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COUNCIL SHOULD HOLD FAST ON PERRYSBURG PROPERTY

There is a proposal on the table to sell at a give-away price some heavenly forested land owned by the City of Buffalo. This is the Perrysburg property, the former J.N. Adam Developmental Center site in Cattaraugus County.

It consists of about 650 acres.

There are not many old growth forests left in our area. For those who love nature, and old trees, it is priceless. The idea of selling it far below its market value is so foolish it should not be considered. In fact, I hope the forest can be preserved.

I understand the Buffalo Common Council has not rushed to approve the sale, and I hope they reject it out of hand. I also hope that those who read this letter will urge Council President David Franczyk and the other Council members to say no and to thank them for not being rushed to make a decision.

I believe the New York State Quality Review Law is applicable here, that there should be an environmental review, citizens should be informed, and allowed to comment. Others who feel the same should let the Buffalo Common Council members know their feelings.

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