

To the Dover Town Board

Dover Planning Board

And all interested parties

Written comments for SEQRA scoping session for the Dover Knolls application of March 2008

The enclosed report from the US Fish & Wildlife Service stresses the need to protect habitat and biodiversity in the Harlem Valley. On Page seven there are recommendations to form partnerships with governing bodies, private land owners, conservation groups, land trusts/conservation easements as a means protecting biodiversity of species in large connected areas.

The biodiversity and ecological communities in the steep slopes and wetlands of the Dover Knolls property will suffer adverse impacts with approval of the current application. To mitigate impacts adequate connected space should set aside for conservation. Please consider the recommendations offered throughout the report and take note of the rich diversity of plants and animals that have been listed. The biodiversity of the Harlem Valley should be preserved for future generations.

Thank You,

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