Appendix L-5
E-mails Opposed to Project (49 E-mails)

Note: See flash drive or CD in front pocket of Volume I of FEIS for access to this appendix.
Dear Supervisor Schneiderman & Members of the Town Council:

I am writing to urge you to reject the project known as “The Hills at Southampton”. Protecting drinking and surface water quality should be Southampton’s Number One Priority. Add to this, the threat to our area’s economy, environment, and quality-of-life and it is clear that this mega-development is not appropriate for this sensitive area. This land was zoned for the explicit purpose of protecting water. Down-zoning this property through a Planned Development District (PDD) should be rejected.

Please decline the “The Hills” application.

Randi Dawson
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Hi Janice,

Thanks very much for getting back to me on this question.

I am directing my further thoughts on the matter to the Town Board as I think they are relevant to the Board’s ongoing consideration.

As I have previously indicated to the Town Board, my primary concern with the standard format for this project is fivefold.

First, the complexity of this application makes it nearly impossible for folks to offer the Town Board any level of meaningful detail in the short time provided. Some folks may just want to say I support/oppose the project, which is fine, others however may have more detailed insight to offer and should be heard.

Second, speaking from thirty years of experience with civic engagement and government decision-making, I think the equivalence between the value of written and oral testimony remains a very open question, and I do not believe that all members of a Town Board can or should be expected to read every comment letter buried in the file.
Third, the usual format also denies interested parties the opportunity to provide detailed input from technical experts that may offer very substantive comment that would be better provided directly to the Town Board (and questioned as need be) at a time when all parties are actively engaged in public discourse about the project from many points of view.

Fourth, the provision of extensive time for a developer to lay out the very best promotional presentation for his/her project while simultaneously limiting the general public and qualified experts to present their point of view raises substantial issues of equity which are easily overcome by simply giving folks some extra time to make their comments. This process has worked well in East Hampton Town where Mr. Schneiderman was Supervisor and all across the East End, where Town Boards regularly provide speakers with ample time to present their views. As this meeting is solely for the purpose of hearing this single application there is even more reason to extend the opportunity for public comment without the concern of further disrupting other Town business or hearings.

Fifth and finally, as the Board may recall, when the Southampton Press editorialized on this matter, it was in substantial agreement that the nature of this project merited some reasonable modification to the standard practices of public input. I suspect they have a fairly good understanding of what is appropriate to assure the best interest of an equitable and transparent public review process, and encourage you to consider their views.

Obviously, the Board will ultimately do what it wishes to do, but I do not think the strict enforcement of a three minute speaking opportunity at the upcoming special meeting for The Hills DEIS is in the best public interest given the significance of this proposal. I suspect others will share and act on this point of view.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this matter.

Best, Bob DeLuca

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Protecting the nature of the place you love

On Nov 2, 2016, at 2:44 PM, Janice Wilson <JWilson@southamptontownny.gov> wrote:

Hi Bob,
From: Szogott@aol.com [mailto:Szogott@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, November 05, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: The Hills

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed Hills construction in East Quogue I am not opposed to progress but we don't need a sprawling golf course and all that will follow. To paraphrase the song from "The Sound of Music": There Hills are alive with the sound of traffic."
Seymour Zogott
East Quogue
From: Lucinda Morrisey [mailto:lulieinquogue@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 07, 2016 6:40 AM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: STOP THE HILLS!

Lucinda Worthington
P.O. Box 1399
Quogue, NY 11959

Please!
From: Jacqueline O'Neill on behalf of Jay Schneiderman
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 2:37 PM
To: Kimberly Ottati
Subject: FW: Stop The Hills!

-----Original Message-----
From: bethjosephs12@gmail.com [mailto:bethjosephs12@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 1:07 PM
To: John Bouvier; Julie Lofstad; Christine Scalera; Stan Glinka; Jay Schneiderman
Subject: Stop The Hills!

Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Southampton Town Councilmembers,

I urge you to stand firm, to protect our aquifer, and do whatever is within your means to stop Discovery Land’s development, “The Hills”, proposed for the Pine Barrens. I deeply appreciated your designation of CPF funds to buy it, and was chagrined when the offer was rejected by the developers. I hope that you will use all legal means necessary, with an emphasis on the environment, to see that it is stopped from jeopardizing our critical aquifer. We must preserve the Pine Barrens and re-examine this notion of PDDs, as they have so far not been truly serving our community.

Your truly,

Beth Josephs
Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Southampton Town Councilmembers,

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Your sincerely,
April Gornik
61 Fresh Pond Rd
Sag Harbor, NY 11963
---Original Message---
From: Maryann Calendrille [mailto:mac@caniosbooks.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 8:09 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman; John Bouvier; Julie Lofstad; Christine Scalera; Stan Glinka
Subject: Save the Pine Barrens and our precious water supply

Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Southampton Town Councilmembers,

I am extremely concerned about the proposed development project in the Pine Barrens. This precious area is crucial to our region as a water recharge area. We live on an island. We are dependent on clean air and water. We owe it to our children's children's children and beyond to protect and preserve the Pine Barrens. Please stand firm against this project by Discovery Land and protect our aquifer. I believe it is a moral imperative, particularly at a time when we're facing the effects of climate change. Please do whatever is within your means to stop “The Hills” development.

Your designation of CPF funds to buy the property was a great effort, but unfortunately it was rejected by developers. I urge you to use all legal means necessary, with an emphasis on the environment, to stop this project jeopardizing our critical aquifer. We must preserve the Pine Barrens and re-examine this notion of PDDs. I don't believe they are truly serving our community.

Sincerely yours,

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Maryann Calendrille
42 Ridge Drive
Sag Harbor NY 11963
Dear Supervisor Schneiderman:

1. BACKGROUND

Discovery Land, the developer of The Hills, in all likelihood, researches the strengths and weaknesses of its opponents and supporters.

To wit, located directly across the street from the proposed Hills PDD is a horse farm PDD that is a combination of three concatenated PDDs. I have a record of every single real estate, legal and financial transaction on every single parcel located on each of the three
PDDs which is how I know that Wayne Bruyn, lawyer for The Hills, was involved in each of the three horse farm PDDs -- and-- how I know who profited from the creation of the PDDs.

**(1.A.)** Based on the horse farm PDDs, Discovery Land would know that once a PDD is approved and reclassified into a residential subdivision and a business (i.e., golf course, catering/event space), Discovery Land **will be able to add even more density via submission of zoning variances.**

**(1.B.)** Given that the horse farm PDDs have already been discredited in two independent studies, Discovery Land would know, once a PDD is approved, **Southampton doesn't investigate undesirable consequences** that result from the creation of PDDs as described throughout this document.

### 2. THE ALLEGED BENEFITS OF THE HILLS PDD

**(2.A) General Issues**

**(2.A.1.)** Since filing its original application for a PDD, Discovery Land has **modified its application multiple times** thus **calling into question the merit of the application.** Discovery Land has purchased additional parcels; revised occupancy limits; increased the number of residences; and changed the wording in its advertisements.

Any change to the original application for a PDD should have required a resubmission of a new application.

**(2.A.2.)** In its DEIS document, Discovery Land has presented several different alternatives thereby giving the appearance that The Hills is a PDD application in search of a rationale to build (see 2.A.3 below).

**(2.A.3.)** In the past, whenever a golf course was proposed for East Quogue, opponents defeated the proposal by alleging golf courses pollute -- an argument accepted in the past by Town Boards that preferred houses to a golf course. In my opinion, Discovery Land has focused on alleging that The Hills will filter pollutants from East Quogue's water because the developers knew that their opponents have repeatedly relied on the singular argument that golf courses pollute.

In response to The Hills DEIS, opponents submitted their own allegedly reduced-impact "community-driven PDD" that includes cluster housing and an equestrian facility, etc.

The community-driven PDD is based on an outdated design that has been discredited in part because all **PDDs, by their very nature, increase the impact on a parcel. They do not reduce the impact.**

One wonders therefore whether PDDs might be prohibited by SEQRA because when compared to an as-of-right development, **PDDs increase overall pollution** from overbuilding, customer activity, employee activity, automobile traffic, delivery vehicles, heavy trucks, deforestation, parking lots, airborne particulate, fumes, noise, lights, industrial refuse, etc. (see 1.B. above).
The number of houses on an as-of-right development is determined by the size of the property and any restrictions that apply to the property. Unless I missed it, I haven’t seen the "official" number of houses that Discovery Land can build incorporating both the size of the property and any restrictions. That number is the as-of-right number.

(2.A.4.) A unique problem involving The Hills PDD is its location directly across the street from 3 concatenated horse farm PDDs where several accidents have already occurred, thereby creating a concentration of 4 PDDs within an accident-prone stretch of the main road into East Quogue.

And as mentioned above under the heading "1.B. Background," the Town hasn't investigated whether these accidents could have been prevented. Yet the Town is now considering adding another PDD in the same area.

(2.A.5.) The DEIS document indicates The Hills complex may be accessed not from a street owned by Discovery Land but from a privately-owned limited-access street located on a farm subdivision next to The Hills property. This driveway, which was created as part of the subdivision of the farm, exists only on paper and was designed to access a small family enclave of 5 houses.

From a zoning perspective, incorporation of privately-owned property into The Hills complex is significant because it changes the design of an already-approved farm subdivision. An analysis of this change -- from a private street designed to access 5 homes into the heavily-trafficked main access to a complex consisting of 118 homes, a golf course and catering facility -- should have been included in The Hills DEIS. Therefore, in my opinion, the DEIS is incomplete.

Wayne Bruyn may have been involved in the subdivision of the farm, therefore, it's possible Mr. Bruyn is involved in 5 PDD-related properties in East Quogue that include a bottleneck of 10 streets/driveways on the main road into East Quogue.

Per the DEIS, it appears that Discovery Land may cover the cost to construct the private street on the farm subdivision that will be used as the main access to the Hills thus possibly relieving the farm family of that expense. It also appears Discovery Land may provide the 5 homes on the family enclave in that subdivision with access to public water while depriving access to public water to other houses on the same main road as the farm subdivision (and The Hills and the horse farm PDDs).

Bringing public water to the farm subdivision would belie Discovery Land's claim that it will purify drinking water in the neighborhood (see discussion of Jeffrey Seeman under the heading 3.B. below).

(2.B.) The Alleged Benefits to the Business Community Aren't Guaranteed

In the 475-page DEIS document I was able to find only one vague reference to benefits to the business community at large, i.e., "Creation of new direct, indirect, and induced permanent seasonal operational jobs in the area which will add millions of dollars to the local economy each year."
East Quogue is located in the heavily populated tri-state area from which Discovery Land can draw cost-effective suppliers and contractors. Discovery Land is under no obligation to employ local tradesmen and truth be told, The Hills' catering/event space might even compete with local businesses.

It should be noted that Discovery Land appears to have made an excavating/composting arrangement with a sand mine commonly referred to as Sand Land. However, this arrangement would in all likelihood end after The Hills complex is built.

**2.C.** The Alleged Benefits to the School Are Based on Assumptions

The argument made by Discovery Land that an as-of-right subdivision will add 130 children to the school is an assumption. Further, the claim that taxes paid by Discovery Land will lower taxes for the community is also an assumption. Discovery Land admits in its advertisements that tax dollars from the development will be generated "at full build-out." Based on an analysis of school spending and an analysis of the current and proposed housing stock in the hamlet, school taxes will continue to outpace revenue from development.

Some members of the business community who have argued that The Hills PDD should be approved because the residences won't increase enrollments have in fact supported increased enrollments from residences on the horse farm PDDs.

**2.D.** The Alleged Benefits to the Town Are Questionable

This category is the most disturbing because the involvement of a developer in the day-to-day business of the Town sets a precedent that might not be desirable. For example, The Hills DEIS document indicates Discovery Land will acquire land for a parking lot on main street, but it's unclear who will build/maintain the parking lot. This type of infrastructure change should be the responsibility of Town planners.

The Hills DEIS also lists as a community benefit a contribution of $25,000 annually to clean storm drains in East Quogue. Because the developer has singled out the Highway Department, this alleged benefit raises the issue of whether the Highway Department negotiated the arrangement with The Hills developers unbeknownst to the Town Board that might have prioritized use of the funds differently.

**2.E.** The Claims that As-of-Right Developments Degrade The Environment Are Assumptions

No evidence exists to back up the claim by Discovery Land that every house on an as-of-right subdivision will create a 5-acre lawn. For the record, an as-of-right residentially-zoned subdivision located up the street from The Hills PDD was built leaving most of the woodland and native vegetation intact. This as-of-right development also installed a water main accessed by houses next to the as-of-right development.
The horse farm PDD cut down woodland and native vegetation -- and the horse farm continues to do so as I write. The horse farm PDD also cut off public water to the houses located next to the PDD (see 1.B.above). The Hills PDD located across the street from the horse farm PDD will also cut off water to those houses (see 2.A.5. above).

3. THE HILLS PDD VIS-A-VIS THE HORSE FARM PDD

(3.A.) An East Quogue Landscaper

Documentation exists in Southampton planning department files to indicate that a landscaper, who lived next to a recharge basin (located on the main road into East Quogue), sued the Town after that basin overflowed. The basin was enlarged when a horse farm PDD was created behind the basin.

The landscaper sold his house to Jeffrey Seeman.

(3.B.) Jeffrey Seeman and The Hills

Jeffrey Seeman is either a Hills employee or consultant who wrote a letter to the editor of The Southampton Press defending the alleged science behind the ability of the proposed golf course to filter East Quogue's water ("Can Be One of The Best," 12/22/16). Mr. Seeman was described in The Press as a Southampton Certified Golf Course Superintendent and Certified Environmental Professional.

In a Viewpoint column written by Mr. Seeman and published on November 17, 2011 in The Press entitled "Kicking The Garbage Can," Mr. Seeman was described as a resident of East Quogue (who) is an environmental scientist with 20 years experience preparing solid waste studies and waste remediation programs.

Based on land-use records, up until a year ago, Mr. Seeman lived next to the recharge basin that overflowed (See 3.A. above). Geographically, Mr. Seeman's house (and the recharge basin that overflowed) is located on the main road into East Quogue across the street from the proposed Hills complex and on the same side of the street as the horse farm PDD.

Mr. Seeman, when he lived in East Quogue, praised Alex Gregor in a testimonial that was used by Alex Gregor in his campaign for Highway Superintendent. Also documented is the fact that, during the Gregor campaign, Mr. Seeman allowed Alex Gregor to run a hose across the Seeman property to manually drain water from the recharge basin next to the Seeman house.

Mr. Seeman's former house uses a private well. Mr. Seeman sold his house across the street from The Hills complex after which he alleged The Hills PDD "can be one of the best." The Hills PDD, like the horse farm PDD, will cut off public water to Mr. Seeman's former house and other houses on the main road (See 2.A.5. and 2.E. above).

(3.C.) Alex Gregor and East Quogue PDDs
It's indisputable that The Hills DEIS singled out Alex Gregor's department for financial assistance (See 2.D. above). It is also indisputable that, a Hills employee, Jeffrey Seeman, supported Alex Gregor's political campaign and helped Gregor manually pump water out of a recharge basin next to the the Seeman house (See 3.A. and 3.B. above).

The manual pumping operation might have been necessitated by a "mistake." Alex Gregor is on record for communicating to the Town Board in a work session that he solved the flooding problem on the main road into East Quogue -- an untrue statement. Documentation exists to prove he constructed a brand-new recharge basin in the wrong location.

For reasons that are unclear, Alex Gregor has been able to make land-use decisions without consulting with the Town or land-use boards. (Gregor admitted on record that the basin was built without a public hearing.) However, when Gregor built his new basin, it appears he consulted with Jeffrey Seeman (see 3.B. above) and with a real estate expediter who was involved in the creation of the horse farm PDD (See 3.A. above and 3.D. below).

Alex Gregor's decision to build a new basin involved clear-cutting two acres of woodland and native vegetation and should have been scrutinized from an environmental and land-use perspective. Any involvement by employees of The Hills or horse farm PDDs should also have been scrutinized.

**(3.D.) East Quogue Horse Farm PDDs**

A horse farm was originally created via a zoning variance by a real estate expediter who appeared to be underfunded. He sold the farm to a second developer who created the PDD that included both a horse farm and a residential subdivision. The horse farm component of the PDD was then sold to an equestrienne who, in need of funding, sold most of the farm to a Wall Street investor who, in turn, also decided to sell to yet another investor.

The real estate expediter who sold the farm to the second developer was allowed to remain on the farm (in a trailer) and to submit the PDD application on behalf of the second developer. The real estate expediter also submitted applications on behalf of owners of the other two concatenated PDDs and the equestrienne. The real estate expediter also assisted Alex Gregor when Gregor built the new recharge basin (See 3.C. above).

The fact that the farm changed hands 5 times (more frequently than any of the residences on the PDD) suggests the PDD was not designed to help a farm business succeed.

Enough evidence exists to substantiate an argument that the horse farm PDD was designed for real estate profit under the guise of preserving a farm (see 1. Background above). It's indisputable that the PDD increased density and that the farm has had a high turnover; it is indisputable that the PDD removed native vegetation and cut off access to public water (See 1.B. and 2.E. above); and it is indisputable that the horse farm driveway has been the site of several accidents (See 1.B. and 2.A.4. above).
In spite of all of the above, by using research into all of the land and financial transfers on all 3 concatenated horse farm PDDs, I uncovered a possible zoning adjustment that could have helped the equestrienne operate more cost effectively, provide greater safety to traffic entering and leaving her farm, and possibly even create some new sources of funding to help her financially. However without the Town's willingness to investigate problems (see 1.B. and 2.A.4. above) I couldn't reach anyone who would listen to my suggestions (see Conclusion below).

4. CONCLUSION

4.A. PDDs Are Unnecessary and Unpredictable

PDDs aren't necessary to accomplish a Town's zoning goals. For example, a horse farm or golf course community can be created without increasing density or creating a PDD.

When a PDD is created, the underlying zoning is often reclassified from predictable residential zoning into zoning that allows for various uses (see 1.A. above). Often the terms "open space" or "preserved space" or "agricultural reserve" are used interchangeably and incorrectly. Open space may be clear cut of trees and natural vegetation to accommodate allowable types of high-volume activities, businesses and/or housing depending on how the open space its classified.

A PDD may also generate less taxes than a residential subdivision because open space may be taxed at a lower rate than residentially-zoned land (See 1.B. above). The Town might even lose control of the open space if the usage is regulated by a county or state agency.

While I don't know how well-capitalized or leveraged Discovery Land is, The Hills PDD has the potential to increase density and/or to change its business model to stay competitive and/or to recover losses incurred by the enterprise.

So a PDD is not the end of a zoning process; it's just the beginning.

(4.B.) Women and Land-Use Issues

While I'm not a personal friend of the equestrienne who tried to run a farm (See 3.D. above), I could still objectively identify and correct problems that might have benefited her operation. However I found correcting problems to be impossible with multiple centers of gravity involved in zoning decisions and no clear line of authority when it comes to problem solution.

The equestrienne didn't create the PDD and she didn't remove trees or native vegetation. Likewise, my zoning adjustment (see 3.D. above) would have preserved the environment in addition to helping a business owner.
The horse farm PDD stands out as a well-documented example of a dysfunctional PDD that created undesirable consequences most of which fell heavily on women property owners, thereby giving rise to a valid observation that Southampton's land-use practices may violate the civil rights of women.

Employees of Discovery Land, members of the East Quogue Civic Association and Citizens Advisory Committee and the East Quogue community reporter have all publicly praised East Quogue resident, Alex Gregor, for plowing and paving East Quogue's streets. The sister of the real estate expeditor, who filed the application for the horse farm PDD and who assisted Alex Gregor in his decision to build a new basin (see 3.C. and 3.D. above), is/was a member of East Quogue civic organizations.

So any support for horse farm PDDs and/or for clear-cutting of trees -- or -- any denial of the undesirable consequences of horse farm PDDs, in all likelihood, is based on "backroom" political, business and social alliances that have nothing to do with objective, safe, professional zoning practice.

In my opinion Southampton has an institutional obligation to protect all residents from any undesirable consequence caused by questionable land-use decisions regardless of who makes those decisions. The knowledge that the Town is responsive and willing to fix problems should go a long way to putting developers and town employees on notice that they must conduct business with integrity. Conversely, without accountability, no one need be honest. Discovery Land would know this.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Cerwinski
Below please find an email concerning The Hills at Southampton. Thank you.

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_on behalf of_  
Sundy Schermeyer, Town Clerk  
116 Hampton Road  
Southampton, NY 11968  
(631) 287-5740 phone  
(631) 287-5606 fax

From: Jacqueline O'Neill On Behalf Of Jay Schneiderman  
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 9:25 AM  
To: Kimberly Ottati; Linda Marzano  
Subject: FW: PPD Application - The Hills at Southampton

Please accept the following as my public comments on the The Hills at Southampton PDD. I serve on the Town’s Sustainable Advisory Committee, but these comments are my own and do not reflect the opinions of the Committee:
I am writing to oppose the Discovery Land Company’s proposed upscale seasonal resort community in East Quogue, “The Hills at Southampton,” a mixed-use Planned Development District (PDD). The proposal calls for 118 residential units and an 18-hole golf course on 168 acres and it would preserve a substantial portion of the 592-acre property. Discovery would provide many community benefits to East Quogue, including cash payments totaling millions of dollars and nitrogen mitigation systems to protect local waters. While these benefits are enticing, the Town Board is under no obligation to approve the developer’s preferred proposal. Instead, the Town should be guided by what is best for Southampton.

For several decades now, Town Board members have campaigned for office on the pledge that “the environment is the economy” and have work to protect the region’s environmental quality. The Community Preservation Fund has been an aggressive program to protect local farmland, groundwater, and other critical resources. Yet, despite these many successful initiatives to improve the local environment, local ecological and community conditions still face serious troubles.

In 2013, Southampton Town adopted the Southampton 400 sustainability plan to guide development and planning in new directions. The Town Board should review this plan, beginning with its call to enhance regional ecological values, diminish the use of toxic substances, and address the social and economic inequities within the Town. The Hills PDD does not help the town to accomplish these goals. The Hills project has the potential to harm local ground water and bays through the spraying of herbicides, pesticides and other golf-related chemicals.

The Hills project would preserve hundreds of acres, but the proposal splits these parcels into smaller pieces. By fragmenting the woodlands, the PDD reduces the ecological value of the land, which is populated by two dozen species designated by New York State as Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

The PDD properties are included in the Southampton Town Aquifer Protection Overlay District, Central Pine Barrens Overlay District, and the Central Suffolk Special Groundwater Protection Area. Given these environmental concerns, Southampton Town explored purchasing this property but those efforts were unsuccessful. Today, the Town Board is under no obligation to accept the applicant’s request to build a golf course on these sensitive lands. If the lands cannot be bought and preserved, the Town Board should insist that the developed footprint on this site be minimized under an alternative low-impact design.

Regards,

Scott Carlin, Hampton Bays, NY
Because we are unable to attend the meeting on November 7th, we are writing today to assert our sincere hope that you represent the majority of our community by using your authority as promised and vote against The Hills project. Beyond the fact that we live on Lewis Road and would suffer additional impact of this misguided project, we cannot ignore the science. KILL THE HILLS! This review has gone on long enough. The negative impacts far outweigh anything positive. Look at Discovery Land. They're in it for the money. We're in it for life.

Sincerely,
Marie & Phil Levine
East Quogue

Sent from my iPad
From: mczogott@aol.com [mailto:mczogott@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 4:53 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: Kill The Hills

Please do the right thing and Kill The Hills development in East Quogue.

Mary Zogott
East Quogue
Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Southampton Town Council members,

I urge you to stand firm, to protect our aquifer, and do whatever is within your means to stop Discovery Land’s development, “The Hills”, proposed for the Pine Barrens.

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Below please find a letter regarding The Hills at Southampton.

Thank you,

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Date: March 31, 2017 at 8:04:48 PM EDT
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Cc: Jay Schneiderman <jschneiderman@southamptontownny.gov>, John Bouvier <jbouvier@southamptontownny.gov>, Stan Glinka <sglinka@southamptontownny.gov>, Julie Lofstad <jlofstad@southamptontownny.gov>, "Councilwoman - Town of Southampton Christine P. Scalera" <cscalera@southamptontownny.gov>
Subject: Hills letter

Supervisor Schneiderman and Town Council Members

I have been watching the process underway for the Hills subdivision and golf course. I have tried to weigh the pluses and minuses of the two plans considered. As of right or the hundred plus housing units AND a golf course which will break up the forested areas and impact the habitat for our local and migrating birds, small animals and pollinators.
I have tried to listen to all the experts and sift the uncompensated speakers from the developer employees. I know of a few people who were at the meetings and advocating for the project who are on the payroll of the developer. I do trust The Group for The East End. I like the alternative plan they put forward and even though that is not what Discovery is not looking to get, we the people of this town should be able to drive and control the development of our town. Not a developer coming in and asking for a change for accommodation of our zoning laws. I am skeptical of the developers pitch that the homes in their plan would be strictly seasonally used. Any homeowner could challenge this covenant in court and I think they would win. To restrict any private homeowner from open use of their property, I think would be very difficult to hold up in court. Then we have all these extra units with the added school children impacting an over stressed district and school plant.

I wish I believed all the wonderful and positive things the developer is saying about this project and its promise to improve ground and surface water quality. I don't. So it is a dilemma.

PDDs are a problem. Why is this project even under consideration? Over turn the PDD legislation and turn this project down. The amount of time and money the developer has put into this project is not our problem. We need to do what is best for our community and the very fragile bays and drinking water in this area. We are at the tipping point in our ground and bay waters health and you are in a very important roll at this moment. You have the power to just say no, thank you. Discovery can take the project somewhere else.

Please do the right thing for our children and grandchildren and turn this outsized project down.

Thank you.
Suzanne Collins
East Quogue homeowner
Please see the below communication concerning the Hills PDD plan.

Thank you,
Tara Farrell on behalf of
Sundy Schermeyer, Town Clerk
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116 Hampton Road
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From: Suzanne Collins <suziegardengirl@optonline.net>
Date: December 9, 2016 at 8:56:23 AM EST
To: "Councilwoman - Town of Southampton Christine P. Scalera" <cscalera@southamptontownny.gov>, Sundy Schermeyer <SSchermeyer@southamptontownny.gov>
Subject: PDD sell out?

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Dear Town Council members,

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Regards,
Suzanne Collins
Remsenburg
Property owner
East Quogue

Thanks,
Suzanne Collins
Please see the below communication and the attachment concerning The Hills PDD.

Thank you,
Tara Farrell on behalf of
Sundy Schermeyer, Town Clerk
Town of Southampton
116 Hampton Road
Southampton, NY 11968
Phone: 631.287.5740
Fax: 631.283.5606

From: Bob DeLuca <bdeluca@eastendenvironment.org>
Date: December 8, 2016 at 12:26:42 PM EST
To: Jay Schneiderman <jschneiderman@southamptontownny.gov>, Christine Scalera <cscalera@southamptontownny.gov>, John Bouvier <jbouvier@southamptontownny.gov>, Julie Lofstad <jlofstad@southamptontownny.gov>, Stan Glinka <sglinka@southamptontownny.gov>
Cc: "O'Neill, Jakki" <Jakki.O'Neill@suffolkcountyny.gov>, Sundy Schermeyer <SSchermeyer@southamptontownny.gov>, <jburke@southamptontownny.gov>, thielef <thielef@assembly.state.ny.us>
Subject: The Hills PDD - Requirements for Mitigation and Alternatives Discussion

Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Members of the Town Board,

I write to express my appreciation for the additional time granted to Group for the East End at this week’s hearing on The Hills PDD application.
As a follow-up to that presentation, I am providing you with a copy of a brief article from the *New York Law Journal*, which speaks directly to the issue of impact mitigation and the assessment of alternatives. I have highlighted several important sections of the article and urge you to take a few minutes to read this piece. I also ask that you enter this note and attachment into the record of the Hills PDD application.

In short, the attached article demonstrates that New York courts have consistently found that the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compels lead agencies to impose environmental mitigation measures necessary to minimize environmental harm associated with any proposed action. Moreover, the courts have made clear that design alternatives are an integral component of the environmental mitigation process, and that both reduced impact and reduced density alternatives have been upheld by the Appellate Division.

I submit this information in the hope that it will further a substantive discussion of alternative development strategies for The Hills property that can reduce potential impacts to water, pine barrens habitat, community infrastructure, etc. There is no reason an applicant should be allowed to claim that there are only two possible outcomes for any particular property when they are legally obligated by SEQRA and the Town’s own Scoping Outline, to provide detailed information on both reduced density and reduced impact alternatives.

As we stated at the hearing, we are not offering our design alternative as the preferred land use for The Hills property (as we still believe full preservation is the best outcome), but we are obligated to participate fully in the review process for the subject proposal and build a record to make our case.

As a result, we ask that the Town require full and careful consideration of the design model and elements we have provided during the next phase of this application’s review (response to substantive comments). In particular, we hope the Town will recognize that our alternative provides ample opportunity for many of the resort amenities and programs promoted by Discovery Land at its other facilities throughout the country (biking, hiking, equestrian activities, fitness, swimming, outdoor sports, spa, etc.) It is also relevant that this project will have an associated beach club which can offset the elimination of a golf course use as a major project amenity.

As always, I remain available to speak with you or meet to further discuss any of these comments, or our public hearing testimony.

Best, Bob DeLuca
Attached and below please find comments regarding the proposed MUPDD for the Hills, East Quogue.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
631–287–5740

Pls reject the project”Hills At Southampton”We need to protect the water & the environment.This {PDD} must be rejected

Please disapprove immediately

Randi Dawson cell 631 680 4004
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TO: Jay Schneiderman, Southampton Town Supervisor, and the Southampton Town Board members
Date: 10/2/16
From Priscilla Ciccariello, 67 Fairmont Avenue, P.O. Box 1715, Montauk, NY 11954

Re Opposition of development of "The Hills", Southampton, NY

Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Southampton Town Councilmembers,

I add my voice to urge you to stand firm and protect our aquifer. We know that pure water will be a major issue (and is a current expense) in Long Island, particularly on the East End. It will not get better, but the demands will be greater as we grow in population. With this in mind, you, (the Board of Southampton) as stewards of this area, must do whatever is within your means to stop Discovery Land’s development, "The Hills", proposed for the Pine Barrens. I deeply appreciated your designation of CPF funds to buy it, and was greatly distressed when the offer was rejected by the developers. My understanding is that the developers live in Arizona - but whether or not this is true, the danger to our water purity will affect all who live here, and it is the responsibility of the Board to protect our water - to use all legal means necessary, with an emphasis on the environment, to see that it is stopped from jeopardizing our critical aquifer. When the aquifer is polluted it cannot be remedied. The Town has acted to preserve our aquifer, investing money throughout the past, and will no doubt do so in the future,
so you must stand firm at this critical time. We must preserve the Pine Barrens and with this in mind, re-examine this notion of PDDs, as they have so far not been serving our community.

Your sincerely,
Priscilla Ciccariello, 67 Fairmont Avenue, P.O. Box 1715, Montauk, NY 11954
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on behalf of
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-----Original Message-----
From: Ned Smyth [mailto:nedsmyth@nedsmyth.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:59 AM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Cc: John Bouvier; Julie Lofstad; Christine Scalera; Stan Glinka
Subject: Stop "The Hills"

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In addition, you may be interested to know that on September 15th, 2016, The International Criminal Court (ICC/ICCt) announced that it will now hold corporate executives and governments legally responsible for resource grabbing and environmental crimes. International lawyers said broadening the priority cases to include land-grabbing would recognise that mass human rights and environmental violations committed during peacetime and in the name of profit could be just as serious as traditional war crimes.
I urge you to please reconsider your position on this vital issue and to take a lead at this critical moment so that others may follow your good example.

Your sincerely,

Kenny Mann
www.rafikiproductions.com
646 479-5884
Sag Harbor, NY 11963
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Your sincerity,
Kirsten Benfield
PO Box 233, Wainscott, New York 11975
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As you know, this particular land is of enormous environmental importance. The Pine Barrens filters the water that supplies our aquifer, which dates from the last ice-age.
I am asking you not to give up on this challenge and to stand firm on our opposition to the Hills. We must do everything we can to keep our water as clean as possible and to keep the beauty and ecological well-being of Long Island Healthy.
Thank you!
Best,
Dorothy
Ashley Marciszyn

From: Kimberly Ottati
Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 9:21 AM
To: Town Board DG; James Burke; Kyle Collins; Janice Scherer
Cc: Sundy Schermeyer; Linda Marzano; Janice Wilson; Jamie Bowden; Jacqueline O'Neill
Subject: Communication - The Hills MUPDD, East Quogue

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Sent: Monday, December 12, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
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Property owner
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on behalf of
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-----Original Message-----
From: Gloria Reilly [mailto:kyriakee@optonline.net]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 3:51 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: Kill the Hills

Dear mr Schneiderman,

We are living in a truly amazing place in the Hamptons but slowly it is changing! The developers are coming here because of available land with no regard to this pristine environment! It's all about the money. I did vote for you and I beg you to "Kill the Hills". We already have too much traffic, our precious drinking water is being compromised as well as our ponds, bays and rivers!
When is enough, enough?

Gloria Reilly
Southampton.
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-----Original Message-----
From: Blair Seagram [mailto:blair@blairseagram.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 03, 2016 10:35 AM
To: Christine Scalera
Cc: Jay Schneiderman; John Bouvier; Julie Lofstad; Christine Scalera; Stan Glinka
Subject: The Hills, a Planned Development District in the Pine Barrens

November 3rd, 2016

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Sincerely,

Blair Seagram  
36 Main Street, #3  
P.O. Box 2663  
Sag Harbor, NY 11963
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Sincerely,
Beverly Schanzer, 29 Round Pond Lane, Sag Harbor, New York 11963
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Dear South Hampton Town Council members & Supervisor Schneiderman,

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This is crucial as they have so far not been truly serving our community.

Best,
Arne Glimcher
Below please find comments concerning The Hills, MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

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Please vote against the Hills application. You promised to do so when you were running as a candidate. Keep your promise!

Thank you.

Anna Klebnikov
Below please find comments concerning the proposed Hills MUPDD.
Thank you,
Kim

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Dear Supervisor Schneiderman,

This past Monday, 12/5, I attended the public hearing on the planned development district application filed by Arizona-based Discovery Land Company at the East Quogue Elementary School.
I do not support a PDD (Planned Development District) for "The Hills at Southampton". Over the last several years I have come to believe that the PDD process mainly benefits the developer and not the public. The Canoe Place Inn PDD is an example. Even though there were strong public concerns and opposition against that project the Town Board still went ahead and approved the PDD.

I urge you to act as a responsible steward of this town's drinking water. Another golf course over a sole source aquifer will increase more nitrogen and other contaminants into our water table. These contaminants will also leech into our creeks and bays. Unless we change course, projects like this will continue to destroy the health of our bays which will impact us economically. Recreational and commercial fishing are already suffering as result of continued pollution.

I applaud planning consultant Lisa Liquori's example of a plan that will allow for a resort-style development and not require a change of zone. I strongly feel that this reduced environmental impact planning concept needs to be explored further. Her concept of a “tighter clustering” of buildings to protect a higher density of land for aquifer re-charge and wild-life habitat make sense.

Without a golf course and with a high efficiency septic system Discovery Land can still have a beautiful resort which will also be good for our environment and our economy. It will be a short drive from their Westhampton Beach ocean facility. Perhaps Discovery Land can also include a package with Sebonack Golf Club, (which I believe Mr. Hissey is associated with), or one of the many other golf courses in our area that are already built.

A developer does not have a right to a PDD and I do not believe one should be granted for The Hills. The Town Board is elected to do what is right for the people it serves. Protecting our drinking water, our creeks and bays and our quality of life is paramount and more important than the interests of any developer.

Sincerely,

Dave McMorris

Hampton Bays
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Thank you,
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Dear Supervisor Schneiderman,
It is incomprehensible to me that it has taken so long for the town board to stop the hills! All the science is clear: this project is disastrous for our precious environment.
It is my sincere hope that you will fulfill your promise to protect our environment by stopping this project before it goes any further.
Thank you.
Laurie Corey
10 Windwood Court
Westhampton, NY 11977
Below please find comments submitted directly to the Town Board regarding The Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

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-----Original Message-----
From: Sandi Martin \[mailto:sandicmartin@yahoo.com\]
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman; Christine Scalera; Julie Lofstad; John Bouvier; Stan Glinka
Cc: stopthehills@gmail.com
Subject: Please Say 'NO!' to The Hills

I hope you prefer to have your names associated with the protection of our environment. Please just say 'no'.

That's a far more noble stance to have for the residents of the east end than one that lines the pockets of developers that live elsewhere.

Thanking you in advance!

Sandi Martin
Adam Brower
12 Oldfield Lane
East Quogue
631 728 3210
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.
Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk

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If you want to see how friendly the folks at Discovery Land are just drive up Spinney Rd to the dead end. There you will greeted by one of the friendly Discovery Land company representatives who can best be describe as a paid "goon". If you're as lucky as me he will flash his lights at you, jump out of his truck then curse and scream that you are on private property. And, oh no, no, no... don't try to turn your car around on his private property. He'll direct you to back out "...the same way you came in."

What a welcome to The Hills in Southampton?

If you approve this MPDD there will be more of this townie treatment to come - I am sure.

VOTE NO ON THIS MPDD! PLEASE!

If you vote to approve this MPDD then please advise me when the town transferred the public access road named Spinney Rd to private hands????????????????????

An East Quogue resident and registered voter.
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My apologies. I copied your email address incorrectly... Anahid

Dear Supervisors:
I am writing in regards to the public hearing on The Hills PDD, and I request that this letter be entered into the public record of the town hearing(s). I have also sent a copy of this email to the Town Clerk so that my comments are put into the project files.

The presentation by the Group for the East End was the first ray of hope in all of the proceedings to date. It neither insisted on no development, nor did it pretend that all development proposals other than the developer's primary one would be worse for the environment, the village, the town, etc. Ms Lepore's presentation sounded very encouraging, and I came away believing that progress on this issue is possible.

Unfortunately, no one could see the drawings during the presentation, so it was difficult to take in the information. Therefore, in addition to expressing my request (and hope) that the Board seriously consider the draft proposal commissioned by GfEE, I am writing to suggest that the Board make that proposal available online. What I envision would be at most a day's work for a basic web designer; it could even be done by a student. The image of the drawing(s) would be on the page, and as we listen to Ms. Lepore's presentation, the image zooms in on the area or areas she is discussing. This would be a huge step forward in helping all sides consider what looks like an excellent compromise that addresses most, if not all, of the concerns and still allows development, much needed increased tax revenues, etc. It could be made available to all media--print, broadcast, and online--and all organizations, from the Civic Associations to the developer and the Stop the Hills campaign. It deserves very serious scrutiny by all interested parties.

I think GfEE's draft proposal is the way forward. I hope it will get the time and attention it deserves from the Board, and I hope the Board will facilitate its serious consideration by making the presentation and drawings widely available.

Sincerely,
Anahid Kassabian
33 Dolphin Road
East Quogue NY 11942

Alsop Chair Emerita, University of Liverpool
Research Fellow
Institute for Musical Research
Royal Holloway, University of London
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk

on behalf of

Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk

631-287-5740

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Dear Trusted Town Board Members and Mr. Schneiderman:

Call me naïve, but I always thought that our locally elected officials were charged with acting on behalf of the constituents who put them in office. Unfortunately, it seems that the Citizens United Ruling has finally trickled down to Southampton Town in the guise of an out of state “big” business, Discovery Land. While Discovery and its’ agents and the LIBI lobbyists profess not to be tampering with local campaigns per se, they are attempting to sway opinion with aggrandized promises of fleeting community benefits and theoretical seasonal employment for a few, while obfuscating the fact that the profit they seek will far outweigh those very benefits. Again, in my naiveté, I am ever hopeful that you will see that the cavalcade of cheerleaders, back-slappers and other varied carpet baggers bussed in to the monthly hearings have little to no concern for the future of Eastern Long island nor our bays and our drinking water. Despite being out spent by the likes of Discovery Land, the dedication and concern for our environment and the future of Southampton Town shown by local grass roots groups and civic associations is invaluable, unwavering and, unlike Discovery Land, here to stay.. If ever there was a time to put preservation over profit, this is it. Kill the Hills.
Thank you,
Susan Kearns
Below please find comments concerning the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,

Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
631-287-5740

-----Original Message-----
From: dougAdams [mailto:dhadams3@optonline.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: PDD for the Hills

Dear Supervisor Schneiderman and Members of the Southampton Town Board, I am writing you to urge you to not approve a PDD for Discovery Land’s Hills at Southampton project. I don’t feel that all the promises made by Discovery Land are believable and that the already over stressed ground water and bay ecosystems will be adversely affected by the size of this project. While the developer has said what a nice job they have done at Sebonic Golf Club, that club is already existing and has no housing component to it. Key issues I believe. The profits to be reaped by Discovery Land if this is approved will be astronomical compared to as of right development. Thus I believe they will say and promise anything to get approval, including pitting neighbor against neighbor as seen at these meetings already held.

Making strictly financial promises to East Quogue School and merchants that will benefit a few local businesses at the expense of many more in the area, who will not benefit from polluted ground water and a dead bay system. Please put citizen’s well- being and quality of life over Discovery Land’s profits. We don’t need extra jet traffic and vehicle traffic all April through October that will result from this project, Sincerely, Douglas H Adams, 41 S Bay Ave, Eastport, NY 11941. Member CAC West
Below please find comments provided to the Town regarding The Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
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Dear Mr. Schneiderman:

We are writing with regard to the above proposed development. We understand there will be a public hearing tomorrow night at the EQ elementary school. Unfortunately, as part time residents we will be unable to attend, although we did make it to the meeting held on Saturday to discuss the alternative plan being suggested by some EQ residents. As full time homeowners and tax payers, however, we would like our views to be known and considered.

We have owned our home on Sunset Avenue for over 35 years, since 1981. While we love our house and have enjoyed many great summers there, we would never recommend East Quogue to another summer resident. That is because unlike neighboring Quogue, we have some of the highest taxes in Southampton and very few summer amenities. We don't think our house was a particularly good investment, especially in comparison to Quogue. While we understand and support good local schools, that is not what attracts seasonal residents. We are afraid that the Hills, as proposed, as well as the reduced alternative suggested by some local residents, will not attract summer buyers and will instead bring in homeowners with young children and put further pressure on the school and taxes.
One of the most enviable Quogue amenities is its beautiful public beach. Easy access to a safe, uncrowded beach is especially important to seasonal residents. Currently, homeowners in western East Quogue like ourselves and the proposed Hills development, have to go all the way to the far eastern end of Dune Road to find a beach with life guards and amenities. The lack of beach access has been an impediment to resale (and to summer rentals). We think a new public beach for East Quogue residents, comparable in amenities to the Quogue beach and located in the western-most location possible, should be a required public benefit of any development of The Hills. We believe this would enhance the attractiveness of The Hills as a resort community for seasonal residents. Without ready beach access why would a seasonal user buy in the hills of East Quogue and not in the cheaper hills of Vermont or upstate New York? Golf and equestrian communities are plentiful in those areas, many of which also offer more year round attractions. It is the ocean and access to it that will inspire people to buy here and pay more.

We regret that we cannot be there tomorrow night to personally speak to this proposal but we hope you will share it with the appropriate people and give it due consideration. Thank you.

Linda and Don Dietz
39 Sunset Avenue
Below please find an email submitted to the Board in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk

on behalf of

Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
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Please review our concerns about the "Hills" proposal for East Quogue

To: Town Supervisor J. Schneiderman
Town Board Members: C. Scalera, J. Bouvier, S. Glinka, & J. Lofstad

Re: The “Hills” proposal

My husband and I are property owners on Spinney Road in East Quogue. I am writing to voice our concerns about the “The Hills” proposal for East Quogue. We attended many of the “Hills” informational meetings including the last four public hearings. I presented our concerns at these meetings.

We are not convinced that this project will benefit our hamlet. I am concerned about the public health impacts on our community. Some of these include unsafe conditions due to increase traffic, noise pollution, negative impacts on the atmosphere once large mounds of earth are cleared for building, and major contamination of our aquifer. The proposed fertigation process to irrigate a golf course situated on top of an aquifer has never been tried even on an experimental basis. If this fails, we will be the ones suffering the consequences. Discovery Land will be long gone.
Long Island’s aquifers are the largest in the country and sole providers of our water. This Sole Source Aquifer as designated by the Environmental Protection Agency must be protected. The Pine Barrens must remain intact allowing the natural processes of environmental and water conservation to continue. As Board members, it is your responsibility to do whatever necessary to protect our pristine water source. This is essential for the current population and future generations.

Lastly, a gated community is not a community benefit. East Quogue is a small hamlet where one can visit with their neighbors, drive from one neighborhood to the next, and admire the Village Green, families, pets, flowers and the bay.

**We strongly urge all of you to VOTE NO for the Hills project.**

Tom & Geraldine Jack  
East Quogue
Below please find an email submitted to the Board in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk

on behalf of

Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk

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To the Southampton Town Board of Supervisors:

The time has come for the Board to step up and do what is best for our community. It must reject this proposed development once and for all. The residents of East Quogue and the East End deserve better than this ill conceived project which will pollute our precious aquifer, change the character of our quaint town and lead to the same traffic congestion as is presently experienced by neighboring communities.

There is no up side for East Quogue residents from this project. We do not want, nor do we need, a golf course in our community. And, that golf course, if built, would poison our drinking water. Please vote to protect East Quogue, not poison it.

Respectfully,

PJ Mitchell
East Quogue resident
54 West End Avenue
Below please find a letter in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.
Please be reminded that the written comment period for this topic expires on 4/1/17.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
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I have been an East Quogue homeowner for nearly 23 years. My daughter was born and raised here, and graduated from East Quogue Elementary School. I am writing this letter to strongly oppose the "Hills" development.

I attended three out of the four public meetings this past winter, and spoke at one of them. I must say that Discovery Land Company certainly "called out the troops" for those spectacles. (The sly give-away of refreshments was particularly underhanded.) From what I could gather, the majority of people in attendance were not only not from East Quogue, but probably not from Southampton Town either. Most who spoke in favor were either connected to the developer in some way - business or personal - or would be in a position to benefit from the development being built, such as a local business owner (restaurant, landscape company, real estate, etc.) Those of us in attendance who actually live in East Quogue overwhelmingly are against this project due to its detrimental effects, including but not limited to: water contamination, increased traffic and density, constructing numerous buildings (including an underground garage for 200 vehicles) over an aquifer, etc.
The fact that you are considering abandoning the whole PDD concept makes it seem like a "no-brainer" in regard to this project. If you don't think PDDs are good for the town, then why pass this one, the largest development in the history of the East End? I find it difficult to wrap my brain around the dichotomy of that.

We as a community have lived though many many months of propaganda - from slick, expensive, glossy mailings to free wine and appetizers at local establishments - because this developer is banking on taking in about a half a billion dollars if this goes through. However, if Discovery is not granted the PDD, I highly doubt it would go ahead with its "as-of-right" threat since money like that can't be made without the golf course.

I voted for you based on your position on this very issue. I hope that you remember what you said while running for the office that you now hold. I will certainly remember how you vote on this when Election Day comes around, as will the other two registered voters who live at my address. Please keep in mind the people who call East Quogue home.

Sincerely,
Maria O'Rourke
PO Box 789
22 Shinnecock Avenue
East Quogue, NY 11942
mariatorourke@gmail.com
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.
Thank you,
Kim

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Jay Schneierman

My name is John Cullen and I am very concerned about the future of Spinny Hills in East Quogue. I have been told that a big company has plans to come and build over 100 homes on this site, and even a golf course. I think this is a terrible thing for the town of Southampton and also for the people who already live close to this area.
I have many concerns, first I just don’t think a development this size should be built on one of the east ends purest water aquifiers, as we both know there is nothing back there but trees and dirt. Will the town have enough water to bring to these 100 plus homes and also a golf course. (I hope you have called other golf clubs in the area to get some sense of how many gallons of water is needed for a golf course) Spinny Hills is a low lying area and will not get the ocean breezes that so many people come out east for. When the heat wave comes, and it will, it should be like florida in the summer back there, and that takes a tremendous amount of
water to maintain not only the golf course but also all the trees and grass that will come to such a big development.
I am also concerned about the traffic in the area and the traffic that will come to the town beaches that already seem to be full every weekend the sun is out. These are just two concerns of many and hope that this development never gets started. Once you take away this pristine area it will never come back.

Please vote NO to any consideration of building on Spinny Hills.

All the best

John Cullen
74 Smugglers path
Riverhead NY 11901
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you, Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
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Ellen Sanders – full time resident of East Quogue near Lewis Rd
Private water well ellen57@optonline.net

Please Vote NO on “The Hills of Southampton” MUPDD

I have attended all 4 public hearings. I am not a public speaker and had played my own recording into the microphone. If the main concern is the
opinion of the East Quogue residents & property tax payers, arrange for a vote. I found the
hearings to be more of a popularity event. Who has the most connections and friends that can be
good public speakers for the cause.

This should be a common-sense issue for the board. Can the use of a golf course and expansive
club & event facility guarantee there will be NO change in our water supply. This summer’s
draught effected my well due to the water table levels changing which resulted in ‘mud’ in my
water.

When the East Quogue residents’ private wells get effected, will Southampton Town take financial
responsibility?

1. I am opposed to the use of the PDD’s and especially for this application.

2. I am opposed to a commercial use of the golf & catering/club house.

3. Our water resources are already being over burdened with the over population of this island.
   The drought issues and deeper well drilling nationwide must be a wakeup call to our officials.

4. It is within the Town’s ability to require ‘the as of right’ development to install a septic
treatment plant and all the newly designed SCDHealth alternatives. Just look at what East
Hampton has done.
Below please find comments submitted to the Board concerning the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
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-----Original Message-----
From: Ann Welker [mailto:aew63@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 01, 2017 8:56 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman; Stan Glinka; Christine Scalera; Julie Lofstad; John Bouvier
Subject: The Hills

Dear Jay, Stan, Christine, Julie, and John,

I only attended the final public commentary meeting for the Hills, but am so glad I did because it was extremely informative. The ONE thing that I regret about the entire evening was that Dr. Chris Gobler stood up and left at approximately 9:00pm, and his name was called to speak just after 10:00pm. Of anyone in the entire audience whom I wish could have been heard, it is Chris. The science behind him is of the utmost importance in this critical decision.

I came away from that evening with two thoughts.

One, that the PPD is broken, beyond repair. Developers, no matter how well intended, should NEVER be driving the ship.

And two, we only have one aquifer. Our sole source aquifer cannot, should not, MUST not be treated lightly in this decision.

I was delighted and relieved to read in The Southampton Press several weeks ago that the PPD is to be carefully examined and perhaps discontinued. Bravo. And again in this week's Southampton Press I was ecstatic to see that you, Supervisor, are hesitant about approving The Hills.
This is a situation, yet again, where this process should NEVER have been allowed to get this far along. If it must go forward, I implore you to consider the long term health of not only our bays, but more importantly our drinking water.

Thank you for your time and attention to this exceedingly important matter.

Sincerely,
Ann Welker

Sent from my iPad
Below and attached please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
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From: Burton , Alex [mailto:aburton@amilink.com]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 5:51 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: The Hills

3/27/17

Sir:

You were quick to stand before the cameras at the Densieski farmland to crow about your wonderful environmental achievement.

So what the hell is taking you and the others so long to do the right thing and prevent The Hills from poisoning our aquifer any worse than it already is? Discovery Land’s submission should have been rejected out-of-hand right from the start, no matter HOW many builders, golfers and Mark Messiers (now THERE’S a guy who should sway East Quogue policy, right?) they fill the town hall meetings with, no matter how many glossy mailings filled with laughable lies they send around, no matter what level of bribery they attempt.

Do you seriously think that right-minded citizens won’t see through Discovery Land’s ridiculously transparent, big-money PR machine (and backdoor bank account) and put 2 and 2 together should you allow this golf course — and palatial clubhouse — abomination to go through?? If they can buy off Kevin McAllister (gee, what an interesting sudden change of tune by the former BAYKEEPER!!!!), then you have to know you’ll be tarred by that same $$ brush if you let these out-of-state millionaires dictate the quality of our already compromised drinking water and bay.

I hope you enjoy the two photos I’ve attached: one is a DEAD blue claw crab that was exposed at low tide on a ladder rung in Shinnecock Bay last fall (the inlets and canals off the bay are now regularly filled with dead blue claws of all ages and sizes); the other was taken last week, showing the infuriating and disgusting growth that now regularly forms in my canal off the bay in late winter/early spring once the water temp begins to rise.

This garbage will be YOUR legacy should you and the rest of the voting members allow this monstrosity to be built. And should that be the case, myself — a 40-year resident of East Quogue — and others, who don’t happen to be an executive news editor with a major magazine publishing empire, like myself — will have plenty more to say.
Please do the right thing.

Regards,

Alex Burton
EQ
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.
Please be reminded that the written comment period for this subject expires on April 1st.

Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
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631-287-5740

Hello Supervisor Schneiderman,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the Hills development. It is not enough to say that you are concerned about pesticides on the golf course. There should be no golf course on this site!!! The State of NY is giving Suffolk County among others $1 billion dollars to improve the septs in the county. That will cut down on the nitrogen levels in the water and clean up our bays and waterways. And then what? Your legacy will be that you approved--and cast the deciding vote--the largest PDD project there is in Suffolk County which will add millions of gallons of pollutants right back into the water and air.

We don't need that and we don't need Discovery Land in East Quogue. If you do not allow them to build the golf course, they will not build the development and may accept the $35 million they were offered for the property. At any rate, if you don't have the gumption to simply say No to the Hills, at least say NO to the golf course segment.

We voters have long memories. I am active in getting people to vote and I promise you that you will have my vote as well as others if you vote against this project. If however, you vote to approve it, I will be extremely active in mobilizing people to vote for whoever will be running against you ---a candidate who is truly pro-environment.

Thank you for your attention.

Anna Brinsmade
Below please find an email in opposition to the proposed Hills MUPDD.

Thank you,
Kim

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on behalf of
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
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From: Pam Chance [mailto:pkaychance@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Sundy Schermeyer
Subject: DLC's THE HILL'S in East Quogue

Dear Mr. Schneiderman and the Southampton Town Board,

Like many of my neighbors in East Quogue and beyond, I have listened to both sides of the "The Hills" for the last couple years.

It seems to me that the Discovery Land Comp. (DLC) is full of promises, that overtime will fall by the wayside. They will have made their $500 million or more, and then move on to discover a new area to ruin.

After listening to statements of many authorities...that have nothing to gain except peace of mind..knowing that they spoke out for what they believe is for the betterment of our community. (I.E. Dr. Chris Gobler, Richard Amper, Scott Carlin, and Robert Deluca), just to name a few.
I must say that the biggest impact on me, was when I heard Dr. Cervino speak about his findings, along with two of his colleagues....
Dr. Thomas Goreau (President, Global Coral Reef Alliance) and Dr. Michael Risk
The 10 year study was done both before and after
Discovery Land Comp. built their Bakers Bay Golf Course and OceanClub in the Bahamas. The result...proven by 100's of pictures and other documented facts...was that although Discovery Land Comp. claimed that the environment and ocean would experience no harm... and I quote the Dr's findings....
"Blooms of algae indicative of high levels of nutrients began to appear on the reef and overgrow, smother, and kill corals". None of this was present before DLC built their golf course.
Moreover, "DLC has built at least two other huge golf courses at locations where their fertilizer runoff drains directly onto corals reefs...the Makena Golf course in Maui, and the Kuki'o golf course on the Big Island of Hawaii
In both cases these sites are now severely degraded, overgrown with weedy algae as the result of the land-based nutrient inputs".
For these and many other reasons...I ask you to please reject the proposed PDD for the DLC in order for them
to change the zoning, and build a golf course, clubhouse, and 118 residences, and instead consider the Reduced Impact Alternative which was presented by Mr. Deluca and Ms. Liquori.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Pam Chance-Herzing
Below please find comments concerning The Hills MUPDD, Tuckahoe Center and the relocation of Tuckahoe Road.

Thank you,

Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
on behalf of
Sundy A. Schermeyer, Town Clerk
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-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Colledge [mailto:susan.colledge@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2016 9:03 PM
To: Jay Schneiderman
Subject: the Hills

Please please please kill The Hills. We've GOT to save our environment. And while I'm at it, I oppose the Tuckahoe Shopping Center which is simply just another assault .......along with the attempt to change the Golf Course road.
Come on! Be strong.....you'll be amazed at the support you'll realize. Many people just grumble silently......they don't email nor write nor phone, but they are there......in the background,watching. And later, voting.
Do the right thing.
Thank you.
Susan colledge

Sent from my iPad
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Thank you,
Kim

Kimberly Ottati, Deputy Town Clerk
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Supervisor Schneiderman, Councilpersons Lofstad and Bouvier,

I am writing in response to the "Comments on DEIS of the Hills PDD: Effects on Surface and Groundwater Quality" written by Dr. Chris Gobler and submitted to the town for review as part of the written response portion of the Hills application.

It appears to me that this document proves once and for all that the DEIS as presented is flawed, inaccurate and self-damning. Dr. Gobler research shows:

- any additional nitrogen discharge to Weesuck Creek will be disastrous. Project not nitrogen negative
- nitrogen load of the project 3X that which was reported in the DEIS
- fertigation cant supply nitrogen as stated, so it is not a benefit. Gobler calls it dangerous
- leeching rates in the DEIS are not accurate
- as-of- right better than the Hills project
- DEIS overstated as of right fertilization rate by 100%

Additional asides:

- the latest proposed sewerage plant has not been investigated in the DEIS
- pesticide application spoken of only in generalities - no metrics - they will apply as needed. Really?
As a fellow Democrat and a very concerned citizen, I believe it is time to call a vote on this proposal and vote it down. There are too many loose ends that these guys are expecting the town and people like Gobler to identify and present remedies. There are no remedies, this project is just as problematic today as it was on day one. They can be given no more opportunities to modify this project. Do they think reality is not important?

The people of the town are being asked to assume all the risk and the developer reap all the benefits.

It is time to do that which you promised when campaigning, protect the environment. It is time to review and adhere to the first plank in the Democratic platform, protect the environment. It is time to do that which you swore to do when taking the oath of office, protect the town and its people.

Best regards,

Bill Kearns
East Quogue NY
631 682 1164