

Wrong with this picture.

Respectfully yours
Mrs Joan J. Park

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P.S. How much money is at the bottom line of this check?

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My Dear Helen

I cannot believe that an employee of the Army Corp of Engineers would ever consider kneeling, neither is selling a part of the middle west to a group of people from the middle west and signing away the Sept 11th.

We have not asked our soldiers with their consciences what to do with the reservation in the west. The Black Legion and their partners are still very real in our society and we are going to "come in" to our immigrants and give them our hands? There is something badly

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**Youth camp
would take
on look
of resort**

I agree with the Dec. 6 letter, "Camp concerns are going unheeded."

The Army Corps of Engineers is the manager and guardian of the Coralville Reservoir's natural resources. If they decide to lease a pristine wooded area next year to developers, inevitably this precious green space will become a restricted zone desecrated by cutting down trees, concrete slabs, buildings, sewer systems, bridge and transportation pollution, well as putting a strain on public safety, law enforcement and the roads.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is opposed to the site for these reasons.

This is called a camp now. Change it into what is proposed would make it a year-round resort with hundreds of people living and going all the time.

This is not progress, not in the best interests of the environment and not reasonable to a large majority of the people.

Do not lease this land, lest it become a slave that would bar it to those people who really have enjoyed its odor for five decades and under the care of the Corps.

Do not let the minority win on this issue.

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Muslim camp still planned

Coralville Lake neighbors continue to oppose the idea

Associated Press and The Gazette

NORTH LIBERTY — Organizers of the proposed 106-acre site Muslim Youth Camps of America camp near Coralville Lake north of here said they still are moving forward with their plans.

That despite opposition from neighbors who say the camp would threaten the environment, their rural lifestyle and — a few say — the nation's security.

"We are actually just trying to move forward with our case and project," said Manzoor Ali, chairman of the board of directors Muslim Youth Camps of

America, a non-profit organization he likened to the YMCA. "We think that we are justified in what we're doing and that our case is very strong."

A Corps of Engineers study released Nov. 19 supported putting the 106-acre Muslim youth camp at the site.

Plans for the estimated \$2 million project call for 10 new cabins, a caretaker's residence and paved parking for 66 vehicles, a beach and boat docks.

The centerpiece is a 17,500-square-foot lodge with meeting rooms, restrooms and dining and kitchen facilities that could be used year-round for conferences, weddings and weekend retreats, but not for overnight stays.

"It will not just be for summer camp," Ali said. It also is not exclusively for Muslims, he said. "We will open it to people

of all creeds to get to know and better understand one another. It will have a lot of beneficial uses," Ali said.

For a few, opposition transcends trees, sewer systems and noise. Resident Bob Lisenbee said he questions the wisdom of a camp for Muslims at a time of heightened tension between the United States and Muslim extremist groups and Middle Eastern countries.

"I have no doubt it will draw people from all over the world, and I think we have to think about security," said Lisenbee, who lives nearby.

The public has until Jan. 2 to submit written comments to the environmental report.

Karen Haggerty, project manager for the Corps, said the Muslim group is not proposing any more campers than the Girl Scouts previously had.