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Comments: Good evening,

I am writing to ask you to stop the Foothills Landscape Project.

Our natural resources are vitally important and we must conserve them. I am particularly worried about the building of unnecessary roads, which fractures habitat for our precious native wildlife, and about herbicide application.

Herbicides and other pesticides pollute the water that we drink, and they have cascading effects on our wildlife. Overuse of herbicides and other forms of habitat loss are pushing species to the brink -- including so many creatures we take for granted like bees, butterflies, and songbirds. Our world is so much uglier without them. We must find ways to use our natural resources in a way that also preserves them for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

I take my kids camping in North Georgia and I want them to be able to enjoy the same natural beauty with their kids when they are older. We have already had the unpleasant experience of camping at Fort Mountain after insecticide application which left the forest silent and absent of bugs that we love, like bees, cicadas, lightning bugs, and so forth.

My question is, have you considered how this project will impact native wildlife, including insects, other invertebrates, and birds? How will it impact our water sources? Please let me know how this plan incorporates protection of these resources so that while we are enjoying our natural world and taking advantage of its resources, we are not also creating a poisoned wasteland for our children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,
Liza Marks