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Old Saybrook Planning Commission
302 Main Street
Old Saybrook, CT. 06475-1741

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To the members of the Commission,

The Old Saybrook Land Trust is committed to preservation of open space and protection of the town's valuable natural resources for the benefit of the general public. We would like to join with the Planning Commission and the town of Old Saybrook in the upcoming review of River Sound Development's "The Preserve" lending assistance and support for the best possible outcome for the town and its residents.

As you well know, Old Saybrook has a wealth of natural resources, and is a beautiful place to live and to visit. We are fortunate to share more coastline than any other town with the internationally significant waters of the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound. No less important are the forested uplands of our town, which include "The Preserve," that harbor state champion Atlantic white cedar trees, a rich complex of vernal pools, rocky outcrops, and the headwaters of the town's tidal Oyster River.

The Old Saybrook Land Trust, incorporated in 1987 as an extension of previous conservation efforts in the town, has successfully partnered in the past with the town of Old Saybrook to provide quality open space opportunities for the community. As the Planning Commission begins its deliberations on this important parcel of land, please consider the dedicated board and members of the Old Saybrook Land Trust as willing and sincere partners.

Thank you for the service that you provide, and for your careful consideration of this project. You may reach the Old Saybrook Land Trust at the contact information provided below.

Sincerely,

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