

NOT IN OUR TOWN!

An important message from fellow residents regarding the proposed senior housing project...

Let's examine the known facts:

Future water: the DEP was considering this property for Highlands Preservation.. a most vital watershed land...designated highly environmentally sensitive. Our Mayor lobbied to EXCLUDE IT so that this property could be developed. The extensive blasting & soil removal will change runoff & the flow of water through existing ground fractures possibly affecting surrounding homeowners wells.

The Site: it sits outside of Hopatcong's town center designation.. the area chosen by the town for development. If this designation is not amended in Trenton, the town stands to **lose** state aid, grants & considerations. The proposed development will **violate** steep slope & ridge ordinances, the town master plan & the open space plan.

Environment: The New Jersey DEP has already found wetland violations on the property by the developer during test well drilling in transition areas.

Conservation: Of the 462,500 dollars collected from the open space tax referendum from inception until years end not one cent has been spent on conservation.

Traffic: (Estimated 1500+ additional cars) the developer's report says there will be no adverse affect on traffic. Sussex county planners state "traffic estimates from developers of age restricted projects are often substantially understated because most 55-65 and even above 65 are not retired, nor or the back at home kids/young adults often living with them".

Fiscal: the tax figures estimated by the developer's report are overstated. New Jersey Smart Growth experts state this is no golden egg especially when considering the impact on current infrastructure & all the new required services...full time EMS, police, sanitation, equipment, etc., etc.

Independent studies: the town doesn't appear to be interested in hiring infrastructure, traffic & environmental impact experts..only fiscal.

As with any intelligent decision making process.. add up the negatives, add up the positives..this one's a no brainer.

What can you do? Come to the next planning board meeting scheduled for (to be announced) **in the Hopatcong High School Auditorium**. Ask questions, talk to your neighbors & tell your mayor "**Not in our Town**". This is **not** a "done deal". It's time to start making changes in our town government. Let's start looking for officials who can make smart decisions for Hopatcong's future.

A special thanks to the over 300 residents who attended the 9/14 planning board meeting. Because of you we've gained significant support from environmental groups and surrounding town officials & residents.

Join us: who are we? A citizen committee of over 500 members & growing... we are the **CCH/HOPE COALITION – Concerned Citizens of Hopatcong/Hopatcong Organization to Preserve our Environment..**

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