

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Park is worth more than timber

I went for a walk in White's Woods the other day, as I have countless times over the years. *Red-bellied woodpecker*.

It is always a pleasure to get away from the daily hubbub and enjoy an hour of quietude. *White-breasted nuthatch*.

I am always awed by the majesty of the mature trees. I meet many people on these well-worn trails and am satisfied that many others also enjoy this simple relaxation. White's Woods Nature Center, as the sign at the entrance tells us, is a gift to the community from the people of White Township. *Wood thrush*.

Once again this park is under attack from those who apparently do not share our appreciation of this natural area. *Gray squirrel*.

They talk about making room for new growth and eliminating dead and dying trees. *Pileated woodpecker*.

I suppose as a gesture of kindness, their plan

leaves 22 acres untouched by the saw. *Northern junco*.

My usual experience with these plans is that there are no timberable trees in that 22-acre piece of land, or it is along a road so the destruction is not quite so visible to the passers-by. *Red-tailed hawk*.

I hope that the people of the community can show this current crop of meddlers that White's Woods Nature Park is there for recreation and not commercialization. *Northern cardinal*.

That its benefit to the community lies in its ambiance, not in its timber. Certainly the value of this park as a watershed buffer has a greater economic benefit than the timber income. The next meeting of the White Township supervisors is scheduled for Wednesday. *Yellow-bellied sapsucker*.

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