

December 6, 2002

Mr. Richard Carlisle  
VP Development Director  
First Interstate Properties, L.T.D.

Dear Mr. Carlisle:

I am very pleased to provide a letter of reference for the Forest City Tree Protection Co., specifically in support of their qualifications to perform the tree preservation work at the Legacy Village Project.

One of Acacia on the Green's greatest assets is its landscaping and we have entrusted its care to Forest City Tree for over a decade. We asked Forest City Tree to come out for a consultation in the fall of 1990. Since that time, Forest City Tree's services have included pruning, cabling, removal, fertilization, root therapy, diagnosis, insect and disease management, and consultation.

Forest City Tree has always demonstrated a high degree of expertise, professionalism, and responsiveness. The quality of their work has always been exceptional.

Acacia on the Green Condominiums, like Legacy Village, is located in a prominent site along Cedar Road. Therefore, I understand the importance of maintaining trees and landscapes on such a highly visible, highly trafficked corridor. In addition, our trees and landscaped areas have great curb appeal when selling a unit and provide a beautiful residential setting for our community.

Also, since we are a condominium association, most of our tree care decisions are approved by our Board of Managers. Lauren Lanphear and other representatives from Forest City Tree have demonstrated their ability to work with and meet the needs of these Lyndhurst community members.

As a neighbor, I share your concerns regarding the trees within the Legacy Village Project. I have confidence Forest City Tree has the capabilities to maintain, protect, and preserve these trees and that they will be in good hands if placed in the care of Forest City Tree.

Sincerely,

JoySaelzler  
Property Manager