

To: David Knight
From: Don Reeb
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In answer to David's question concerning the recent meeting of the Association with Nanotech, this is what happened.

The discussion is focused on the 79.6-acre site surrounding Nanotech, which includes the 30 acres presently under the control of NanoTech and the remainder which is somewhat separate and under the control of SUNYA.

The 16.2 site on the northwest corner of Washington And Fuller is also owned by SUNYA. There is, for the most part, no part of these PineBush woods that are in Guilderland—all are in the City of Albany while some portions are regulated wetlands and some are controlled by National Grid(NiMo).

The meeting concluded with the following---(1). that NanoTech would make sure that Fuller Road sidewalks from Loughlin to Washington get plowed;(2). that further construction of the 3 acre parking lot would be done in May or so though a runoff catch basin would be developed now; (3). That NanoTech would attempt to get approval for construction of a parking structure to stave off the construction of more surface parking lots; (4). that NanoTech will aid Save the PineBush, the PineBush Commission and the McKownville Improvement Association in harvesting plants from the 3 acre site; and (5). that NanoTech would help the Association to layout paths in the area that would better serve the users.

I have no doubt that these will be fulfilled and that NanoTech is very aware that there are a number of people who are interested in preserving the wilderness area that accompanies Nanotech.

This was all precipitated with Laura talking with Tom Yurkewecz of NanoTech on Tuesday March 27 and she called me to tell me that Tom told her that the 3-acre parking lot was to be cleared on Saturday. This caused some concern.

At an earlier meeting with Frank Commisso at the Firehouse on February 1 with Tom and Steve Janack from NanoTech we discussed the plans for Fuller Road. We also received assurance from Tom that McKIAssociation would be able to harvest sensitive plants from the 3-acre site.

News that the 3-acre site was about to be developed gave us pause since the plants could not yet be identified—Winter is still with us—and the organization of such a harvesting could not be done with such rapidity.

I called Lynne Jackson of Save the PineBush about the timing and then I called the newspapers and others.

The Association, (me Alice, Doug and Marty—Laura and Jim are also on the subcommittee but had conflicts in scheduling) met on Thursday 28th of March. The meeting had long been scheduled with the major agenda item being Fuller Road. For two hours we discussed the difficulties we saw with the development of the 3 acre site and related issues.

It is absolutely necessary that a Master Plan on land uses surrounding the Washington Avenue Fuller Road intersection be developed—it should include a large area from Rt. 155 to Brevator and from Schoolhouse Road to Central Avenue. It should involve five local governments—the City, the County Colonie village and Town, Guilderland and the six major State players—NYDOT, Harriman, SUNYA, the Thruway NanoTech, PineBush Commission, and numerous others. This complex is going to drown us in unsupervised development unless some cooperative agreement about development is reached.

You should ask Alice, Doug and Marty to describe what happened, also---different eyes see different things.