

Vanessa Boukili

From: Amy
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To: Vanessa Boukili
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Hi Dr. Boukili,

I am writing to express interest in serving on the Somerville Urban Forestry Committee. I am a Professor of Biology at Lesley University, with a background in community ecology and urban ecology. I am interested in bringing an ecosystem-level perspective to the community, to consider how urban forest management effects the urban ecology of Somerville and our neighboring ecosystems, both urban and natural. I am also particularly passionate about urban trees for the numerable health benefits they provide, the scientific documentation of which grows every day. As I have written to the Alderman in the past I think our trees should be treated as a public health resource and managed as such. I would also bring experience in teaching/public outreach and the management of citizen science projects, which could be applied to engaging more people in protecting, promoting and caring for city trees and green spaces.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you need any more information!
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