

New Jersey Chapter Sierra Club  
A Resolution Calling For The Preservation Of 12 Acres Of Forested Property At The Promontory Of  
Ridge Road And Mount Pleasant Ave. In West Orange

WHEREAS, The property at number 2 and number 10 Ridge Road. Block 80.03 Lots 10 and 21 consists of 12 densely forested acres on a steep slope; and

WHEREAS, It was the former site of Bowood, the 48-acre estate of L. F. Loree Dean, President of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad 1904; and

WHEREAS, The land provides important health and safety benefits to the Community; and

WHEREAS, Sixty car accidents have occurred in the last five years below its promontory on Mount Pleasant Avenue which is steep and curvaceous; and

WHEREAS, the forest prevents millions of gallons of water from cascading down steep Mount Pleasant Ave or becoming dangerous ice on the road in the winter; and

WHEREAS, It is important habitat for bird and animal species including the endangered Indiana bat;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club requests that the Township of West Orange acquire the former Bowood property for the asking price of \$1.49 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it should be preserved as passive undeveloped open space, for the purpose of retaining storm water and for climate change remediation.

*Adopted by the New Jersey Chapter Executive Committee: August 10, 2019*