

Something's wrong with SIDC plans

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"It certainly is puzzling to read that you and your administration are placing special emphasis on the environment in 1985 and then to try to understand why you are not helping to save our Greenbelt on Staten Island.

"We have been working for two decades to save the beautiful woodlands and streams of the middle part of our Island and we seem to be making very good progress in getting all of the most beautiful and naturally important parts protected from development. Then the state asks us what we want to see happen with the Staten Island Developmental Center, which it no longer needs, and when we say we want the woodlands protected, and especially the Corson's Brook Woods, the state begins cutting down trees.

"Something is very wrong here. We know that you are an honorable man and that you try to help, but we cannot understand why you haven't been trying to find a way to save the Greenbelt and help the disabled find a really good place for their necessary group homes. Please give your special effort to help negotiate a solution to save our Greenbelt."

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Save SIDC woods for the Greenbelt

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"We are writing to you as concerned citizens of Staten Island concerning the importance of saving the Greenbelt and the Corson's Brook Woods. There have been several studies which have recommended Greenbelt areas for protection and we feel very strongly that they be respected.

"It is inconceivable to us that state tax dollars are paying for lawyers and consultants who are working to destroy the Greenbelt, which truly amounts to raping Staten Island. With 382 acres at the Staten Island Developmental Center, it is not possible that the only satisfactory site for modern housing for the developmentally disabled be built in Corson's Brook Woods.

"On a personal level, we feel it is government's responsibility to protect our environment and our health. My husband and I have great respect for your office and for your input in keeping a promise to stop the PASNY power plant. Please help us to save the Greenbelt and the environment now."

PHYLLIS R. FRIEDMAN

Sea View

Four group homes are badly placed

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"As a concerned citizen, I have been taking notice of the controversy surrounding Corson's Brook Woods. I have recently joined Protectors Of Pine Oak Woods.

"I believe modern housing for the developmentally disabled should be built promptly. Apparently the location of the housing has, for some reason, been hastily chosen. Why would any serious decision rest on a street which is near established housing that is so heavily trafficked that these children will never be allowed out of doors unattended? I invite anyone to take a ride to this area and deny this fact. Of all places out of 382 acres at Staten Island Developmental Center, why Corson's Brook Woods?

"I feel the decision to build these homes in this area is foolish and not in the interest of the disabled. They deserve better."

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