

Coalition Members Plead:

"Preserve the Lakes as They Are"

Members of the Coalition for Hemlock and Canadice Lakes appeared at the last meeting of the Livonia town board to ask support in their effort to retain the pristine nature of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes. Fearful that the City of Rochester, which owns 7,100 acres in the 35,000-acre watershed, might start to develop its property, Coalition members sought agreement from the board to join their cause.

Supervisor Dan West pointed out that the agreement signed with the City last February already provided that the land would not be developed.

Mrs. Sara Kersting of the Town of Canadice told the

board that the Coalition felt strongly in favor of "conservation easements." These are agreements by the property owners to a second party to allow the land in question to be used for a specific purpose. In this case the land would be used only for a watershed and kept forever wild.

Mr. Steve Lewandowski from the Town of Naples joined in the hope that the Town of Livonia would maintain the present status of the lands around Hemlock Lake. He stated that the Canadice Town Board had passed a resolution last November endorsing the idea of non-residential use of the land.

Supervisor West again reassured the two members that the Town of Livonia had no desire to see the watershed developed and that the City of Rochester had specifically agreed not to develop the land in the watershed.

Mr. Lewandowski stated that State Senator Volker and Assemblyman Hasper both endorsed the forever wild concept, but that State Senator Kuhl, whose district includes Canadice Lake, had not indicated his position at the state level.

Mr. West reaffirmed the Livonia board's intention to maintain the watershed in its present form.



Sara Kersting, secretary of the Coalition of Hemlock and Canadice Lakes, addresses the Livonia Town Board.