

Scroggin T2 Appeal

William & Amanda Scroggin | 275 Truehedge Trace, Roswell, GA 30076

We are asking the Board to waive the \$900 fine for tree removal at our property. These three Leyland cypress trees had caused more than **\$58,000 in documented property damage** and continued to pose a serious hazard. We obtained ARC conditional approval before any work began, hired an ISA Certified Arborist, and complied with every condition of that approval. We followed every rule. We are still being fined.

DOCUMENTED PROPERTY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THESE TREES

\$56,932

INSURANCE PAYMENTS

Auto-Owners Claim #300-0442175-2024 Date of Loss: 07/15/2024

\$1,201

ROOF REPAIR

Dr. Roof Atlanta Invoice #161663 Completed 06/25/2025

\$58,133

TOTAL DOCUMENTED LOSSES

Verified by insurance carrier and licensed contractor

THESE TREES WERE PHYSICALLY AGAINST OUR HOME



Leyland cypress trunks packed inches from the house and deck structure.



Large trunk resting directly against the roof corner and chimney.

KEY FACTS AT A GLANCE

- We had ARC conditional approval (April 3, 2026) before any work began.
- We hired Bob Coombs, ISA Certified Arborist (Cert. No. GO-379660A, valid through June 2029), who assessed and confirmed the hazard.
- We removed only the three approved trees. We left all other trees, including ones we originally wanted removed, because they were outside the approved scope.
- We communicated proactively at every step via TownSq and email. Most of our questions were never answered.
- We asked about planting replacement trees. We received no guidance or engagement.

COMMUNICATION TIMELINE: WE REACHED OUT. WE WERE LEFT WITHOUT ANSWERS.

Feb 2026	Submitted ARC application citing hazardous trees causing active damage to our property.
Apr 3, 2026	Received ARC conditional approval. Accepted all conditions without exception.
Apr 2026	Hired Bob Coombs, ISA Certified Arborist, who confirmed the hazard. Removed only the three approved trees. Left all others, including ones we originally wanted removed, in place.
May 15, 2026	Received a \$1,800 fine notice (\$600 x 3 trees) for the removal we had approval for. No prior warning was given.
May-Jun 2026	Asked via TownSq and email: why is a fence condition tied to hazardous tree removal approval? This was never explained. These questions remain unanswered.
Jun 18, 2026	T1 hearing. Fine reduced to \$900. No explanation provided for the reduction criteria or the connection between a fence and tree removal.
Jun-Jul 2026	Multiple follow-up emails and TownSq posts requesting records, rationale, and replanting guidance. Most went unanswered. Formal records request denied July 8.
Jul 17, 2026	Submitted T2 request. Received partial answers to 7 questions. Core questions about the process and fence condition remain unanswered to this day.

WE WANTED TO REPLANT

We asked about planting replacement trees at 275 Truehedge Trace. We received no response. We are still willing to replant if the Board can provide direction. We are not trying to sidestep responsibility. We are trying to protect our home and work cooperatively with our community.

A NOTE ON FINE CONSISTENCY

270 Truehedge Trace removed trees with no ARC approval and received a \$300 total fine. We obtained approval, hired a certified arborist, and followed every condition, and were originally fined \$1,800 (\$600 per tree), reduced to \$900 at T1. We raise this not to argue that case, but to note that the fine structure as applied here is inconsistent and was never explained.

OUR REQUEST TO THE BOARD**Waive the \$900 fine in its entirety.**

We suffered more than \$58,000 in documented property damage from these trees. We obtained ARC approval before the removal. We hired an ISA Certified Arborist who confirmed the hazard. We complied with every condition, including leaving trees we originally wanted removed. We communicated at every step and were left without answers when we needed them most. We were only trying to protect our home.