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Bob McIntyre, Chairman
Old Saybrook Planning Commission
302 Main Street
Old Saybrook CT 06475

Dear Chairman McIntyre,

I would like to state my strong support of the Preserve. I believe it would be an asset to the Town of Old Saybrook.

The Planning Commission and the developers of the Preserve have an opportunity to create a win-win situation for the town of Old Saybrook. An environmentally sound plan for the creation of both a well designed residential community and recreational space that will benefit all residents CAN be accomplished. The basis for that plan has been presented and includes:

Clustered housing to maximize natural, undisturbed open space

Five miles of public walking trails

Protection of endangered flora

Conservation of vernal pools to support native wildlife

Other benefits include:

A golf course design to protect the environment, incorporating minimal use of pesticides and fertilizers

A new fire substation

Generation of substantial tax revenues.

In closing, I would like to say that, despite much public comment from a few detractors, I believe that most people have no issue with this project. Old Saybrook is growing, and the Preserve, with your guidance, has the opportunity to provide our town with an environmentally responsible residential and recreational area that will enhance the community.

Sincerely,

