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Hello,

I am Dr. Ebenezer Aka with Morehouse College here in Atlanta. Morehouse College's Urban Studies Program, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, is working with communities in Atlanta to try and get a better understanding of people's interest in and connection to trees in the city. To understand better how residents in various parts of the city feel about trees in Atlanta, a survey of selected neighborhoods will be conducted during September and October of 2014. This will be a door-to-door survey.

Several weeks ago, a letter was sent to your address requesting an interview with the adult resident in your home 18 years old or older who most recently had a birthday. A surveyor from Morehouse College visited your home recently and was unable to speak with this person. We kindly request the opportunity to interview this person, as your household was carefully selected to be a part of this research.

As with the first canvassing, Monday through Friday, the surveyor will visit your neighborhood in the afternoon and early evening hours, between 3pm and 7:30pm. On the weekends, the surveyor will canvas the neighborhood 12 noon until 6pm.

Again, your participation is voluntary, and you may discontinue the survey at any time. All responses will be kept anonymous and confidential.

I appreciate your time. If you would like to call and schedule a time for the interview, please feel free to contact me at 404.681.2800 or eaka@morehouse.edu; or you may contact Cassandra Johnson Gaither at 706.559.4270 (cjohnson09@fs.fed.us). Thank you.

Ebenezer Aka, PhD

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