

Date: October 14, 2010

To: Town of Washington Board

Florence Prisco - Supervisor
Robert Audia - Member
Michael E. Murphy - Member
William F. Murphy - Member
Stephen Turletes - Member

From: The undersigned, residents, property owners, and tax payers of the Town of Washington

Petition: Protect Our Wetlands – Protect Our Drinking Water

Dear Town of Washington Board;

We, the undersigned, residents, property owners, and tax payers of the Town of Washington, request that you adopt a Town of Washington Wetlands Ordinance to protect and preserve our irreplaceable water supply and wetlands.

We believe that the Town of Washington must have a wetlands and watercourses law that adequately protects our drinking-water aquifers, streams, ponds, lakes, marshes and vernal pools and the embankments adjacent to these wetlands and watercourses, where vegetation must remain undisturbed. The ordinance must have proper maps so residents and officials will know where these areas are located.

In addition, watersheds must be wisely managed to preserve topsoil, avoid silting of watercourses and diminish the risk of floods. We wish this protection to ensure our access to abundant, clean drinking water, to preserve our verdant landscape and to protect the many forms of life that depend on our streams and wetlands.

It is essential that the Town of Washington now adopt a Wetlands Ordinance that meets or exceeds all of these requirements.

Existing state laws do not achieve the breadth of protections envisioned here. We realize that the protection we request may discourage some inappropriate forms of residential and commercial development, and in this way impose costs on some land speculators and developers, but the costs to the entire community of not having an adequate wetlands and watercourses law are real, exceedingly high, long lasting and unacceptable

Sincerely,

The Undersigned

| Name | Zip Code | Comments |
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| 129 Grace M. Rosa | 12545 | |
| 128 Leslie Tumblety | 12545 | |
| 127 Deborah Fargione | 12545 | |
| 126 Francis D. Bartow | 12545 | |
| 125 Mary Bartow | 12545 | |
| 124 Constance Clapp and David Clapp | 12545 | |
| 123 J. Kevin Smith | 12545 | |
| 122 Mary OConnell | 12545 | |
| 121 Carole P. Beller | 12545 | |
| 120 Richard Philipps | 12545 | |
| 119 Denise FitzPatrick | 12545 | It is of the utmost importance to enact a stringent wetlands protection law to ensure the quality and safety of the drinking water for our community now and in future years. An enormous responsibility rests on the shoulders of the Town Board to enact a law that will, in fact, protect our valuable natural resources. I am an attorney who has practiced in the area of environmental law, and I have seen the devastating effects of pollution on ground water and on the lives of those whose water supply has been destroyed. It is common scientific knowledge that wetlands are an integral and vital part of an ecosystem that preserves and protects our drinking water. This is an issue that deserves the utmost time and attention to accomplish necessary results, namely, the protection of the water supply to our Town residents and protection of the wetlands themselves. If our Town representatives don't see this as a priority over the rights of developers, all of us will suffer the irreversible consequences. |
| 118 Drew Casertano | 12545 | |
| 117 Tim Foxe | 12545 | |
| 116 Isabel Widdowson | 12545 | |
| 115 Frank Mancuso | 12545 | |
| 114 Stacy Hoppen | 12545 | |
| 113 Patricia J. Sousloff | 10021 | |
| 112 Chris Mann | 12545 | |
| 111 Claire Mann | 12545 | |
| 110 Elizabeth Mayhew | 10025 | |
| 109 Timothy Mayhew | 10025 | |
| 108 Ann M. Rolland | 12545 | |
| 107 Mark Hsiao | 12545 | this is one of the most important issues for me. |
| 106 Nan Greenwood | 12545 | |
| 105 Allison and Fraser Musmand | 12578 | |
| 104 Emma Dunlap | 12545 | |
| 103 Catherine Webb | 12545 | |
| 102 Alvin Schechter | 12501 | |
| 101 Holly Kelly | 12545 | |
| 100 Felicitas S. Thorne | 12545 | |
| 99 nancy hathaway | 12545 | |
| 98 Susan Abuhaidar | 12545 | |
| 97 Peter Groffman | 12545 | |
| 96 joan cadette | 12545 | |

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| 95 Mark Grigalunas | 12545 | |
| 94 Charles Weeden | 12545 | |
| 93 Carol R. Perkins | 12545 | |
| 92 ann wilkinson | 12545 | |
| 91 Sara Allen | 12545 | let's do this before it's too late |
| 90 Alexandra Koeppel | 12514 | |
| 89 WILLIAM BREMILLER | 12545 | |
| 88 William H. Schlesinger | 12545 | |
| 87 Alison Granucci | 12545 | |
| 86 Krista Fragos | 12545 | |
| 85 Annette and Jorge J. Rodriguez | 12545 | |
| 84 Ilona Molnar | 12545 | |
| 83 Bela G. Molnar | 12545 | |
| 82 William S Doyle | 12545 | |
| 81 Permele Doyle | 12545 | |
| 80 Ronald Gross | 12545 | |
| 79 Adelaide Camillo | 12545 | Not having local wetlands protection, and continuing to delay this important environmental ordinance is irresponsible on the part of the Town Board. |
| 78 Ken Cohen | 12545 | |
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| 77 Marta Nottebohm | 12545 | |
| 76 Thomas and Millicent Cox | 12545 | |
| 75 John T Reid | 12545 | |
| 74 Allen Friedman | 12545 | |
| 73 Jennifer Oken | 12545 | |
| 72 Jay Marc Schwamm | 12545 | |
| 71 Isis and Brian Hoffman | 12545 | |
| 70 dianne montague | 12545 | Protect us from fracking for natural gas |
| 69 Giancarlo Grisi | 12545 | we are learning how crucial it is to protect our drinking water for our own health and that of future generations |
| 68 john Block | 12545 | |
| 67 Lorraine Alexander | 12545 | very important for preserving what makes this area so beautiful |
| 66 Hilary Block | 12545 | |
| 65 james elliott lindsley | 12545 | |
| 64 Cynthia Dussel | 12585 | |
| 63 Craig Callen | 12545 | There is no understandable justification for not to supporting this petition |
| 62 Linda Winter | 12545 | I already have to buy drinking water, as the water from our well has too much salt & chlorine. I do want to be able to continue to use that water for showers & cooking. |
| 61 ilana nilsen | 12585 | |
| 60 Alexandra Kasmin | 12545 | |
| 59 Janice Glaser- Silverstone | 12545 | |
| 58 John E. McQuillan | 12545 | |
| 57 June Ann Parish | 12545 | |
| 56 Lawrence J Parish | 12545 | |

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| 55 Joan Trombini | 12514 | It is the responsibility of all of us to protect our drinking water. Please pass the Wetlands Ordinance |
| 54 Hester Weeden | 12545 | Big-time developers will be a threat in the future. |
| 53 David Sloan | 12545 | |
| 52 Dawn Tree | 12545 | |
| 51 maryrose giardina | 12545 | This is not for us - it is for our children and our children's children |
| 50 Thomas A. Bieler | 12545 | With Hydro-fracking looming, it is more important than ever to do all possible to protect our drinking water |
| 49 Edward Shaughnessy | 12545 | |
| 48 Mary M Morse | 12545 | a resource not to be wasted |
| 47 Fernando Nottebohm | 12545 | |
| 46 Melanie Whaley | 12545 | |
| 45 Jeffry A. Giardina | 12545 | |
| 44 Riki Friedman | 12545 | |
| 43 Suzanne and Lee Liebolt | 10128- 1314 | |
| 42 Donna H .Verrilli | 12545 | |
| 41 Richard C. Verrilli | 12545 | |
| 40 Ngaire Anderson | 12545 | |
| 39 Ragnar Meyer Knutsen | 12545 | |
| 38 laureenknutsen | 12545 | |
| 37 Howard T. Bellin | 12545 | |
| 36 Nigel Widdowson | 12545 | |
| 35 Janine Milne | 12514 | |
| 34 Tom Eckerle | 12545 | |
| 33 Cecilia Gallini | 12545 | |
| 32 Eleanor Sloan | 12545 | |
| 31 maris van alen | 12545 | |
| 30 Lillian Pyne-Corbin | 12545 | |
| 29 Andrew Fink | 12545 | |
| 28 eve t. propp | 12545 | |
| 27 Anthony Sloan | 12545 | |
| 26 Simon Roosevelt | 12581 | |
| 25 Melanie Whaley | 12545 | |
| 24 valerie martin | 12545 | |
| 23 Andrew Soussloff | 12545 | |
| 22 Robert L. Mahar | 12545 | |
| 21 Eric Levine | 12545 | |
| 20 Gabrielle Vallarino | 12545 | |
| 19 Beth | 12501 | |
| 18 Ann Morse | 12545 | |
| 17 Mish Tworkowski | 12545 | |
| 16 Mish Tworkowski | 12545 | |
| 15 Joseph Singer | 12545 | |
| 14 Bill Berensmann | 12545 | |
| 13 Lois Mander | 12545 | |
| 12 Barbara Ohrbach | 12545 | |
| 11 Mel Ohrbach | 12545 | |
| 10 Patricia Sullivan | 12545 | |
| 9 Fernanda Kellogg | 12545 | |
| 8 Giorgio Baravalle | 12545 | |
| 7 Julia Widdowson | 12545 | |

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| 6 Aline D. Manzi | 12545 |
| 5 Jane Ellenberg | 12545 |
| 4 David M. Dunlap | 12545 |
| 3 Elizabeth Logan- Baravalle | 12545 |
| 2 Mary Dickas | 12545 |
| 1 Howard Schuman | 12545 The costs to the entire community of not having an adequate wetlands and watercourses law are real, exceedingly high, long-lasting and unacceptable. |

