

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Study issue before making decision on White's Woods

White's Woods is in the news again, with the White Township supervisors awaiting a proposal concerning the timbering of the woods to better "manage" the property.

Approximately 12 years ago, a similar suggestion was advanced. Numerous questions were raised challenging the advisability of such action from environmental, personal and legal perspectives. You may recall that at that time, township residents and users of the facility voiced significant opposition to the managed removal of trees from those woods and that experts refuted the advisability of the action.

Nothing has been shared that resolves the concerns voiced in 1995, so why is this issue being considered again? Experts again need to educate us all on the effects that logging, timbering or managed

deforestation will have on the health of the woods and on the value of the property as a nature conservancy and recreational area.

No action should be taken to remove timber from White's Woods until we are reasonably convinced that it is in the best interest of the forest and its users.

Until that happens, all friends of White's Woods need to express their opinion on whether the woods are most enjoyable as they are or as they would be if 223 of the 245 acres were partially deforested.

Please contact the White Township supervisors to ask that they study this issue extensively before any decision is made. A bad decision made hastily could destroy these wonderful woods for the remainder of all our lives.

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