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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Woods a priceless treasure

A few years ago there was a commercial or public service segment on TV showing a Native American astride a horse high on a bluff overlooking a valley:

As the camera zoomed in, it showed a tear streaming down the cheek of the Indian — the point being the anguish caused by the destruction of his natural environment.

It is the same disappointment I share with the decision by the White Township supervisors to lumber our own natural habitat of White's Woods. There remains precious few areas of unspoiled natural forest left to us.

This area untouched can better serve the community as a lesson to all by allowing access to a resource close to us for all to enjoy. Teachers can schedule trips to the woods,

giving their classes valuable lessons on conservation and appreciation of an environment fast disappearing.

All people with varying reasons can observe a tranquil setting, satisfying any incentive they may have for the visit, whether that be for exercise or solitude or any other beneficial outcome.

I for one will not vote for the retention of any supervisors who *arrogantly* have defied the will of the majority of their constituents in approving the plan to harvest trees in White's Woods. I will vote for any candidate who would preserve and care for this area.

The money gained by harvesting is a pittance compared to the worth of the existing priceless treasure.

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