



Friends of White's Woods Monthly Newsletter



Your donations are having an impact!

It has been less than 3 months since we learned about the White Township Supervisors' 3rd attempt in 25 years to log White's Woods. This time, they plan to remove 50-60% of the tree canopy and use destructive methods to deal with invasive plants that are destined to backfire. It's far from over, but with your help, we have been able to halt this work in several ways:

Legal action. We hired a legal team from Fair Shake Environmental Legal Service, a nonprofit lawfirm that specializes in environmental justice. They helped us file a lawsuit against the Supervisors for keeping the public out of the loop on decisions about White's Woods.

Forestry consultation. We hired a forester from Appalachian Forest Consultants to make independent assessments of the health of White's Woods and Mike Lawer of Millstone's plan. He contacted the PA Bureau of Forestry to express his strong objection to Lawer's rationale and methods.

Raising awareness. We made yard signs, posters, face masks, and stickers to get the word out that White's Woods is at risk of being destroyed. Want one? Email us! info@friendsofwhiteswoods.org



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Seen these around town?

These yard signs, along with posters, face masks, and stickers were designed by artist **Chuck Olson**, representing one of the many ways in which our members are using their unique talents to raise awareness of the peril in which we find our beloved park. More on page 2!

Public parks are the very expression of America's gift to the world: Democracy.

Recreation and relaxation in America's public parks are hallmarks of the July 4th holiday for good reason. Our parks are living symbols of freedom and equality, and worth fighting for!

Did you know?

White's Woods Nature Center is of important historical value. Part of the land once the province of Iroquois and Monongahela people, White's Woods was named for Thomas White, legal agent for George Clymer, who signed both the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

*"It is the preservation of the scenery, of the forests, and the wilderness game for the people as a whole, instead of leaving the enjoyment thereof to be confined to the very rich. It is noteworthy in its essential democracy, one of the best bits of national achievement, which our people have to their credit. And our people should see to it that they are preserved for their children and their children's children forever, with their majestic beauty all unmarred."
- Theodore Roosevelt*

Friends of White's Woods say Black Lives Matter!

Before there were park rangers, America's first National Parks were protected by Buffalo Soldiers, segregated black army regiments formed during the Civil War. We are still learning of their lives and struggles, but their legacy is clear: black Americans are integral to our nation's finest achievements.

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Member Spotlight: What our members are doing to help Save White's Woods



Our members are rockstars, literally! Artist and musician **Chuck Olson** has given style to our cause. Keep your eyes peeled for more merchandise and your ears perked up for a special COVID-conscious concert later this summer.

30 of our members are writing letters to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) expressing their concerns about the plans for White's Woods. These letters and **yours** are essential to ensuring that DCNR reviews Millstone's plan carefully before weighing in.

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Ferns, flowers, and fungi are featured in the fabulous photography of **Cheri Widzowski**! Cheri has donated her time and talents in capturing the beauty of White's Woods to help us raise awareness and funds.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP



Join and recruit

WE NEED MEMBERS!

Join Friends of White's Woods for **FREE!** Already a member? Tell your friends and family to join too and ask about our **free gifts!**



Take our survey

We want to hear from you! How do you enjoy White's Woods? What improvements would you make? Or is it perfect the way it is? Tell us - your opinion counts!



Donate

Our battle to Save White's Woods is far from over - we need all the help we can get. We put your money to good use. Ask about our **free gifts** for membership and donations!



Courtesy of Cheri Widzowski Photography

Did you know?

White Township purchased White's Woods under the **Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act**, making it publicly owned and protected for recreation, conservation, and historical preservation. It's **OUR** park - we have a say in what happens to it!

Coming Soon!

Fair Shake ELS is making a short **VIDEO** about the controversial "management" plans for White's Woods. Stay tuned for more information!

White Township Supervisors Meetings:

Wed. July 8 1:00 pm
Wed. July 22 7:30 pm



Spread the word

1. Write to the DCNR - tell them WW is a park!
2. Attend the White Township Supervisors meetings - tell them **NO TIMBERING!**
3. Tell everyone you know - many people still don't know or are misinformed!

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