



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

July 31, 2014

Mr. Mike Kelly  
Clean Cut Tree Service  
31064 N. Route 83  
Grayslake, Illinois 60030-9769

Dear Mike,

I wanted to take a moment to let you know how thoroughly pleased the Chicago Botanic Garden was with your company's execution this past winter of a major ash tree removal project in one of the Garden's sensitive natural areas.

Located within one of the Garden's natural treasures—McDonald Woods—the ash removal project involved removal of over 500 trees greater than 8 inches DBH. From our initial consultations to in-the-field execution, you and your team exhibited remarkable and commendable sensitivity to the nuances of operating within delicate natural habitats—as well as within an institution such as the Garden where attention to detail and preservation of a quality visitor experience are paramount. Your on-site supervisor, TJ Farella, was a pleasure to work with. We especially appreciated his team's proactive approach to the job and calling our attention to items that perhaps had been overlooked or not foreseen by us in the project's development.

Your previous work at the Garden removing and trimming trees has been top notch as well, and we look forward to the opportunity to working with you again soon. Please feel free to share this expression of high regard with your prospective clients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Kirschner".

Robert J. Kirschner  
Director of Restoration Ecology