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**“Political leaders, environmental groups and
governments must do everything in their power
to ensure that this land is protected.”**

The Hartford Courant

**Going
Once...**

**Going
twice...**

ACTION NEEDED NOW

IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, a proposed housing development and private golf course owned by Riversound, LLC, with Robert Landino as its agent, will pave over large strips of this pristine environment; increase traffic congestion; and likely lead to an increase in property taxes.

Already a top conservation priority, both for the state of Connecticut and private land conservation organizations, this vast tract of wilderness in Old Saybrook deserves to be preserved, not turned in to a 248-unit housing development and 18-hole private golf course.

Higher Taxes

Housing developments can cost a town several times more than open space. Providing education, roads, and safety for these additional residences increases local taxes.

Traffic Congestion

Large-scale development of this property will inevitably increase traffic jams on our already congested local roads in Old Saybrook, Essex, and Westbrook.

Septic, Sewerage and Pollution Concerns

The community septic system needed for this size development would handle the equivalent capacity of one of the largest community septic systems ever constructed or permitted in the state. Per State law, the town and its taxpayers would be

responsible for the cost of maintenance and the cost of repair should this system fail. The development of this property also threatens to pollute drinking water wells, streams and the nearby Oyster River with fertilizers and pesticides.

Now or Never

IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, then we lose this natural resource forever.

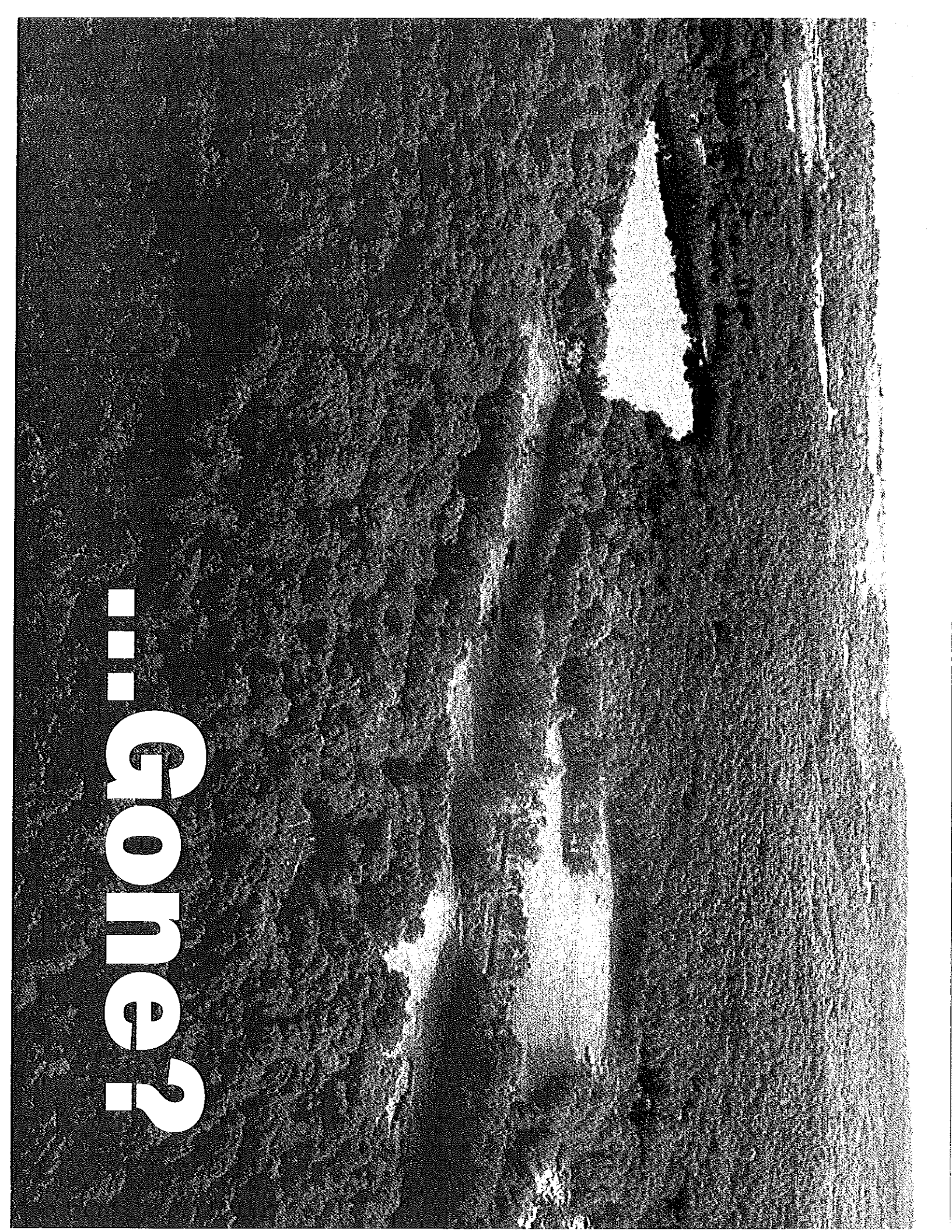
What You Can Do

Local elected officials need to hear from you. **ENCOURAGE THEM** to protect this land as open space and help create a forest legacy for future generations. For more information and to contact us, visit our web site at www.asap-ct.org.

Now is the time to preserve our quality of life for future generations.

1,000-acres of open space located primarily in Old Saybrook, with its borders reaching into Essex and Westbrook, forms the heart of our region's last large coastal forest. It protects clear running streams and is home to a vast array of wildlife, including rare and endangered species.





...Goner?

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**Help keep our community a safe
and healthy place to live.**

**Add my name to the list of area citizens who oppose the
development of this important open space.**

**Tell my elected officials to make permanently protecting this
land and creating a forest legacy a top priority.**

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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