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## Logging will disrupt beauty of woods

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I went for a walk in White's Woods today, as I have countless times over the years. Red-bellied woodpecker. It is always a pleasure to get away from the daily hubbub and enjoy an

hour of quietude. White-breasted nuthatch. I am always awed by the majesty of the mature trees. I meet many people on these well-worn trails and am satisfied that many others also enjoy this simple relaxation. White's Woods Nature Center, as envisioned by its creators, is a gift to the community from the people of White Township. Wood thrush.

Once again, this park is under attack from those who apparently do not share our appreciation of this natural area. Gray squirrel. They talk about invasive species and eliminating dead and dying trees. Pileated woodpecker. Their newest plan only includes 50 acres. 50 acres! Slate-colored junco. If it were truly about the invasive species, i.e., multiflora rose, I am sure that the township supervisors could find volunteers from an IUP organization or a nature-oriented community group to rid these plants from the park. Red-tailed hawk.

I hope that the people of the community can show this current crop of meddlers that White's Woods Nature Park is there for recreation and not commercialization. Northern cardinal. That its benefit to the community lies in its ambiance, not in its timber. Certainly, the value of this park as a watershed buffer has a greater economic benefit than the timber income. Ruffed grouse. Let the township supervisors what you think of their latest plan to despoil the natural appearing forested park. Yellow-bellied sapsucker.

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