

BOROUGH OF CALDWELL NEW JERSEY

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Hon. Robert Conley, Mayor Borough of Madison Hartley Dodge Memorial Building 50 Kings Road Madison, NJ 07940

Dear Mayor Conley,

The Caldwell Environmental Commission thanks you for your efforts to save the Drew Forest. We value open space and its use for the human and natural world. We have been actively promoting the use of native trees and pollinator patches with our residents. Dr. Tallamy has made 3 presentations to our residents to encourage them to develop their backyard national park.

Caldwell is a part of the Buried Valley Aquifer. We receive our water from artesian wells which directly benefit from the preserved Drew Forest purification. We are concerned about protecting the water for our residents. We also value the area as a unique, ecological area that supports native plants and trees, offering sanctuary for our native wildlife and pollinators.

The Commission supports preserving the entire 53 acres of the Drew Forest for the reasons stated above.

Ann Farr Marchioni, Co-Chair, Caldwell Environmental Commission

Stephen Flack, Co- Chair, Caldwell Environmental Commission