

Residents of Whites Woods and Whites Woods Estates: Proposed Timbering of White's Woods Nature Preserve

The White Township Supervisors are planning to selectively timber White's Woods Nature Preserve as a "forest management strategy", ostensibly intended to "improve the health of the woods". As a resident of this area, **you should be concerned** for the following reasons:

- Our concerns about water run off, erosion, and increase in the deer population, expressed in 1995, have not been addressed;
- The proponents' implication that selective timbering will reduce the risk of fire is incorrect; in fact, thinning the woods could reduce moisture, causing an increase in fire risk;
- In 1995, the supervisors surveyed township residents, at considerable expense to tax payers, with the majority opposed to timbering by a ratio of two to one. An online survey recently conducted by the Indiana Gazette has even stronger results – 69% opposed to timbering. They are ignoring **TWO** mandates from their constituents;
- Any profit-making use of land purchased using Project 70 funds may violate the regulations governing those funds.

What we need to do:

- Hold our elected officials accountable for their decisions
- Educate the tax payers about the probable consequences of selective timbering
- Hire legal counsel to investigate the legalities of the timbering plan.

What you can do:

- Be informed – go to the Friends of White's Woods website: www.friendsofwhiteswoods.org
- Call the township office to express concern and demand answers to your questions
- Write letters to the editor of the Indiana Gazette drawing attention to your concerns
- **ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING AT S&T BANK ARENA (East Pike Ice Rink) 8 PM MONDAY, JUNE 11.**
- Participate in the White's Woods hike Saturday, June 9, 1:30 PM, meet at 12th St entrance
- Contribute to the Friends of Whites Woods fund: **Checks payable to Friends of White's Woods** may be sent to Neil Asting, treasurer, at 420 Edgewood Avenue, Indiana
- Volunteer to become an active committee member of Friends of White's Woods (get petition signatures, distribute flyers and posters, make calls) by contacting one of the group leaders:
Andy Davis 724 463-1948
Susan Dahlheimer 724 349-1478

**THE TIMBERING OF WHITES WOODS POSES A SERIOUS
THREAT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. EVERY CONCERNED
RESIDENT NEEDS TO ACTIVELY BLOCK THIS PLAN!**