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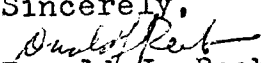
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Dear Bob:

The Environmental Base Analysis of the Pine Bush "90%" draft has been reviewed. A number of errors were noted and are listed below. Suggestions for changes in the text are also listed.

1. Natural Physical section: there is far too little information on water sources. For example, McKownville's reservoir is in the Pine Bush as is its presently abandoned (and failed) upper reservoir. Moreover, the planned Guilderland reservoir on the Hungerkill is in the Pine Bush, along with untold number of wells (the number of which can be obtained from well permits issued by the local governments) are in the Pine Bush. Also, there is no mention of the conflict between the planned use of fires to maintain the eco-system and the construction of buildings. There is also no mention of the relationship between air quality in the metropolitan area and the lack of further development of the Pine Bush.
2. Built Physical section: the data used in this section are in error and confusingly presented. Page 88 presents 6 numbers, but the three in the text do not match the three in the table. Page 75 is wrong: the fifteenth line. Guilderland has an amended zoning ordinance with new zone classes. The table on page 72 is confused; the data on page 71 is ill-defined; and the entire 'Built Physical' section ignores the location of sewer and water lines and other infrastructure.
3. Social Political section: this section is but 9 pages of the 108 page manuscript. The data used on page 88 concerning needed dwelling units is wrong, and there is no meaningful data presented on debt capacity of the local governments to provide the needed infrastructure for further development of the Pine Bush, nor the history of property tax rates in the relevant local governments and special districts nor the lack of available schools for the Albany city portion of the Pine Bush. The Economic Section is far too brief to be useful.

I hope that you take the time to correct the draft, even if it means delaying the presentation of the report.

Sincerely,

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