

Public Input Data Regarding White's Woods 1974-2022

The public has been actively interested in all aspects of WWNC management throughout its history.

- **1974** A Committee to Save White's Woods was formed in response to a proposal to extend 12th Street through WWNC for a new housing development
 - 345 citizens submitted statements of protest in response to a single newspaper ad
 - Many organizations and officials objected to the plan, including:
 - State Representative William Shane
 - Indiana Area School District
 - Indiana Area Recreation & Parks Department
 - League of Women Voters
 - Soroptimists o Indiana County
- Many individuals wrote to the township in protest

- **1995** White Township mailed ballots to all households
 - **62% did NOT want White's Woods selectively timbered**
 - 1527 of 2463 votes
 - Petition – FWW
 - Letters to the editor and the Township – Interested citizens
 - Public meeting – White Township

- **2007** (April) Indiana Gazette online Poll
 - **69.2% believe timbering should not be allowed in White's Woods.**
 - 747 votes
- 2007 (June)
 - **Over 1,000 Citizens Sign Petition** opposed to this timbering plan.
- 2007 (June)
 - Over 300 citizens attended a public hearing at S & T Arena. Several spoke, with only one supporting the timbering plan

- **2020** (June) Friends of White's Woods online survey (Survey Monkey)
 - **98% Nature Center users say White's Woods Nature Center should remain in its natural state**
 - 229 respondents (all WWNC users)
- **2020** (June) Friends of White's Woods petition (online Change.org)
 - **1,240 signed a petition to protect the woods, stop timbering** (individuals residing in zip codes 15000-16999 - Western Pennsylvania).
- **2020** (July)
 - **98% of emails** sent in response to White Township's request for feedback opposed timbering in White's Woods (78/80)
- **2022** (February)
 - **100% of emails** sent in response to White Township request for feedback (regarding recreation/White's Woods) opposed timbering (28/28).
- **2022** (June) *Community Interest Study*, Dr. Susan Boser and doctoral students
 - **67.6% were opposed to selective timbering of the area**
 - (289 respondents).
- **2022** (August) research under supervision of Dr. Brian Okey
 - Twenty park users interviewed at 12th Street Entrance: **NO support for timbering**

5000+ votes opposing disruption in White's Woods, especially selective timbering