

Group home hearing is rescheduled

A public hearing on a proposal to construct group homes in Corson's Brook Woods has been rescheduled for July 1 because of a conflict with another environmental hearing.

The rescheduling was requested by Richard Buegler, president of Protectors of Pine Oak Woods, an Island environmental group that has strongly opposed the group-home project. Buegler said the hearing's original date, June 27, conflicted with a meeting on the future of the Clay Pit Ponds State Park Preserve, Charleston, which will require the presence of the Protectors and many of the same city and state officials who should also attend the group home hearing.

The state Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OMRDD) scheduled the hearing on Corson's Woods to allow discussion on the agency's plan to build four group homes on nine acres of the 40-acre woodland tract. Environmentalists oppose the project because they want Corson's Brook retained as a natural preserve.

OMRDD Louis Ganim said the hearing's location and time are unchanged — 7 p.m. at the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, Willowbrook.
