

—It's your opinion—

Cuomo must act on woods dispute

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"It has come to my attention that the issue of whether or not Corson's Brook Woods will be the construction site of four group homes has not been resolved. I am surprised and frankly very disappointed you have not taken a more active role in directing or at least facilitating the process of relocating the group home site to a more appropriate location.

"I commend you for your dedication and commitment to providing facilities for the developmentally disabled, but I am appalled that you might support or condone the destruction of Corson's Brook Woods. This woodland is one of only two natural areas in all of New York City unparalleled in their natural value and uniqueness. As you know, it is an area of major importance to be included in the Greenbelt.

"I can only assume that you have been very busy with your many other responsibilities to have allowed this situation to go unresolved. Please take the time now to assert your commitment to preserving the Greenbelt. Use your skill and leadership to show that the needs of the handicapped and the need to preserve our natural areas do not have to compete with each other. Surely there is enough room on the available land of Staten Island and in our hearts for both."

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