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Mr. Brian Scanlan  
Chair, Friends of Wyckoff  
P.O. Box 302  
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Re: Deep Voll Ravine

Dear Mr. Scanlan:

We are writing to express our strong support for the efforts of the Friends of Wyckoff and the Save the Ravine Alliance to preserve the Deep Voll Ravine as open space.

Deep Voll Ravine with its special ecological and geological values is a unique natural resource in northern New Jersey. The topography of the ravine gives rise to rapids, small waterfalls, wetlands, and a distinctive ecosystem for plants and animals. The woodlands provide essential habitat for wildlife, and loss or disturbance of this habitat will be detrimental to the species that breed or visit in this area. In addition, cutting down the site's 500 mature trees would only increase erosion and exacerbate area flooding.

The ravine and its woods also provide open space that is treasured by walkers, joggers and wildlife watchers from near and far.

Given the environmental and open space significance of the ravine and woodlands, we believe that creating a nature sanctuary and environmental education center at Deep Voll Ravine is now the best way to protect this exceptional expanse of the natural landscape.

We wish you success in your efforts and hope that Deep Voll Ravine is preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Betsy Kohn, Co-Chair

The Sierra Club is the country's oldest and largest volunteer environmental advocacy organization, with over 23,000 members in New Jersey.