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Town of Washington Town Planning Board  
Via Email to Mary Alex, Town Clerk at malex@washingttonny.org

Cc: Mary Alex, Town Clerk  
Town of Washington Board

Dear Town of Washington Planning Board,

I appreciate your unpaid service to our community, which requires a huge investment of time and sometimes places you in the uncomfortable position of deliberating on difficult choices.

I am writing about the 133 Woodstock Road Wildlife Preserve Project that is before you.

Our community has a wonderful opportunity to chart its future because many good choices have been made in the past. We are blessed with a magnificent rural environment. Our generation must navigate growth while preserving this incredible legacy.

I support cultivating farms and wildlife in our open spaces over dense residential development. I support helping longstanding members of the community pursue building wildlife preserves and farms, as they understand the Town's value system.

The 133 Woodstock Road Wildlife Preserve Project is large in scale. But this is because it is undoing decades of mining that were large in scale and creating a restored wildlife habitat.

Certainly this project deserves your careful scrutiny and I believe you should weigh the experts' reports meticulously. You may even ask the 133 Woodstock Road Wildlife Project to make modifications to its plans. But I support you working with the Mailmans to find a way for the project to proceed because:

1. The Mailmans have a proven track record of restoring the wildlife habitats of other properties they own in our community
2. The Mailmans have sought the expert advice of SUNY-ESF and Hudsonia which points to good intentions
3. This property has been a mine and would benefit from remediation
4. This property has been a potential dense housing development site for decades and the 133 Woodstock Road Wildlife Project will extinguish this threat
5. The Mailmans are honorable people trying to do a good thing for the community and will be rationale to deal with and honor whatever they agree to

Sincerely,

Tim Mayhew