

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

As a senior citizen and a member of the Wyckoff Home Owners Alliance (WHOA), I am writing to express my strong support for the creation of the open space trust fund in Wyckoff. Indeed, I will be voting yes on November 7 for the average \$39 tax per year. I think this is a small amount to pay to preserve some of the remaining open space in our town. In towns like Allendale, Ridgewood, and Oakland, which have municipal open space taxes, they have used their open space trust funds to get much, much more in county and state funds. It makes economic sense for this reason, as well as the fact that slowing residential development will help stabilize school taxes, which have gone up in recent years.

I am very concerned about quality of life in our town. Open space conservation improves quality of life, and the addition of more places to walk and enjoy the outdoors such as Russell Farms, Maple Lake or the ravine would add to our town's property values. We should approve the open space trust fund in Wyckoff on election day.

Sincerely,

George Pitts
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