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In the University Master Plan the woods are protected as an environmental greenway. Despite this designation as an environmental greenway and as a "no build zone", the woods are vulnerable to future proposed development.

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- Virginia Tech Faculty Senate
- Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and Environment Faculty Association
- Virginia Tech Student Government Association
- Virginia Tech Commission on Student Affairs
- Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly
- Environmental Coalition of Virginia Tech
- Virginia Tech Army ROTC
- Virginia Sierra Club
- Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Ecological Society of America
- Blacksburg Town Council
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