

New Houses or Extinction? Local Developer Says “Extinction Is Best”

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Perhaps you’ve driven past the woods that run alongside the entire length of Low Valley Road. In the spring, wildflowers bloom, and in winter the snow turns the woods into a postcard landscape. In the summer, the endangered Cerulean Warbler makes its nest high in the trees, ensuring a new generation of this protected species.

Markazian Brothers Development Corporation does not care about the Cerulean Warbler. The company has sued the town for the rights to cut down all the trees and build 400 houses on the plot of land. The Markazians are not concerned that the warblers’ nesting grounds will be destroyed. “It’s just a bird,” said Ben Markazian, president of the company. “People need houses to live in; who cares about a bird?” The answer is: Everyone should care about the bird, and we must stop the Markazians from destroying the warblers’ habitat.

Building houses on Low Valley Road will cause the extinction of the Cerulean Warbler.

The Cerulean Warbler is a very sensitive and delicate bird. It requires specific climate conditions to lay its eggs and raise its young. As the Northeast has become developed, the birds’ habitat has shrunk. The woods on Low Valley Road are the only nesting ground left. If those woods are destroyed, the Cerulean Warbler will die out permanently.

Plans to create an alternative nesting ground will fail.

Because of the public outcry, Markazian Brothers has promised to purchase a parcel of land in the southern part of the state. Their plan is to move the warblers to the new parcel of land. This plan will not work; that plot of land in the south does not have the water or climate conditions that the warbler needs to reproduce.

Humans need to care for the planet and its species.

Birds and animals cannot possibly fight back against humans. Humans will always win. For this reason, it is humanity’s responsibility to make sure that we co-exist with our fellow creatures, protecting them whenever possible. If we let the Cerulean Warbler go extinct, we are sending a signal to developers that “anything goes” and that animal life doesn’t matter to us.

In conclusion, people need someplace to live. That doesn’t mean that there must be houses built on Low Valley Road. There are plenty of other plots of land on which to build houses. Humans and the Cerulean Warbler can coexist, and the Markazians’ plans should be stopped. Please sign the petition to stop the development on Low Valley Road.