

March 25, 2006

Mr. Gordon Stanley  
Chairman, Wyckoff Planning Board  
Memorial Town Hall  
340 Franklin Avenue  
Wyckoff, New Jersey 07481

Dear Mr. Stanley:

My parents built their house in Wyckoff in 1947, not far from the "Depe Voll" Ravine and lived there for 53 years. I was raised in Wyckoff and have memories of picking up milk at the many dairy farms, watching horses run in the field behind our house, and bicycling on the side streets and in the wooded areas, especially by the ravine. My mother was very active in Girl Scouts and I learned early in life that nature and our environment should not be taken for granted but should be protected for generations to enjoy.

Although I have been a resident of Massachusetts for 25 years, I have visited my parents and Wyckoff often, and have seen the changes over the years. Most of the farms and horses are gone, and new large houses stand where wooded areas once graced the town. Fortunately, the charm of the town remains and it's easy for me to remember why I always liked Wyckoff.

My father is now in a nursing facility, and my mother recently passed away. Not wanting to rent or sell our house in Wyckoff, I've decided to move back. A few weeks ago I was saddened to see the "Save The Ravine" signs. When I learned of the proposed plans to build houses I was outraged. The "Depe Voll" ravine is so much a part of the history of Wyckoff, is unique to the town, and is also (I thought) protected wetlands. Please do *not* grant the variances required for this project.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Vreeland