

TNC Board Urges LG to Preserve Palisades



On April 29, 2014, the Trustees of the Tenafly Nature Center Association (TNCA) unanimously adopted a statement urging LG Corporation to reduce the height of its new headquarters in Englewood Cliffs. The statement also urges the Borough of Englewood Cliffs to respect building height restrictions in the vicinity of the Palisades. We're pleased to add our voice

to those of our neighbors, local mayors, New Jersey environmental groups, and so many others, on this important matter.

In our own efforts to plan for the future, we have painstakingly developed a plan for a new education and discovery center that incorporates all relevant environmental, historic and scenic considerations, which is why our proposal is enthusiastically supported by many of the same environmental groups and leaders who have objected to LG's proposal.

We have sent our statement out as a press release to the local newspapers and are sending copies to LG corporate leadership and Englewood Cliffs officials. We urge our members to consider the issues and join the many environmental organizations who are taking action to preserve the viewshed of this distinctive and historic natural formation.

Anthony Martin, TNC Board President

The Board's statement:

With Tenafly, and the Tenafly Nature Center (TNC), lying immediately north of Englewood Cliffs along the Palisades, the Trustees of TNC want to register their support for those organizations, government bodies, and individuals, calling for a reduction in the height of LG's proposed headquarters, and for Englewood Cliffs to retain and enforce its long-standing limit on building heights near the Palisades.

A non-profit independent member-supported nature preserve, Tenafly Nature Center's mission is to protect almost 400 wooded acres, all of its inhabitants, and teach the next generations to do the same. Since 1961, TNC has nurtured an appreciation for nature, been a leader in open-space preservation and in environmental education for our community in Tenafly, Bergen County, and beyond.

Starting in 1961, the Borough of Tenafly set aside almost 400 acres as open space, now leased to TNC. Lying immediately north of the Tenafly border with Englewood Cliffs, TNC manifests Tenafly's dedication to the public trust it has shared with neighboring NJ Palisades communities (including Englewood Cliffs), to preserve open space, protect the Palisades, and avoid high-rise, high density development in the area. In fact, the prospect of high-rise development along 9W in Tenafly is what prompted Tenafly — with the assistance of county, state, federal, and private support — to preserve almost 10% of its land area as open space.

Others have already articulated the many reasons LG and Englewood Cliffs should reconsider their decisions regarding building heights in the vicinity of the Palisades TNC shares the concerns that LG's plans will irrevocably compromise the unique natural and historic landmark that our predecessors worked so hard to preserve.

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