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TIDYING UP Stu LaCrosse throws an old tire out of the brush in front of the Kennedy Middle School during Saturday's Earth Day clean up.

Officials say builders violated agreement

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Pulte Vice President Reid Blute said Thursday. He said the trees were likely removed to make room for road widening called for in the plans. The road widening will make room for an additional lane for traffic moving in and out of the development.

Ward 4 Councilor Thomas J. Curtin said he plans to ask the developer to replant mature trees there.

"We were told it was going to

be a wilderness look," Curtin said of a large drainage retention basin that runs downhill from the part of the development closest to Trapelo Road. The basin is now bare of vegetation. "The idea was to provide a rustic barrier between that development and the local neighborhood."

The City Council in 2002 drafted a zone change and special permit required by the project and later approved it. The per-

mits included several restrictions on construction.

A draft document filed with the City Clerk's office prohibits "cutting or destroying of trees, shrubs or other natural vegetation" in a restricted land area that includes land along the border with Trapelo Road. But the prohibition has exceptions, which include construction of drainage structures and the road widening project.

Blute said it would have been

impossible to keep the trees and still widen the road. "An area like that, clearly you can't have trees," he said.

The tree removal is covered by the exception for road widening, he said. "Whatever's on the plan is what we will do," he said.

But Curtin disagreed. "That site is clearly in violation," he said.

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Police planning compliance stings

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knowingly serve them. "Nowadays, the underage drinking is rampant," Champeon said. "It's unbelievable."

He said liquor stings may occur at least once a month.

He said detectives will randomly spot check the IDs of anyone who is drinking in a bar or restaurant who does not look at least 21. The detectives will carry magnifying glasses that will allow them to be sure a license is real or fake.

Champeon said there are several things police officers look at to know whether an ID is legit, including a tiny row of the word "registry"

strung together just under the blue top of a Massachusetts license or ID.

He said the words are microscopic and one of the words is intentionally spelled wrong. Champeon said it is near impossible to fake the security measure.

Detectives will also send underage drinkers - criminal justice majors from local colleges - into bars with their own ID to see if they are served.

"We do our best to use students who don't look like they are 35," Champeon said. "We don't supply fake IDs."

He said students are photographed and given a Breathalyzer test before they

leave the station armed only with their own ID and money supplied by police.

He said the underage Massachusetts ID is "significantly different" than a regular ID, so a bartender or waitress wouldn't even have to do the math to figure out the person's age.

If the student is served, he or she immediately summons a waiting officer to the table or bar. Then, the employee and the manager of the establishment are brought before the city's Liquor Commission.

Underage drinkers and those attempting to illegally obtain alcohol face possible arrest and court action. Lt. Joe Brooks said

He said the first violation is a one- to three-day license suspension. The second offense is a three- to six-day loss of license, the third a six- to 12-day suspension and the fourth means the possible permanent loss of license.

Brooks said if the second offense occurs more than two years after the first offense, the suspension is only one to three days.

"Our intent is just simply to have them in compliance by having them be vigilant about checking IDs," Champeon said.

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