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Dear Friend:

Greetings from Stony Creek, an oasis where there is no local zoning and ordinary families can afford to own a home.

As we ponder zoning in today's mailing, I wish you could share with me the experience of hearing the great variety of inquiries that arrive here at the Property Rights Foundation of America® during just one month about all sorts of issues facing property owners. Here are some examples you may find interesting:

- The many April telephone calls included a difficult one from a relatively small forestland owner in Pennsylvania fighting one state bureaucracy subsidizing another state bureaucracy's purchase of major forest properties where the state already holds conservation easements and small forestry companies cannot compete to buy more forestland.
- A straightforward inquiry was from a longstanding acquaintance here in New York who needed the contact information for a United States Senator or Member of Congress that he could trust.
- You might have marveled as I answered a telephoned April zoning inquiry from an investor in Rhode Island seashore who was looking for free legal representation to fight a rather generous village restriction on the number of occupants allowed in a high-priced summer rental.
- Illustrative of the abuse that ordinary property owners face was a call from a man in Ulster County, New York, whose lawyer reassured him that "all was well" while the county's heavy equipment was bulldozing down the trees near his house to build a trail on a defunct railbed without compensating him or receiving permission.

A surprise April letter you'd have enjoyed with me came just to say thanks for advice that enabled people near here in a North Country town to persuade the town board to keep a convenient short-cut road open during the winter.

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So today, I'd especially like to thank you for helping make possible part of the work that is rather low cost, the function of answering people's inquiries, but is a direct result of the big work of the Property Rights Foundation of America®, especially the Annual National Conferences, the publications, and the web site.

Zoning is generally local, which means that one citizen can make a big difference. Please feel welcome to contact me if you'd like to share ideas.

With warm regards,



Carol W. LaGrasse
President

Save this date:

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Twenty-Second Annual National Conference on Private Property Rights
The Century House, Latham, New York