

Letter to the Editor:

In response to Bob Downing's March 12 article about the Corsair Model Aircraft Club ("Plane Club Has No Place to Land"), Friends of Metro Parks strongly supports the park district's decision not to allow planes at the County Home property.

Over the years, we have received comments from our members regarding a number of issues proposed by businesses, government, groups and individuals. Should Metro Parks allow cell towers at the Nature Realm? A hydropower plant in the Gorge? Model planes flying over trails? Our members say no.

Metro Parks is about passive recreation and natural-area parks, and our members love the natural beauty and wildlife. Those who have participated in the Fall Hiking Spree can see the improvements made year after year.

The park system exemplifies quality, integrity, professionalism, dynamic leadership, a strong sense of stewardship and appreciation of nature. We as park users are the fortunate benefactors.

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