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My thoughts and comments regarding the proposed regulations of clear cutting trees:

1. Replacement Trees at 2". 2" is not a standard used by any industry guidelines. It should be 1 1/2"/2" or 2"/2 1/2" caliper at 6" above ground level. 2"/2 1/2" would be a more appropriate size for replacements.
2. What are the penalties for unauthorized cutting and who will inspect the sites and enforce the regulation?
3. A large shade tree's loss both increases the soil temperature and causes erosion and run-off leading to alteration of ground conditions at the tree site and neighboring properties.
4. Arborists engaged to report on a tree's condition should be licensed and provide their Connecticut Arborist License number.
5. Leaving a single tree increases the likelihood of storm damage, whereas as grove or cluster dissipates the wind force.
6. Loss of trees decreases habitats for animals, insects, birds, and pollination.
7. Total clearing reduces privacy for adjoining properties.

Thank you for your time and attention. I think that this is a worthwhile regulation to pursue.

Best Regards,  
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