

To the Editor DP

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The Howells are on to something in their DP June 5, 2014 letter. "The selectivity with which some so-called environmentalists apply" environmental standards has a name; it is hypocrisy. Hypocrisy combined with self-serving "NIMBYism."

Throughout the whole mobilization of opposition to the proposed 29 Bypass route, logic and scientific fact were amongst the consistent casualties. The fact that the existing 250/29 bypass has channeled heavy traffic within a few hundred feet of such schools as Burley Moran, Covenant, Walker, and St. Annes Belfied was pointed out by several speakers at the BOS meetings. It also passes close to the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center, stretches of the Rivanna Trail, and crosses the Rivanna River. When challenged, no opponent of the proposed Western 29 Bypass could provide evidence of any health impacts to those attending these schools or facilities over the decades since the 250 bypass was built in the 1950s.

As long as the Western bypass did not get built in their side of town, all other options were deemed preferable.

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