023 10:54AM
Heather	Burchfield	106 Cape Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I am in strong opposition to this project. The trees that will be taken down help shield Daniel Island from noise pollution as well as provide flooding support thanks to their root systems. This project is not welcome and will be detrimental to the environment of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 10:55AM
Brittany	Badalamenti	1556 wando landing street	Strongly oppose this as the trees act as a barrier and are a natural way to help prevent flooding on the island	Sep 5 2023 10:56AM
Brandilene	Lewis	110 Currier Street	We need this sound buffer and visual buffer for our island. We need the greenspace for water absorption. We do not need another development or clearing of trees here. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 10:56AM
Harry	Mulkey	1339 Smythe Street	I'm writing to express my vehement opposition to the removal of the trees on the NE corner of Fairchild and Daniel Island Drive. Most importantly, this is Daniel Islands Front Porch - it's welcome to the world. A visual, sound and aesthetic buffer from 526. This will without question have a massive and irreversible negative impact on the my quality of life as a DI resident, on the quality of life of my neighbors, our collective property value and the charm of Daniel Island. I believe in their hearts, even the developer knows this is wrong, as evidenced by the timing of the posting just prior to a holiday weekend. And further evidence by the tiny sign hidden on the side of the road. At the very least, this decision should be delayed to allow the opportunity for further discussion and public feedback. I noticed the developer is from Atlanta, affectionately known as a "city in a forest" Atlanta has incredibly restrictive rules on the removal of any trees. It seems unfortunate that an Atlanta based developer looks to flaunt rules that wouldn't even be considered in their hometown. One cannot replace grand trees that have been growing for decades with new trees. Even at a 2 to 1 ratio. The charm the shade and the buffer all gone, Daniel Island will lie exposed to the interstate. I also don't believe the developers claim that these are a lesser quality grand tree has any merit. It's not the quality of the individual trees, is their collective function as a buffer. Again, I am vehemently opposed to the removal of the trees as it will have a massive impact on residents and visitors quality of life. Thank you for your consideration.	Sep 5 2023 10:56AM
Lee	Henggeler	1621 Juliana Street	I am a Daniel Island resident and against the removal of the 23 grand trees from the NE corner of Fairchild Drive and River Landing Drive in order to accommodate a 30 unit townhome community. These trees are a critical sound and privacy barrier between a peaceful residential community and a high-traffic major interstate (I-526). The grand trees are also beneficial to the island ecosystem and, if removed, would alter the landscape in an irreversible way. These grand trees prevent soil erosion and by-root system, are highly absorbent which is key in our high-risk flood area. Please do not remove these grand trees.	Sep 5 2023 10:57AM

Allison	Harney	518 Lesesne Street, Charleston, SC	The stand of trees in question currently provide visual and sound protection for residents of Daniel Island from the traffic on I-526. Further, this area provides protection to wildlife, including deer recently seen in the area. The wildlife continue to be displaced on Daniel Island as natural areas providing protection are removed. This area should be maintained both for wildlife and current residents.	Sep 5 2023 10:57AM
Ursula	Keating	1463 Wando Landing St	This is absurd - our small island cannot sustain this density. We are already overbuilt as it is and do not have the infrastructure to accommodate more buildings and people. This developer clearly didn't do their homework and shame on all of us if we allow this type of development onto DI.	Sep 5 2023 10:57AM
Jaime	Kaufer	147 island park drive Daniel island	Please do not remove the Grand trees as these trees serve as a natural sponge for flooding. They are also part of the beauty of Daniel Island. We do not need more town houses. We are not ok with this!!!	Sep 5 2023 10:58AM
Kat	Kuhns	1103 Blakeway St.	The preservation of these trees that block highway noise maintains the well-being of our communities and the environment. These trees serve as a natural barrier, mitigating highway noise and provide defense against flooding. These trees offer shade, filter pollutants, and clean the air. The trees and the environment they create on DI are why people move here and what keeps them here.	Sep 5 2023 10:58AM
Scott	flanagan	8063 Gibbon St	As residents we strongly oppose the removal of these trees as they provide an barrier from the highway from noise as well as prevent flooding. As a resident on the island the further development via mass produced residential condos will also greatly reduce the housing market prices as the island will become too full.	Sep 5 2023 10:59AM
Craig	Lawton	409 Lesesne St	Grand Live Oak Trees and tree barriers are natural havens for animals. On Daniel Island we treasure these green spaces as they are rapidly eroding. This is also a barrier for noise from Highway 526. The Lowcountry needs these Grand Live Oak Trees that preserve our history as another way of life. Removing all the trees will make this area look just like any other place in New York or New Jersey, bare and boring. Lowcountry is special, we have history and a very different way of life. Let's keep it that way! Thank you!!	Sep 5 2023 10:59AM
Dara	Ferrell	443 Sanders Farm Ln. Charleston, SC 29492	Please do not remove the grand trees that buffer Daniel island from 5-26. This would greatly reduce the quality of life for residents and visitors to the island.	Sep 5 2023 11:02AM
Elaine	Reynolds	484 Island Park Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I strongly oppose the proposed request to cut down trees to support a new condominium project is this location on Daniel Island. These trees provide an important barrier to the noise and visual of all the constant traffic on I-526. Further, Daniel Island roads are overcrowded as it is and we do not need a further housing development. Safety is also a concern regarding more traffic around this location near the Daniel Island exit to I-526. This request provides no benefit to the current residents of Daniel Island and should be denied.	Sep 5 2023 11:03AM
Lou	Valente	843 Center Park Street,	Removing a sound and sight buffer of 30 trees cannot be corrected at a later date. Developer tree replacement is NEVER of the size, location and height of removed trees. It is more inconvenient and costly for the developer to move equipment and	Sep 5 2023 11:04AM

		Daniel Island, SC	layout building boundaries with the trees in place but everyone else loses a natural buffer to 526 that cannot be replaced. An answer is always "they'll be replaced in kind". That's nonsense, I've never seen it happen. Please demonstrate proof of ability to replace if that's the answer.	
Brian	Smith	89 Iron Bottom LN, Daniel Island SC 29492	As a long time Daniel Island resident I oppose this project, the removal of the trees proposed will deny us one of the last undisturbed green areas on the island and result in an eyesore. More importantly, is the precedent that seems to be set by proposals like this one. Whenever beautiful trees become inconvenient in the face of proposed development the developer simply finds a compliant "expert" to find flaws with the inconvenient trees. Frankly, I expect that Charleston Tree Experts are fully capable of finding flaws in every inconvenient tree in all of South Carolina. What is the use of having ordinances and rules to protect trees and green spaces when they are waived whenever development is proposed. Stopping this project is an important step in re-establishing Charleston's reputation as being committed to its rules and ordinances.	Sep 5 2023 11:05AM
Krista	Santangelo	174 Brailsford Street, Daniel Island	Removing the beautiful grand trees that are the only part blocking DI from 526 will have an extremely negative impact on the island. Not only do these trees act as a buffer from the highway, they serve as natural sponges and help with flooding! Please do not remove these trees!! The island residents have spoken and they do NOT want this.	Sep 5 2023 11:06AM
Katie	Seabrook-DiStefano	1022 Rivershore Road Charleston, SC 29492	Clements Ferry (and the surrounding areas) have an abundance of town homes available. We can not allow these developers to continue to destroy what makes the lowcountry so special. These grand trees are not replaceable. Directly across the street, we have already plowed down so much of this area's natural landscape. Please, please do not allow these out of town developers to erase more of our precious lowcountry. Furthermore, the traffic! This is already a cluster area for the interstate. It is backed up daily (multiple times a day) with traffic jams. This will only add to an already unsafe situation. Signed with desperation, A true Charleston Native.	Sep 5 2023 11:06AM
A	Earls	2226 DI Drive	The trees need to stay to deter from severe flooding on nearby roads (entry and exit to the island) - DO NOT CUT THESE DOWN.	Sep 5 2023 11:06AM
Ruth	Hille	250 Island Park Drive, Daniel Island 29492	Unfortunately we did not receive this notice until neighbors circulated it this morning even though we have lived on DI for 13 years. My opinion (shared by my husband) on this issue is that it is a horrible "rape" of green land and historic trees not to mention an overcrowding issue on the horizon. The reason why we moved here was the esthetic presentation of the south the stature of the old oak trees with moss hanging off her branches; the creeks flowing through the Island; the feeling of being a part of a community who is polite to one another. Daniel Island DOES NOT need another development of rental apartments and townhouses. Publix can hardly handle the number of residents now. It was bad enough that beautiful historic trees were removed for a development off Fairbanks Drive. We respectfully ask that this destruction of this beautiful land and airways located off Fairchild Street be seriously reconsidered. From owners who have lived on Daniel Island for 13 years, we are passionately opposed to this project.	Sep 5 2023 11:06AM

Tom	McGrath	1170 Rivershore Road Charleston	This cluster of trees is the very natural landscape of why we love Daniel Island. To remove them you are not only removing the natural buffer between DI and 526, but are removing the green space and natural landscape that we love so much. Please do not approve the removal of the trees so we can retain the green spaces that make Daniel Island the beautiful area we love so much.	Sep 5 2023 11:07AM
Matthew	Foxx	1735 Providenc e St, Daniel Island, 29492	Strongly in opposition to this development AND the planned removal of trees for the site. One mature oak tree can absorb 100 gallons + of water per day, important during flooding. They significantly reduce air pollution, water pollution, and are a great noise buffer. Not to mention the aesthetic value of trees!	Sep 5 2023 11:11AM
Valerie	Smith	7870 Farr Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I request the removal of the grand trees be denied. As a homeowner on Daniel Island, those trees provide a buffer - sight & sound - from the horrendous traffic that is currently present on 526. Although I support development, I do not support it when it will be to the detriment of what is already established. Also, these grand trees would take hundreds of years to come back, if at all. That is one of the assets Daniel Island has compared to so many other "newer" areas. Please keep our trees!	Sep 5 2023 11:12AM
Linda	Carmain	1105 Barfield St	I am against the removal of ANY of the grand trees on this property. We need to protect these to preserve the environment and stability along the waterfront. The developer will have to clear most of this property in order to build, thus leaving this area mostly open. The grand trees are historic and need to be preserved.	Sep 5 2023 11:12AM
Donna	Wood	1476 Wando View Street Daniel Island SC 29492	Completely against this proposal.	Sep 5 2023 11:13AM
Dayna	DiPietro	221 Black Powder Lane Daniel Island SC 29492	I would like to express my opinion on this topic that this should NOT be allowed. The amount of construction taking place on this island is out of control. How many more condos and townhomes do we need? Removing more trees for profit and greed is awful. No one wants this on the island. Enough is enough. Please take into consideration what residents and tax payers want, including our wildfire.	Sep 5 2023 11:13AM
Lucy	Schardt	9 Surr Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Regarding "TMS # 275-00-00-269", the request for a variance to remove 23 grand trees seems excessive. I just viewed the parcel, and it appears to be covered with many beautiful and healthy trees. This parcel covers a gateway entrance to and exit for Daniel Island with views both from Fairchild Street and from I-526. The trees provide noise protection for the community and habit for its unique animal species. Prior to careful consideration of removal of any of the grand trees, examination of the health of the trees should be made by the city. Preservation of healthy native oak species with long lives should be a priority. Adequate time for community input should be considered. It is my understanding that this request was made on the eve of the Labor Day Weekend. Thank you for your consideration.	Sep 5 2023 11:14AM
Tonya	Harley	61 Iron Bottom Lane	The preservation of grand trees that block highway noise is paramount to maintaining the well-being of our communities and the environment. These majestic trees serve as a natural barrier,	Sep 5 2023 11:16AM

			mitigating the relentless clamor of busy highways, providing respite to residents and wildlife alike. Removing them would not only expose communities to increased noise pollution but also disrupt the delicate ecosystem they support. These trees offer shade, filter pollutants, and contribute to cleaner air, making them vital for our physical and mental health. Additionally, their extensive root systems act as natural sponges, absorbing excess water and preventing soil erosion, which can be crucial for reducing the risk of flooding and ensuring the safety of our surroundings. Instead of removing them, we should prioritize their conservation, recognizing their invaluable role in enhancing our quality of life, preserving the beauty of our landscapes, and safeguarding against potential natural disasters.	
Marci	Easterling	1604 Bulline st	Please save the trees	Sep 5 2023 11:16AM
Katie	Howard	127 lthecaw Creek Street	Daniel Island is already completely over-developed. One thing that has protected the citizens of DI from the highway is our tree lines on both sides of 526. The trees in question are what protects our community from noise and exposure to the transit of 526. Also, that is a sunken area that floods during rain storms and those trees and roots protect from the water coming onto our roadways. Please, please, please reconsider the development of this area and one of the few wooded areas that remain.	Sep 5 2023 11:17AM
Christine	Ranieri	608 Bermuda Isle ST	I object to the taking down of the trees in this area	Sep 5 2023 11:19AM
Richard	Ranieri	608 Bermuda Isle St	I OBJECT to the taking down of the trees in this area	Sep 5 2023 11:20AM
Angela	Brock	196 Simmons Forge Street	I am in strong opposition to clearing the trees in order to construct any type of building development. The trees are needed to reduce local flooding, noise abatement from the roads, etc.	Sep 5 2023 11:22AM
Deidre	Megargle	119 Beresford Creek Street	As a resident of Daniel Island , living very near this proposed removal, it saddens me that the community would even entertain the idea of removing these trees. Part of the reason we decided to move to this beautiful nook of Charleston was for the park features, the abundance of older trees, and what seemed like the value placed on this area not just becoming another over populated and commercial area. I think I speak for many neighbors that would be saddened to see our beautiful entrance to DI altered and putting money making over the community's choice. Please say no to this removal!!	Sep 5 2023 11:22AM
Robyn	Ekvall	145 Pier View Street, Unit 103, Daniel Island 29492	I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to remove the grand trees that live at the entrance to Daniel Island. This area does not need to be developed. It needs to remain a natural habitat for wildlife, for water absorption, and as a buffer from the highway to the Island. It is integral to both the quality of life and character of the Island. The Variance Criteria noted by the developer are neither "extraordinary and exceptional conditions," nor is it relevant if "these conditions do not generally apply to other property in the vicinity," because these trees serve an important purpose where they are, specifically. The developer has noted "other properties in the vicinity are predominantly developed," which is even further to the point these trees are sorely needed and should not be removed. Contrary to the developer's points,	Sep 5 2023 11:22AM

			<p>the property is still able to be utilized, as it was intended, a natural barrier to sound, water, and more for the entire area. Removing these trees to put a housing development in this space would put further strain on the Island's resources and would damage many aspects of quality of life on the Island. The developer should have done this due diligence before trying to destroy trees integral to the island. Cutting down important natural buffers and altering Island appeal isn't the way to fit new developments in. The city zoning recognizes in the LANDSCAPE DESIGN CRITERIA Design Theme and General Requirements that "Existing trees and vegetation are valid assets...providing a more healthful and beautiful place to live... beneficial to attracting visitors," etc., and that "designs... should reflect this awareness..." Furthermore, "The retention of existing tree cover...is extremely important as the basis for acceptable landscape design." Daniel Island is quickly becoming overdeveloped, with more trees and more green spaces being removed and built upon, or plans to do so, which is removing valid assets, as defined by city zoning itself. To remove these trees and develop in this space would be to destroy Daniel Islands assets, and its natural entrance, which serves as a noise and aesthetic buffer, a water barrier, and a natural habitat integral to the quality of life on the Island. One mature oak tree can absorb 100 gallons + of water per day, important during flooding. The trees significantly reduce air pollution, water pollution, and are a great noise buffer, and they hold immense aesthetic value, particularly given their location in this instance. The developers woolly intention to "replant the required mitigation to the greatest extent possible" is not a guarantee that the public good and character of the district will "not result in detriment" from the trees' removal. It is important to note, the community of Daniel Island strongly feels the authorization of the variance WILL be of substantial detriment to the public good, and the character of the district WILL be harmed if the variance is granted. If the developer finds some of the trees to be of poor quality, there are specialists who can help care for the trees and keep them thriving. I am hopeful the correct course of action to deny the request will be taken so we can continue to enjoy the tranquility, beauty and nature of Daniel Island, which is what draws us here and keeps us here.</p>	
Ann	Moravick	263 Delahow Street	<p>I am opposed to this development for a number of reasons. Removing live oaks should not be permitted in this area. They are environmentally necessary as a visual and noise buffer by the highway and live oaks are a historic and beautiful part of Daniel Island. Also, Daniel Island is becoming overcrowded with more people and cars than the island can handle.</p>	Sep 5 2023 11:26AM
Cathy	Leeke	1726 Providence St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	<p>Is there any possibility this project can be successfully completed without removal of 23 grand oaks? This area has provided a sound barrier and visual barrier from the interstate. I'm concerned about the interstate noise on the island increasing as a result of these large trees being removed.</p>	Sep 5 2023 11:28AM
Linda	Price	130 River Landing Drive #8103	<p>Please do not change this parcel to destroy our buffer from the interstate noise and to destroy our wildlife.</p>	Sep 5 2023 11:29AM

Rachyl	Dezzutti	200 River Landing Drive	I'm strongly opposed to the removal of the grand trees coming onto Daniel Island. These trees serve as a natural sound and visual barrier to 526, not to mention as a home to the wildlife on the Island. The removal of these trees would have a significant negative impact on the quality of life for everyone on the Island.	Sep 5 2023 11:29AM
Torrence	Sullivan	607 S Leavitt Ct	<p>Distinguished Board- As the Daniel Island Neighborhood Association's "DINA" Chairperson of the Development and Land Use Committee, I would like to add structure and additional commentary to some of the sentiment that you may be seeing in the response to this project from our community. Representing the ~15000 residents and voters of Daniel Island, DINA's mandate is to foster communication between Daniel Island and governmental orgs, developers, and other 3rd parties. In my nearly two years in this role, I do not recall another project request a variance so extreme, so visible, so prominent to the community—and thus so detrimental to all. Please reject this variance request. We appreciate your review of this project, as it is apparent that our residents have had a profound reaction. The location is front and center, the most visible "gateway" to the district as residents get onto or off of I-526. The loss of these grand trees at this location is especially troubling, as is the resultant proposed townhome development. To the point of your review, there are four dimensions of variance criteria outlined. Our community seems to be in unanimity about this variance not complying with a single one of them. To recap public comments, sentiment and first hand conversations with residents... 1. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to this particular piece of property; Cranston: The high quantity and blanketed distribution of lower quality grand trees on this site is extraordinary and exceptional condition pertaining to this piece of property. RESPONSE: The conditions around this parcel are not exceptional. As the surrounding parcels have already been developed, this most difficult, irregular to develop parcel, has been saved for the last. Sold as residual property of the developer, directly adjacent to Interstate 526, the highest volume entrance and exit to the entire community, with an irregular shape and awkward entrance, this land has avoided being developed due to the many challenges—especially the grand trees. Now, this project seeks to remove the very trees that have made it impractical to develop for decades. These trees have functioned as a visual and sound attenuation buffer for the community since inception. As such, density and distribution has been a positive to this site. There is nothing extraordinary or irregular that would merit a variance given the location and historical intent of this parcel, which has been as an aesthetic and sound buffer at the very entrance to Daniel Island, blocking I-526 noise and views for several hundred critical yards, shielding the community and contributing to the Interstate's aesthetic margin as well. 2. These conditions do not generally apply to other properties in the vicinity; Cranston: Other properties in the vicinity are predominantly developed, and do not share the same quantity and distribution of lower quality grand trees. RESPONSE: Those adjacent parcels that were more practical to develop already have been. This residual developer parcel was most likely sold last specifically because of the conditions above, the difficulty to develop, as well as the clear negative impact it would have on the district. These very grand tree restrictions are a factor that the applicant would certainly</p>	Sep 5 2023 11:29AM

			<p>have known when they acquired this land. Suggesting, then, the conditions on this parcel as exceptional to the surroundings as justification to grant a variance should be rejected by the Board.</p> <p>3. Because of these conditions the application of the ordinance of the particular piece of property would effectively prohibit or unreasonably restrict the utilization of the property; Cranston: Due to the quantity and distribution of the lower quality grand trees, the application of the grand tree ordinance would reasonably [sic] restrict the utilization of the property to the point where the property would no longer be viable as an [sic] housing development, which is the intention of development. RESPONSE: These conditions on this parcel have been known for decades and are apparent on their face, thus making it impractical to build, leaving this land as residual to the developer. The new owner of this land would have been aware of these restrictions, yet purchased this land and now claims these known restrictions are hampering their intended use—requesting a variance. This logic should be rejected, and the variance should be rejected as well.</p> <p>4. The authorization of the variance will not be substantial detriment to the adjacent property or to the public good and the character of the district will not be harmed by granting of the variance Cranston: Given the development approach to preserve and protect the good quality trees, remove the lower quality ones, and replant the required mitigation on site to the greatest extent possible, the request will not result in a detriment to the adjacent property, the public good or the character of the district. RESPONSE: The removal of these trees, and thus the approval of this project in its current form represent a direct affront to character of the district and a net negative to the public good for all of Daniel Island and its residents. Everyone passing into the district through this gateway will bear witness to a much decreased visual and sound buffer to I-526, diminished aesthetics of the gateway to the district, and the loss of grand trees that this project’s designers would rightfully have known existed and would be protected by this Board. Reject this request. Thank you for reviewing this material and for your work upholding the standards of the Board of Zoning. It's meaningful work. We appreciate the forum to discuss such matters, submit comments, and to speak at your meetings. We look forward to your review and rejection of this variance and will work with Staff to find a solution to this challenge.</p>	
Patricia	Aquino	200 River Landing Dr, unit D310, Daniel Island, SC 29492	How does this sound for the DI thing? Do not approve this variance. Loss of this green space would adversely impact quality of life and the character of Daniel Island, not to mention the growingly sparse areas for wildlife. These trees provide a necessary wildlife habitat and barrier between the highway and our community. The area provides an inviting entrance for visitors for tennis and other special events.	Sep 5 2023 11:30AM
Cristina	Alex	1 Hazelhurst St, Daniel Island	Stop removal of more trees... esp when they are our island's buffer to noise of 526	Sep 5 2023 11:33AM
William	Price	130 River Landing Drive Unit 8103	Please do not remove the natural buffer. That's a big part of what makes the island feel serene and special. Developers come and go but nature last forever. Thank you.	Sep 5 2023 11:35AM

Merrill	Fei	202 Beresford Creek St	The removal of 21 grand trees is a terrible idea and should not be allowed. That area is a buffer zone and entrance to our island, allowing reduction of noise and road soot from the interstate. Visually, it is the welcome to the island and extremely important. I know it is dense population over there, but adding more density WHILE REMOVING ALL BEAUTIFUL trees will be severely impactful to our daily life. I can't even trim my street trees but developers can remove 21? No way should this be allowed.	Sep 5 2023 11:35AM
Mike	Chapman	145 Pier View Street, Unit 103, Daniel Island, 29492	I strongly oppose the proposal to remove the grand trees at the entrance to Daniel Island. These trees need to be preserved as a natural habitat for wildlife, for water absorption to help prevent flooding, and as an aesthetic, sound and pollution buffer from the highway to the Island. It is integral to both the quality of life and character of the Island. City zoning has noted trees as a valuable asset to the area, and as green spaces on the Island dwindle due to development, these trees are even more precious and valuable. It is important to note, the community of Daniel Island strongly feels the authorization of the variance WILL be of substantial detriment to the public good, and, the character of the district WILL be harmed if the variance is granted. No development is worth losing the sanctity and appeal of the Island that draws people here in the first place - especially when more development is neither needed nor wanted - and these trees are incredibly important to maintaining the quality and character of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 11:36AM
Jeff	Terry	137 Sand Shell Drive	Those trees need to remain in place for real aesthetic and sound pollution reasons. This is the gateway to Daniel Island and having a buffer a majestic trees makes more sense than immediately exposing visitors and residents to rows of townhomes. We've clear cut enough of the island already.	Sep 5 2023 11:36AM
Bart	Lawrence	175 Beresford Creek St	The applicants have failed to meet the variance standard of "extraordinary and exceptional conditions". The applicants have submitted pictures of each tree, with many of the photographs being from a distance or at a height at which evidence cannot be sufficiently assessed. Each photo is not tied to the category or grading list. (a request for the full report was not able to be provided in this time frame and should be made available before any decisions are made) Furthermore, the only rationale in the application for "extraordinary and exceptional" is that the "high quantity and blanketed distribution of lower quality grand trees on this site is extraordinary and exceptional pertaining to this piece of property". High quantity and blanketed distribution should not make it extraordinary and exceptional, and many of the trees are not of low quality. Just making a statement that it is so is not sufficient. The "extraordinary and exceptional" standard has NOT been met, and this application should be denied.	Sep 5 2023 11:38AM
Lewis	McPherson	4322 Briarstone Ct, N Charleston 29418	This is going to detract from the charm of Daniel Island. More traffic, more noise and no more visual shield from 526.	Sep 5 2023 11:38AM
Jennifer	Strunk	291 Beresford Creek St, Daniel	I oppose the removal of 23 grand trees from the NE Corner of Fairchild Drive and River Landing Drive. It will be a huge negative for the Daniel Island Community to have these trees removed, and the developer should be required to keep this	Sep 5 2023 11:40AM

		Island, SC 29492	buffer of trees intact in order to maintain the wonderful landscape of the Island.	
Sherri	Kellam	301 Apprentice St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Removing the trees in this location is deplorable. This will ruin the aesthetic of the entrance to the island. We moved here FOR THE trees and vegetation. The beauty of the island is the reason most people move here. I doubt you could find even 3% of residents here that would want the tree removal, and subsequent buildings and parking lots, to move forward. I would imagine over 95% of residents would NOT be in favor of this proposal. It will ruin our city. Let me also add that the way this was thrown onto the agenda right before a 3 day weekend, giving residents nearly no time to respond, is horrendous and calculated. It's seems as though this was done on purpose to push this through because you and the owners know that NO ONE who lives on this island would want this to be approved. It's disgusting (and shady AF). PLEASE DENY THEIR REQUEST - otherwise, you will be destroying the lives of everyone who calls DI home.	Sep 5 2023 11:40AM
Patricia	Boyd	103 Bounty Street, Daniel Island city of Charleston SC	Please to not cut down the Grand Oak Trees to build townhomes... The trees are needed for noise prevention between I-526 & also help to avoid flooding	Sep 5 2023 11:41AM
Rebecca	Bechhold	210 Creek Back St.	Removing this large stand of trees would be highly detrimental both environmentally and aesthetically. There is no need to further desecrate Daniel Island and endanger the area for flooding. We must stop taking down every shred of greenery. I strongly oppose this action.	Sep 5 2023 11:41AM
Colleen	Condon	106, Barnaby St Daniel Is	Disagree in strongest terms possible re: removal of grand trees. Daniel Island becoming an asphalt jungle. Please stop the insanity!	Sep 5 2023 11:44AM
Emilie	Thomson	2704 Brickmill Ln	Please do not allow the removal of the grand trees on Daniel Island. They are important to retain the character of the town. The rules of keeping grand trees was established for a reason - we do not want to allow exceptions any time a developer wants to use the land. An additional townhome community is not enough of a reason to change the rules and give up our town image and appeal.	Sep 5 2023 11:45AM
Nicole	Bernier	Rivershore Road	I would like to ask that the grand trees from The NE corner for Fairfield Drive and River Landing Drive not be removed. These trees offer a natural buffer from the interstate and Daniel Island. With all of the recent development in the Lowcountry, so much of our natural resources, natural barriers and green spaces are being removed. There is no reason to remove this because it offers not only a visual and protective barrier but a sound barrier as well. In addition, it provides a protective space for native birds, small reptiles and insects. I kindly ask that you please consider keeping this space as is so we can limit the amount of green space that is being eliminated in our areas. Thank you	Sep 5 2023 11:45AM
Priya	Patel	1331 Smythe Street	The preservation of grand trees that block highway noise is paramount to maintaining the well-being of our communities and the environment. These majestic trees serve as a natural barrier, mitigating the relentless clamor of busy highways, providing respite to residents and wildlife alike. Removing them would not	Sep 5 2023 11:46AM

			only expose communities to increased noise pollution but also disrupt the delicate ecosystem they support. These trees offer shade, filter pollutants, and contribute to cleaner air, making them vital for our physical and mental health. Additionally, their extensive root systems act as natural sponges, absorbing excess water and preventing soil erosion, which can be crucial for reducing the risk of flooding and ensuring the safety of our surroundings. Instead of removing them, we should prioritize their conservation, recognizing their invaluable role in enhancing our quality of life, preserving the beauty of our landscapes, and safeguarding against potential natural disasters.	
Karen	Nellius	285 Beresford Creek Street	I know it's a waste of time to make a comment, as developers seemingly always win these battles. As a resident of the south side of the island, these trees provide a significant buffer from the roaring of traffic on 526. It is already loud. Removing the trees would make it much worse. Never seen an impact study for this. Was there one? Was it available? Will the over development stop?????	Sep 5 2023 11:49AM
Zach	Earls	2226 Daniel Island Drive	Please do NOT cut these trees down for more Condos. Homeowners love Daniel Island for many reasons, and the influx of all these condos will create negative downstream affects.	Sep 5 2023 11:49AM
Paula	Dezzutti	4254 faber place drive Charleston SC United States	As a multi property owner on Daniel Island, who lived on the island for over a decade and whose family now resides on Daniel Island, I strongly oppose the removal of the grand trees being proposed for the sake of development, or any other reason, as these trees are integral to the public good as well as to character of the area; and, to remove them would cause both detriment and harm. These trees serve as an important habitat for wildlife, as well as providing a natural aesthetic, visual, sound and pollution barrier to the highway. Furthermore, they help protect against flooding as they absorb water. Many owners have already suffered damages due to flooding this summer, and to remove trees in this area would put residents at greater risk. Additionally, with the increased development in the area, green spaces are quickly on the decline, despite being such prominent assets for DI. We should do everything in our power to mitigate further detriment to the area, and to preserve the quality and character that draws visitors and property owners such as myself to the area. For more green space and such valuable assets to be removed from Daniel Island is a terrible decision that would drastically decrease the appeal, quality and character of the area. Please stop this from happening.	Sep 5 2023 11:50AM
Julie	Morris	115 Beresford Creek St.	Please do not allow the removal of any additional trees on Fairchild street. This will be detrimental to the way of life for many families in the Codners Ferry area of Daniel island, from increased noise coming from 526, to the wildlife that calls this area home that will be displaced and the loss all of the environmental benefits these trees provide. As a resident of 7 plus years- we do not want new development progress at such a great cost. We also don't appreciate how this was added at the last minute to the agenda to attempt to not get the communities attention and reaction. Please do not take away anymore of the magic Daniel island has in the name of making more money for developers.	Sep 5 2023 11:51AM
Stephen	Savas	134 Brailsford St	The Low Country area surrounding Charleston is currently facing a severe threat to its natural beauty as a result of unregulated expansion and development. It is of utmost importance to	Sep 5 2023 11:53AM

			prioritize the use of already cleared or redevelopable lands instead of continuing to develop new areas without regard for sustainability. This situation serves as a prime example of the need to halt such uncontrolled expansion and prioritize long-term sustainability over short-term financial gain.	
Valerie	Keffer	1756 Providenc e street, Daniel Island, SC	Please do not cut down the trees	Sep 5 2023 11:54AM
Thomas	Santangelo	174 Brailsford Street	I recently heard this project was being considered for Daniel Island. My understanding is that the current proposal includes a request to clear the land of mature trees currently providing coverage between DI and 526. Not only am I against this project's request based on the screening these trees provide from the highway, but I am completely against any further multi-unit development on the island.	Sep 5 2023 11:56AM
Joe	Gaston	246 Beresford Creek Street	We need to stop cutting down any additional trees on Daniel Island for new development projects. Part of the charm of DI has been all of the green space and the fact that it is a neighborhood hidden in the existing landscape. Cutting down these trees along the highway I'll increase noise on the island, increase the heat from lack of shade (urban heat island effect) and reduce the aesthetics of the island with more concrete structures.	Sep 5 2023 11:56AM
Ryah	Dezzutti	4571 Great Oak Drive, N Charleston 29418	I grew up on Daniel Island, and one of the most valuable aspects of my childhood was being able to enjoy the nature and aesthetic the Island had to offer. It saddens me to see so much green space and so many trees being removed for the sake of over development. The area is hardly recognizable to me the more development takes place. Though some projects have enriched the area for the better, to remove these trees would certainly be to the detriment of the area and the public good, severely reduced the quality of life for those who live in, have family in, work in, and visit the beautiful area. Please keep these valuable assets in tact and preserve the natural beauty of DI that brings many families great joy.	Sep 5 2023 11:56AM
Nicole	Melton	184 Cartright St	To cut down trees to build even more townhouses would be such a disservice to our community. Though trees provide a sound barrier to a very loud and busy 526. Additionally creating shelter for many wildlife that makes Daniel Island so special. Esthetically is a bunch a town home what you want to see upon entering our community. Enough is enough!	Sep 5 2023 11:58AM
Nicole	Laaper	1132 Blakeway St	The preservation of grand trees that block highway noise is critical to maintaining the well-being of our community and the environment. These trees serve as a natural barrier, mitigating the relentless clamor of busy highways, providing respite to residents and wildlife. Removing the trees would not only expose communities to increased noise pollution but also disrupt the delicate ecosystem they support. These trees offer shade, filter pollutants, and contribute to cleaner air, making them vital for our physical and mental health. Additionally, their extensive root systems act as natural sponges, absorbing excess water and preventing soil erosion, which can be crucial for reducing the risk of flooding and ensuring the safety of our surroundings. Instead of removing them, we should prioritize their conservation, recognizing their invaluable role in enhancing our quality of life, preserving	Sep 5 2023 11:59AM

			the beauty of our landscapes, and safeguarding against potential natural disasters.	
Kay	Durst, MD	Daniel island, SC	This area needs to be kept for the grand trees and to help with the buffer for noise and air pollution to the area. Studies have shown that every tree helps with pollution in the air that affects our health and helps with flooding of coastal towns. Many studies have shown how contributing to air pollutants by removing trees adds to cancer and other health issues. There is law against removing grand trees for a reason. The area is also too close to the highway for two houses to be built. There will be noise pollution which also can affect the health of those living there. Consider why Guggenheim loved this place. It is the nature. Please don't destroy another area of our community to the detriment of our health in more ways than one. We also have bald Eagles that live in this area and many other animals and trees that foster good oxygen rich environment for our beauty and our health.	Sep 5 2023 12:00AM
James	Furnivall	149 BRAILSFO RD ST	We have lost a lot of trees on Daniel Island. If we lose more the quality of life deteriorates significantly.	Sep 5 2023 12:03PM
Mary	Blum	1613 Juliana Street	The trees at Fairchild & River Landing should not be removed from daniel Island to accommodate more living space. By doing so, you detrimentally impact the lifestyle of this island. The trees serve as both a visual & sound barrier between the interstate and the island. This area should never be developed. The present noise from the highway is bad enough, why would you make it worse by cutting trees down and harming the natural wildlife ecosystem even further???. These trees should not be cut down. Protect the beauty and lifestyle of Daniel Island.	Sep 5 2023 12:05AM
Melanie	Ohara	1103 Barfield St.	NO MORE TREES TO BE CUT DOWN IN ORDER TO BUILD CONDOS. WE OBJECT. WE VOTE NO!	Sep 5 2023 12:06PM
Glenn	Raus	1079 Barfield Street	Do NOT allow the destruction and of the 23 grand trees for building of an unnecessary townhome community!	Sep 5 2023 12:09PM
Allyrae	Conley	515 Robert Daniel Dr	Removing these trees will decrease the quality of life on Daniel Island as it will increase sound from 526, decrease the aesthetics of the island, and create way more traffic by the on/off ramp to 526. There is no reason to remove these trees.	Sep 5 2023 12:10AM
Elizabeth	Perkis	7013 Schooner St, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I cannot speak strongly enough against losing these grand trees that buffer Daniel Island from 526 and other traffic. I especially resent the timing of this request as it feels quite underhanded against the holiday weekend. KEEP THE TREES.	Sep 5 2023 12:11AM
Megan	Horan	631 River Landing Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Save the Oaks!! The #1 reason we bought a new home on Daniel Island is for the beautiful Grand Live Oak Trees that scream "Lowcountry" and "history" and "heritage". We can't get this anywhere else in the USA! Please Save the Oaks!!	Sep 5 2023 12:11PM
Tristan	Hoag	631 River Landing Drive, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Please save the Grand Live Oaks and the tree barrier. This green space is necessary for the animals that live on Daniel Island! Also it is noise pollution protection from 526 and keeps the highway green and lush. Please reconsider the development area and keep the green space as a backdrop for the new construction. Incorporate it into the design. We don't want Daniel Island to	Sep 5 2023 12:14PM

			look like Phoenix, bare and blacktop everywhere. This is the Lowcountry, let's keep it looking that way!! Thank you!	
Amanda	Byrnside	1635 Pierce Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	No to any tree removal in the area. That is a noise buffer for the island.	Sep 5 2023 12:15AM
Morgan	Wilson	100 Bucksley Lane, Daniel Island, SC 29492	I would like to see the request for tree removals denied. Removing these trees will push out the animals that live there, potentially resulting in more wrecks, and possible injury to humans, on the nearby highway. Removing the trees will also remove the sound and sight barrier that they currently provide.	Sep 5 2023 12:21AM
Carla	Danielson	29 Woodford Street, Daniel Island, SC 29492	Please deny this request to remove these trees. Removal of these trees will have a significant negative affect on the quality of life for Daniel Island citizens. These trees serve as a significant buffer for loud noise from the highway. Further, the current aesthetic serves as a great contributor to the quality of life for people living on Daniel Island. Removal of these trees would also negatively impact the natural habitat this area serves for animals, and impacts water absorption on the Island.	Sep 5 2023 12:39AM
Elisabeth Gray	McKeachie	70 Woodford St 29492	The proposed removal of 23 grand oaks in this location is antithetical to the positive and productive locale of Daniel Island. If approved, a mass removal like this would substantially reduce the natural noise-pollution barrier coming from I526, and would only set the precedent for more of the same. Asphalt and run-off damage will be increased; habitat for birds and animals will be destroyed. We crave and need the awe and splendor of the canopies of the live oaks, they represent a conservation and preservation imperative. This will promote Daniel Island's reputation as an ineffective and hypocritical community where land conservation and preservation are disposable concerns, depending upon which way the wind blows. Let us find a less destructive way to incorporate needed housing.	Sep 5 2023 12:41PM