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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Urban trees need lots of care to live

I live on Massachusetts Avenue in the area known as Embassy Row.

I was out walking along the avenue on a recent weekend, both Saturday and Sunday, when I came upon my neighbor, Deborah Cortesi, heading up a team of stalwart Restore Mass Ave workers.

Both volunteers and paid

professional arborists were part of the group.

What a wonderful job they were doing, looking after some of the younger trees that still need nurturing: aerating the soil and expanding the open area around the bases, so the rain can better reach their roots; and applying mulch all around, in order to retain moisture, discourage weeds and help replenish the soil as it decomposes.

It was hot work, I can assure you!

We should all remember that our trees need help in order to survive in the demanding condi-

tions of the city.

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