

## Lou Mansolillo

---

**From:** Corrie Pikul <cbpikul@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2026 12:12 PM  
**To:** House Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
**Subject:** support the Natural Forest Protection Act H 7914

You don't often get email from cbpikul@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee,  
I would like to think that you've joined this committee because you care about our natural environment and Rhode Island's natural resources. With the Natural Forest Protection Act H 7914, you have a real opportunity to safeguard the environment in our state.

As I'm sure you know, trees bring a multitude of benefits: they filter pollutants from the air and water, improving air and water quality, they provide shade, which helps cool down urban areas and reduce the "urban heat island effect" -- a growing problem as a result of human-caused climate change; they store carbon, helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change; they improve soil water retention and reduce the risk of flooding (especially important for us in the Ocean State!). Last but not least, a growing body of [evidence](#) shows they improve mental and physical health.

Rhode Island is already a very dense state, but pressures to build continue to increase, so it's imperative we use legislative measures to save the natural area preserves we have. Please do your part to protect our environment and natural resources by voting for the Natural Forest Protection Act H7914.

Sincerely,  
Corrie Pikul  
31 Anthony Rd.  
Barrington, RI 02806