

November 10, 2007

To: Forest Home Improvement Association  
Darcy Binns, President

From: The undersigned residents of McIntyre Place, Judd Falls Road, 100 block of Forest Home Drive, and the Byway.

We have read the Traffic Calming Report for Forest Home and concur strongly in the need for traffic calming measures in the neighborhood. While we believe that some proposals in the report could have positive impact on the use of roadways in Forest Home, we want to stress the following points:

**WE STRONGLY ENDORSE SPEED TABLES.** Speed tables are a necessary first step and should be implemented as quickly as possible, in priority over aesthetic improvements.

**WE DON'T BELIEVE SPEED TABLES WILL BE SUFFICIENT** to address the full range of traffic problems in the neighborhood.

**For the following reasons, WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER MEASURES WILL BE REQUIRED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST USAGE AND SAFETY ON JUDD FALLS AND MC INTYRE PLACE:**

- It is in the interest of residents to encourage walking and cycling through the neighborhood as an alternative to driving.
- There are already a significant number of pedestrians who use McIntyre Place and Judd Falls to access the upper campus. The number of cyclists in the area is increasing.
- Walking and cycling in close proximity to cars, trucks, and buses is unsafe, unpleasant, and unhealthy.
- The problem is especially acute if the pedestrians or cyclists are children.
- For pedestrians on Judd Falls, the problem is compounded in winter when snow plows throw snow onto the walkway. Despite resident efforts to clear it, the walkway becomes impassable for prolonged periods of time, forcing pedestrians to walk in the street—often in the dark, and often in the same direction as traffic.

**WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE TOWN OF ITHACA, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, CORNELL PLANTATIONS, AND THE FOREST HOME IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLIST USAGE AND SAFETY ON MCINTYRE PLACE AND JUDD FALLS ROAD, AND WHEREVER IN FOREST HOME OUR NEIGHBORS EXPERIENCE SIMILAR PROBLEMS.**

We welcome suggestions on how this might be accomplished. Following are several options that we offer for discussion:

Darcy Binns, p.2 Re: Judd Falls, McIntyre

1. Consider closing McIntyre Place to through traffic or making it one-way to allow for the safe passage of pedestrians and, perhaps, the creation of a sidewalk.
2. Consider opportunities for relocating the walkway along Judd Falls Road between Forest Home Drive and Tower Road so that it is no longer immediately adjacent to the street.

For example,

- a. Moving the walkway to the opposite (east) side of Judd Falls where space permits, crossing back to the west side where necessary

and/or

moving it west of its present alignment with owner approval.

- b. Reengineering Judd Falls Road: remove both gutters, maintain present pavement width, maintain present curb location on the east side of the street, move the curb on the west side toward the east. Use the space gained to create a buffer between pedestrians and pavement. This space could be furnished with flower boxes in the spring, summer, and fall. In the winter, it would provide space for dumping snow.
- c. Making Judd Falls one-way by bricking in half the street and converting it to neighborhood space: benches, trees, flowers, and pedestrian and bike paths. This would also provide space in the winter for plows to dump snow.

3. Consider designating a safe (for adults and children) way for cyclists to traverse the neighborhood.

Respectfully,

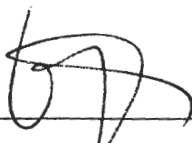


(signatures on accompanying pages)

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Signatures:

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|  | B. Crane  | " "                |
| Deborah Crichard  |   | 109 McIntyre Place |
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Signatures:

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