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Dear Mayor Fiorenzo and the Township Committee

There is something very refreshing when you drive by a landscape that is natural and unobstructed. Entering a town with a somewhat natural gateway can calm the mind--and make us feel we're coming into a better place. Mary, raised in Hackensack, said in 1968 when we found our first home, "Wyckoff! That's out in the country!" How appealing that thought was!

Of course those days can not be retrieved. But we can ask if there is something we can do to retain some of that "country" feeling instead of opting for border-to-border housing. "The Ravine" could be labeled unneeded as open space. But what does that say about our values? Just because a place has limited access and can't be viewed from the sidewalk due to a chain link fence, is it just an overgrown storm drain?

We ask the Mayor and Committee members to put a reasonable question to Wyckoff's citizens and get a sense of their sentiments. This is so important. Is the public willing to make a small sacrifice in tax dollars to make a large difference in the quality of our lives --***now and forever?***

Please don't make that decision without giving us a chance to make our feelings known.

Mary and Tom Bugel

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