

Conservation Corner

Williams Lake Threatened!

by Marie Caruso

I recently attended a meeting of concerned residents regarding the proposed plans of Canopy Development LLC to purchase and build a private, very high-end gated community on 756 acres surrounding Williams Lake in Rosendale. All public access has been cut off to this area, which historically has been open to the public for various gatherings and civic events, as well as hiking, winter sports, and fee-based beach club swimming. There is growing concern about the impacts of this major development upon the superb lakes, wetlands, trails, caves, scenic vistas, and the endangered Indiana Bat which makes its home there, not to mention various other issues such as water pollution and traffic. The Sierra Club is interested in monitoring these plans, with an eye towards preservation and possible public access to this outstanding natural area. If any members, particularly those living nearby, would like to attend meetings and monitor these issues on behalf of Sierra, please contact Marie Caruso at marie@verizon.net or (845) 452-9086. Further information is available:

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