



New Jersey Highlands Coalition

# Action Alert

Attention Warren County Residents

**Join Us!**

At the Washington Borough Board of Adjustment Meeting

**When: Tuesday January 24th, 8:00 PM**

**Where: 100 Belvidere Avenue Washington, NJ 07882**

Please help us protect the last open space in Washington Borough from an unwanted cemetery expansion by attending this meeting and telling the Board of Adjustment not to approve the use variance!

If you are unable to join us at the meeting you can call Washington Borough officials and tell them that you do not want to see forested land clear-cut and developed!

**Contact Washington Borough:**

Call: (908) 689-3600

Write: <http://www.washingtonboro-nj.org/contactus.html>

The Washington Borough Board of Adjustment will be meeting on Tuesday, January 24th to discuss a proposal for the Washington Cemetery Association to expand its current cemetery onto an additional 125 acres and ***we need you to tell them NO!***

Recently, the Washington Cemetery Association has cut all remaining trees on their property which has led to runoff and erosion problems. Now they want the Board of Adjustment to approve their plan to expand the cemetery onto an additional 125 acres. This is the last large parcel of open space in Washington Borough, and is subject to numerous environmental constraints under the Highlands Act, including steep slopes, wetlands and critical wildlife habitat. It should **not** be clear-cut and developed.

We are concerned because erosion from clear-cuts will negatively impact the Pohatcong Creek, a high value C-1 Trout Maintenance stream and tributary of the Delaware River, and the Shabcong Creek. These problems will increase and worsen if the cemetery is expanded!

Please pass along this information if you know anyone that lives in Warren County!

For more information, please visit Washington Home Owners Protecting our Environment's (HOPE) website: [www.washingtonhope.org](http://www.washingtonhope.org)

**Thank you!**

*The New Jersey Highlands Coalition represents a diverse network of organizations - small and large, local, regional, statewide and national - and individuals with the common goal to protect, enhance and restore the New Jersey Highlands and to preserve the quality and quantity of drinking water both for the 800,000 people in the Highlands as well as the more than 4.6 million people in surrounding areas who depend on Highlands water. For more information visit our [website](#), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.*