

=It's your opinion=

Continue building of group homes

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"It was certainly nice of you to visit the proposed site [of group homes at Corson's Brook Woods] with the purpose of evaluating the situation and to assist the offices of OMRDD in making the proper decision.

"I am the parent of a severely brain damaged child who has been residing at one of the New York State's community residences for the past six years. However, because she is not self-preserving and because she is extremely susceptible to seizure disorders, she would be one of the first clients selected to be placed in the group homes that your office wants to build.

"I cannot believe that there are people in this world who care more for trees, plants, etc., than they care for helpless human beings who, through no fault of their own, find themselves in their present state. Further, the proposed site where the homes are to be built is the property of New York State, and the recent inde-

pendent survey has shown that no harm will be done to Corson's Brook.

"I believe that your good offices of OMRDD know what they are doing since they realize the urgent need for these group homes to accommodate clients who need this type of environment. So let us forget about those people who have nothing else to do but spend their time looking at trees, plants, flowers, etc., and let the state do the proper thing and build the homes where they know they should be built.

"I am sure that if the objectors had someone close in their family who is unfortunate enough to be handicapped, as my daughter is, the issue would not be argued."

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