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Ron,

Please find attached the comments I will be unable to submit tonight.
I have a viewing to attend and am sorry to miss this public hearing.

The materials on the web were helpful and I was able to view the power point from the workshop - though some of the build slides in the middle were difficult to see and load.

I may add additional comments before the end of the week.

Thank you for your courtesy.

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Dear Ron,

Thank you for this opportunity to add my comments to the record of the State Resource Area Maps and Natural Areas Maps Public Hearing held on May 1, 2006. I was unable to attend the hearing and wish to have these comments added into the record and shared with members of the Open Space Council.

I think these maps, and the proposed State Resource and Natural Areas they illustrate, should be adopted without significant deletions. Additions would be welcome. The maps seem to be a well-considered, conservative collection of many of the state's best resource and natural areas and will provide the counties and towns the additional technical information they need to better plan growth while protecting these very special places and our state's natural resources.

These maps are only one step in the process of protecting the state's resource and natural areas. They need to be followed up per the various steps outlined in the workshop power point presentation and materials posted on the website. I hope that the Open Space Council will:

- work with DNREC to update these maps on schedule;
- collect data of land conversion/restoration activities of these mapped natural and resource areas over time;
- work with DNREC and the counties on implementation of the maps and the goals they illustrate;
- work with DNREC and the counties to educate landowners about the value of these special areas to their own pocketbook as well as to the community-at-large; and
- share the maps throughout DNREC so that the entire agency is aware of and making decisions supportive of the goals these maps represent.

Protection and preservation of these natural resources and the lands and waters they represent will make the future of Delaware a richer experience. Thank you for your work and that of the Open Space Council.

Sincerely,

Debbie Heaton