

PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED

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My name is Hank Klumpp and I own 150 acres in the Highlands Preservation Area.

I understand that there is a billboard in Trenton near the DEP office that has been leased by the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and Pine lands Preservation Alliance for twelve months that was, according to Julia Somers, totally affordable. I don't know who put her in charge of what is affordable or whose money she is spending - probably mine - haven't I paid enough for this whole water issue - considering my land

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was put into the preservation by
politics - not scientific study?

Featuring a picture of Eileen Swan
is some kind of a joke. She is still
crying the blues saying that she was
ousted because she was too good at her
job for those who were against the
council's mission to protect the
Highlands from development which
couldn't be farther from the truth.
Swan says her friends want her
autograph. If this council thinks this
whole spectacle is appropriate then
shame on you all. Thanking Eileen

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Siwan is unbelievable. If you can
thank her you haven't been robbed.

She lied to my face telling me she was
working hard to help the people in the
Highlands who had their property values

stolen, but actually she did absolutely
nothing for me and I have told her that

face to face, and she could not even deny
what I was saying to her. The Highland

Act was never to hurt anyone and those
words come out of Senator Bob

Smith's mouth over 8 years ago. No

money was ever put in place to try

to compensate people who had their

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property values stolen before the Act was passed. Now, Smith wants a bill calling for a water tax to fund the state's open space acquisition program. Smith's bill would raise approximately \$150 million each year for open space. The New Jersey Farm Bureau will testify that a water tax should be a dedicated funding source for a compensation program for the Highlands which for over 8 years has been ignored. My property values are gone and so is my equity. Members of this council have come

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and gone, and when they go they
don't look back. I've been standing
before you, going on 9 years now,
asking you to help the landowners in
the Highlands Preservation Area -
do I have to put my request for
help and my picture on a billboard
to get attention?

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