

## **Queens Civic Congress Joins Fight to Protect Our Trees**

“Queens Civic Congress thanks its former vice president, Councilman John Liu for heeding Community Board 7's call for legislation to protect trees on private and public property, “stated Corey Bearak, President of the coalition of 110 civic, condo, co-op, community, merchant and tenant organizations. “This hearing on the Councilman's proposal should result in the City Council passing the needed local law to protect our trees.”

I made those remarks at the City Council Parks Committee hearing on the legislation, Thursday, June 21, 2009. Council Member Helen Foster chaired the meeting. In addition to Council Member Liu, Queens Council Members Helen Sears and Elizabeth Crowley sat in on the hearing. As soon as we get the electronic copies, this post will include testimony by Queens Civic Congress Subcommittee for Tree and Landscape Protection Chair Carsten Glaeser, Community Board 7Q Chair Gene Kelty, Kissena Corridor Park Conservancy President Roland “Chuck” Wade, Kissena Park Civic Association President Dorothy McDermott (also with Friends of Kissena Park), Sheelah Feinberg of New Yorkers for Parks and Bette Midler's The New York Restoration Project.