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Comments: Hello,

I want you to know that I have recently been struck with the true meaning of the word "sustainability". In my opinion, it is often being used to deflect challenges in regards to taking away green space, cutting down trees and all in the theme of "progress".

Please leave the trees alone. Industrial logging - ruins the land for years. It is impossible to replace old growth forests. Younger forests that surround old growth are protectors of the habitats that flourish within long standing trees, bushes and ground cover.

Leave them alone - for our children and grand children.

The Appalachian forests are a unique region of diversity on our Earth. Millions of people live within a reasonable driving range for visiting these special areas. Please let them be just what they are. Leave them alone. These trees belong to the Earth and the people who have yet to come and see them - as they are - beautiful and precious for all of us.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Sandra Hodges