

**PLANNING
COMMISSION
EXHIBIT 108**

February 16, 2011

To the Planning Commission,

This letter is written to make known to you my complete opposition to the development of the "Preserve".

This property is significant in its size and location- the last large piece of coastal forest and wetlands between New York and Boston. Many migratory birds depend on it. So many habitats are disappearing at a rapid pace that many animals in Connecticut are endangered. This property possesses turtles, salamanders, porcupines and muskrat, all of which are threatened here in our State. It also has three watersheds to local rivers. Ultimately the aquifer that we draw from in Ivoryton is the same one that the development will use. Water is fast becoming a most precious commodity in today's world and we need to keep our reserve.

The out of town developers do not care about any of that. They merely see one thing-dollar signs. I am appealing to you out of my love for the natural environment, but others have pointed to the general mess the project will make and the mayhem it will cause to our small town(s). Either way the development offers nothing but negative impact to all, except to the Trustee to Lehman Brothers and their cronies.

The meetings thus far have been long and tedious, and I commend your panel for persevering with focus and dedication. There is certainly a lot of material being presented. Sometimes it seems to me that the development team might be filibustering just to make the crowd go away.

It is challenging for the 'common man' to stay in this fight as most all of us are all pooped out by ten o'clock. But stay we must! This is our town! Our soil! Our country and planet and we need to protect it!

Attorney Royston practically wheedles when he suggests that his side is somehow being hassled unfairly. The nerve! We are dealing with a potentially monumental catastrophe on several fronts and close scrutiny is imperative. We care about our town and our natural environment.

I respectfully ask the commission to deny any further application to develop the Preserve.

Sincerely,

Suzanne R. Howard

