

March 27, 2006

Dear Mr. Stanley,

As a Wyckoff resident for the past 23 years, I am writing to express my deep concern about the housing development proposed for upper part of Deep Voll Ravine. As I child, I remember playing on the ravine property, as well as riding my bike along it during rides home from Coolidge School. When friends visit from out of town, I often take them down Ravine Avenue to show them the beauty of my town that is far different than neighboring communities, small parts of which have somehow survived the massive development in our area.

The variances requested for this development should be denied.

In a few short years, there will be no space left to save and Wyckoff will loose the very charm that brought many of our families here in the first place.

Why is Wyckoff so far behind neighboring towns such as Franklin Lakes and Oakland in using county and state funding to purchase of open space? There is a great need for leadership from the Township Committee and the Planning Board on this issue. There are many residents that are willing to help, and I am sure that with open dialogue we can come to a solution that will benefit all Wyckoff citizens and not just a select few.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joe Ciarallo  
Wyckoff