City of Shady Cove,

    The pedestrian walkway provides access to the island for myself and family. Having it removed would make it impossible to access our property. We chose to move to this quaint town and enjoy what it has to offer. Not being able to fish, play and relax on our island would be devastating. On that note, maintenance on the island is also a factor as we want to be able to see and hear the  river from our house and yard. We would of course follow the necessary steps to include proper trimming and use of tools for fire prevention. We understand the importance of fire protection and if allowed to grow unchecked it becomes a very real hazard.

    Coming to a small town and enjoying our place in this community was a forever dream. Not one of us thought we'd have to fight to enjoy our island. We would want to be granted a class C variance on the issue of vegetation maintenance and also allow the pedestrian walkway as we are physically challenged to get across any other way.

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