

To: Editor, Villadom Times  
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Mary and I have lived in Wyckoff for 38 years and are probably here “for the duration”. The grass roots support for preservation of open space reminds us of the civic movement we were part of when Spring Lake and environs were threatened with development. We, the people, **spoke**. And only one person on the Township Committee was willing to openly side with us. Eventually an agreement was reached, thanks to public opinion -and the YMCA’s needs. Thousands of people have enjoyed the lake and recreational opportunities on land previously doomed to wall to wall housing. The pressure for “rateables’ continues today.

There are still opportunities for land acquisition within the town’s borders for passive and active enjoyment. We should all vote in favor of the open space tax on Nov. 7. It is a small price to pay (\$39 per year on the average assessment) and will enable us to attract matching government grants. It may be our last chance to do something for future generations of Wyckoff residents.

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