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I am writing to protest the plan to change Whittemore Park into an event space at the expense of losing mature trees in the center of town. With cities nationwide finally understanding the role trees play in combating and mitigating climate change, how can Arlington justify doing this? How many years will it take before mere saplings planted to replace some of these trees attain the same size and capability these mature trees represent? With the extreme heat of this summer coupled with lack of rain these past few weeks, to remove these trees is folly.

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