



Dear Friends,

Today's *Philadelphia Inquirer* features an article that asks the question, "[Is Stoneleigh Safe?](#)"

Sadly... bewilderingly... the answer is still no.

The Lower Merion School Board voted Monday night to move ahead with its purchase of the former Clothier estate as the site for a new middle school. But their purchase is contingent upon finding space for their planned sports complex. **That leaves Stoneleigh still very much at risk.**

The School District's spokesperson confirmed this when she told the *Inquirer* that "... no options have been taken 'off the table.'"

You have been remarkable champions for Stoneleigh. You've done everything we asked, and so much more. **The Save Stoneleigh effort has galvanized people in Lower Merion and beyond in ways we've rarely experienced in this region.**

It even inspired our state legislature to move at unheard of speed to pass new legislation that makes it harder (but not impossible) to seize protected lands.

Yet, the Lower Merion School Board still refuses to hear you. They still refuse to take Stoneleigh off the table.

So, we must continue to fight.

I know that it's the height of summer. This is the time when we head to our favorite vacation spot to recharge. It's the time when we try to leave our weightier cares behind for a while.

However, we still need you.

We need you to let the school board know that you're still paying attention. That you still expect them to do the right thing.

How you can help:

- If you've already sent an email to the School Board asking that they take Stoneleigh off the table, please [consider doing so again](#).
- Still don't have a Save Stoneleigh sign? Pick one up at the welcome kiosk at Stoneleigh this weekend. There are still a few on hand.
- [Help us to exceed 34,000 signatures on the online petition](#).
- Let friends and family know that Stoneleigh is still in danger. Encourage them to contact the School Board and let their voice be heard.
- [If you aren't a member of Natural Lands, please join us](#). The best way to support Stoneleigh is to support Natural Lands through membership. You'll receive an "I Love Stoneleigh" bumper magnet for your car (while supplies last).

Unbelievably, we opened the gates to Stoneleigh just two short months ago. Yet, everywhere I go people ask about Stoneleigh or tell me with joy about their visit there.

In short order, **Stoneleigh has captured people's hearts**. That isn't surprising. There is a magic in the place. Even in the face of the School District's outrageous threat to seize it, Stoneleigh soothes us, inspires us, and brings us together. It welcomes us all, no matter our age, circumstances, or background.

We must not let that magic be taken from us.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



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President



