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Dennis Straughn  
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Dear Ms Swan,

As a very concerned citizen of Lakewood and a person who has lived in this township my entire life, I can't believe how quickly all of the woods are being destroyed by a bunch of greedy developers. I feel that our town needs help from an outside source to slow down what our befuddled local government is failing to do. Our zoning board is a joke. They don't listen to the public outcry. Beautiful old trees disappear without a thought and our tree commission has all but given up!

My family heritage goes back

to the early 1800's and have been a part of this town for many generations.

My main concern for this letter is about an area of woods called the Crystal Lake Preserve. It is in an area that has many different species of endangered wildlife and plant life. Also I would like to see it stay as it is - not a park for us people but a preserve for animals, plants, frogs, snakes, turtles etc.

I feel that its eco system is already being threatened by a large development that is allowing muddy water to enter a feeder stream that

has caused Crystal Lake to  
be clouded with mud for  
the last two years. These people  
won't do anything to stop it  
either. This is the same water  
that feeds two other towns  
before going out to sea,  
(The Metedeconk River).

This town is disregarding  
so many rules that our  
forefathers wrote. There are  
many who are aware, but  
few that care. Please help  
us protect what natural  
species we have left.

Sincerely Yours,  
Pamela Strangle