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White Township Supervisors
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Dear White Township Supervisors,

Friends of White's Woods (FWW) understands that preliminary work toward the formation of a committee regarding stewardship of the White's Woods Nature Center is moving forward. Because the management needs of the 250-acre White's Woods Nature Center (WWNC) differ profoundly from those of the small White Township community parks, as well as from the White Township parks designated for extensive development for use for team sports and large group activities, the WWNC does require a separate stewardship plan. We are pleased that a committee to formulate such a plan is under development.

FWW first proposed this approach to you in a letter on May 8th, suggesting at that time that (a) a working group or committee of WWNC stakeholders be formed to seek necessary input from both DCNR and citizens prior to any further intervention in WWNC, (b) that WWNC to be used exclusively for Project 70 approved purposes: recreation, conservation, historical preservation, and (c) that a comprehensive, evidence-based park management plan be developed by experts in conservation, park management, and recreation, in concert with all WWNC stakeholders. This plan should be updated regularly and, along with stakeholder input, guide further management of this park.

FWW, along with its many supporters, has long expressed our desire to work with you to find a mutually favorable resolution regarding the future of the White's Woods Nature Center. Along with all other WWNC stakeholders, FWW regards our significant representation on this committee as both warranted and important. FWW is a group that has demonstrated a profound commitment to this nature center's future well-being and, as such, we request that three seats on this newly-formed committee be reserved for FWW representation. We would also welcome the opportunity to assist in identifying other key stakeholders and natural area

management experts who could contribute to the work of this newly created committee. We thank you very much and look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,

Sara B. King, President
Friends of White's Woods