

Supervisor Jennifer DeSena, Councilwoman Mariann Dalimonte, Councilman Peter J. Zuckerman, Councilman Dennis Walsh, Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey, Councilman David A. Adhami

Town of North Hempstead
220 Plandome Road
Manhasset, New York 11030

RE: In Favor of Proposed Redevelopment of 145 West Shore Road, Port Washington

Dear Supervisor DeSena and North Hempstead Town Board:

I am writing in support of Southern Land Company's proposed environmental remediation and multifamily housing project located at 145 West Shore Road.

As a Town of North Hempstead resident, I am wary of any new developments that could disrupt our special way of life here. That said, I am a firm believer in a cleaner, greener, and safer Port Washington. That is why I am proud to be in full support of the restorative and exciting project that Southern Land Company has planned.

I know first-hand the potential this property has for contributing to an otherwise idyllic shoreline. This undeveloped parcel deserves to be transformed into a productive, beautified addition to the community. As is, it is not contributing to our landscape, it is affecting the environment, and it encourages unregulated activity that does not benefit our beloved community.

I fully support Southern Land Company's extensive plan to completely remediate this property and turn it into a recreational, publicly accessible area that adds to what makes Port Washington such an amazing place to call home. For instance, Southern Land Company plans to build a 700-foot-long promenade along Hempstead Harbor that anyone can enjoy. I look forward to the day when I can join my neighbors and friends for a walk along the water there. Additionally, Southern Land Company plans to restore a 300-foot-long pier into an educational viewing pier that will pay homage to the site's history and be utilized for a variety of family-friendly events. And, with a deep-water marina planned, avid boaters will have a convenient location to support their passion. Simply put, Southern Land Company will return valuable waterfront access to the public. I see absolutely no downside to this project.

Southern Land Company has proven to be transparent and receptive in their ongoing, wide-ranging discussions with more than 20 community groups in Port Washington. Southern Land Company has met with many groups who are among the most invested and impactful in Port Washington, including the local police and fire departments, rowing team, school board, and environmental groups. They have shown an ongoing willingness to ensure the 145 West Shore Road project has the most positive impact possible. They also hosted four public webinars last year and have continually shown a willingness to address our concerns.

Southern Land Company has communicated that any concerns about the project have been studied and properly evaluated, and this is true, as evidenced by Southern Land Company's submission of a full draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Southern Land Company prefers to let science and data back up their claims, and I greatly appreciate their transparency in undergoing the EIS process. I believe in a safer Port Washington. I believe in cleaner, greener spaces for the entire town to enjoy. And I believe in Southern Land Company's earnest efforts to realize their vision for a better Port Washington.

Thank you.