



With felled trees surrounding him, Joseph E. Morreale, a neighborhood resident, surveys a section of Corson's Brooks Woods.

Buegler and Judy Berger, another member of the Pine Oak Woods group, complained that officials did not keep citizens informed about the proposal. Mrs. Berger noted that when the controversy flared in March, Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly assured people that the plans were "very" preliminary and that concern was premature.

"Mrs. Connelly told us nothing would happen until the community was consulted," Mrs. Berger said. "When someone tells you something like that, you tend to let your guard down."

Mrs. Berger said she was told by a person on the construction site that the work crew was specifically told not to begin work until after the Nov. 6 elections. "Maybe there's a relationship between this and the fact that all the politicians go on vacation after the election," Mrs. Berger said.

As far as Walsh's presentation before the Community Board is concerned, Buegler said he did not think "an unannounced appearance is the kind of public hearing which was appropriate. We didn't know Walsh was going to be there."

Scampas confirmed that there was no advance notice of Walsh's visit to the community board.

Buegler added: "None of the agencies anticipated the problems nor have they involved us so we could provide input. I think this was a case of people going ahead to do what they think is right without anticipating the full consequences of their actions."