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Buffalo Common Council President, David A. Franczyk
And
Buffalo Fiscal Stability Authority Chairman, Brian Lipke

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Re: "Perrysburg" (The former JN Adams Developmental Center and former Buffalo Tuberculosis Hospital at Perrysburg)

The old Buffalo-owned hospital at Perrysburg includes 650 acres of hilly mostly forested land. In its present state it is a very attractive and valuable woodland property. It has great potential for use as a park for passive recreation, hiking, skiing, bird watching and nature education. At present it provides excellent watershed protection and animal habitat. It is publicly owned property in a state where people are hungry for experience in mature natural environments.

There is a proposal to sell the "Perrysburg" at the fire sale price of \$330,000 even though there are nine single family homes on the property worth \$40,000 each as well as 450 acres of merchantable timber... without consulting that nature-hungry public.

Sierra Club applauds the Buffalo Common Council and its President, David Franczyk, for not being stampeded into such a sacrificial deal.

And Sierra Club reminds the parties involved that fortunately, when there is a proposal to alter the environment of a piece of public land as radically as the logging of 650 acres, the NY State Environmental Quality Review Law has jurisdiction. It requires an Environmental Impact Statement which allows citizens to have a look at what the proposal will do to their property and whether this is what they desire.

Buffalo is in tight financial straights but that is a poor reason to give away such an important and valuable asset. The farmer does not eat his seed corn in a drought. The tool and die maker doesn't sell his tools during a lay-off.

Buffalo's forest at Perrysburg should not be given away to meet a temporary financial crises.

Respectfully



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For the 2300 Western New York Members of Sierra Club.