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Re: Proposed Impound Lot on the Greenbelt

Sag Harbor Village Mayor, Sandra Schroeder
Village Office,
55 Main Street
Sag Harbor 11963

Dear Ms. Schroeder

I'm writing as President of the Southampton Trails Preservation Society. Our board represents over 300 people who actively use our woodlands and trails.

We were shocked to learn that Sag Harbor Village has proposed to construct a vehicle impound yard on their property in the Long Pond Greenbelt on 1310 Bridgehampton Turnpike. They have already begun to allow PSEG to park dozens of trucks, equipment and treated telephone poles in the location.

This property is surrounded by the nature preserve lands that Suffolk County, Southampton Town and The Nature Conservancy have spent millions of dollars to preserve and protect. This fragile coastal plain pond ecosystem supports one of the highest concentrations of rare species and natural communities anywhere in New York State including a state endangered Eastern Tiger Salamander breeding pond.

The citizens and officers of Sag Harbor Village have invested a huge effort in time and money to preserve the image of the Village as a 19th Century enclave among rural farms and woodland. A vehicle impound yard in the forest bordering the village would be an urban eyesore out of keeping with these efforts.

Instead we ask you to restore the native vegetation in this property and preserve it forever as part of the Long Pond Greenbelt nature preserve.

Sincerely,

Mark Potter,
President
Southampton Trails Preservation Society

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