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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] SHAMONG Wharton State Forrest
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Would you add this to the comments we've received.

Thanks,

John

From: Michael Di Croce <@.>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Cecil, John [DEP] <@.>
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Good morning John:

Please accept my thanks for hosting our recent meeting on April 9, 2024 with George and Robin.

I appreciate our dialogue and thank you for listening to my position on behalf of Shamong Township. As stated, I am opposed to any road closures, permit fees and any further restrictions as to the public's use of Wharton State forrest.

As discussed in detail, my position is that there are already more than sufficient rules and restrictions in place to ensure the public safety and respect for the forrest. On

March 5, 2025, Shamong Township Committee again unanimously passed a resolution as to this issue. (*Shamong Resolution 2024 R-37 resolution of the township of Shamong objecting to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protections proposed adoption of Wharton state forest visiting vehicle use map).

While I appreciate the presumed well intentioned efforts of the staff of the DEP, I want to ensure that our Wharton forrest remains free and open to all.

You and your team are always welcome and visit me here in Shamong to discuss any issues in the future. I offer our town offices or my 'downtown' office as a public meeting place any time you want.

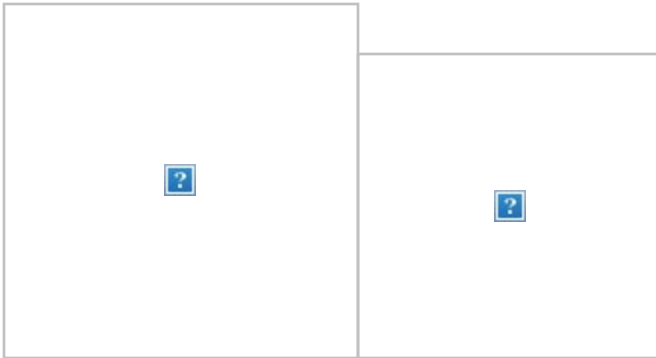
Please keep me in the loop as you move forward on any planned actions.

Lastly, I have attached a link to an article from the Pine Barrons Tribune that summarizes our position. <https://pinebarrentribune.com/shamongs-committeemen-slam-njdeps-proposal-to-require-permits-for-use-of-p4954-165.htm>

Thank you for your courtesy, please be assured of mine.

Mayor Mike

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