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To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my opinion on the Hills project proposed in East Quogue. I am strongly against developing any part of the natural Pine Barrens areas as we do not have many large forested areas left on Long Island. This will also set a precedence that the Pine Barrens Commission is open to developing the land, which could lead to more developments.

The east end is slowly becoming more and more like Nassau in terms of developments and diminishing green space/farm land. It is sad to see and for many Long Islanders, including myself, this has a negative effect on quality of life. I chose to move out east because of the lower population density, larger plots of land for homes, less commercialization, and to be closer to nature. Continuing to develop Long Island and our green spaces is not in the best interest of Long Islanders.

This proposed project will also destroy areas where wildlife live and will force them to compete for food and living space or worse force them into areas of the island that are not ideal locations for larger animals such as deer and turkey. It is important to remember how nature plays apart in our daily lives and how we need to preserve and protect natural areas (something that the Pine Barrens Commission should be very familiar with).

It is easy to dismiss this project as having little to no effect on pollution, animal habitats, and the quality of life for Long Islanders when compared to everything else. The problem is though that over time, these decisions and projects will compound and negatively impact quality of life, green space, animals, and our natural resources.

When making a decision regarding this project or any other proposed plan for the Pine Barrens, please take these factors into consideration and know the only one who benefits from this project is the Developer, not Long Islanders.

Thanks,

Scott Blom