

Dear Mayor Fiorenzo:

My family have been residents of Wyckoff for 42 years, and I am writing to express my concern about the future of the Depe Voll Ravine.

The year is 1964 and I am twelve years old. My girlfriends and I have parked our bicycles at the top of the ravine in Wyckoff, and for the past couple of hours we have immersed ourselves in the cool beauty of the ravine as we explore it's treasures. We do this alot in 1964. Even then, as a child I knew that I was in a place of profound wonder and grace.

New York State has Niagara Falls, Arizona has the Grand Canyon, and Wyckoff, New Jersey has the Depe Voll Ravine. It is no less powerful and worthy than these other places of nature at it's most beautiful.

What has become of us as human beings that we have lost touch with what really matters in this world? Where is our essence? Are we so superficial that what we put into our pockets will eclipse what we put into our hearts?

Please consider on a deeper level what life is truly about. Save the ravine and save ourselves.

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