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East Lyme Inland Wetland Commission

Chairman Upton and commission members

I'm writing this letter opposing your change to the regulated area from one hundred feet to five hundred feet.

Has the commission determined that developments that have been built under the current regulations are causing an impact to the wetlands and if so where's the data?

Has the commission determined how the roads without any drainage control has an impact on the wetlands compared to the roads that have drainage controls like detention basins or water quality control basins?

If the commission hasn't looked into it then how do you know your current regulations needs to be changed?

Changing the regulation without determining where the problem is will do nothing to improve the wetlands or the quality of the water. There are a lot of roads in town that their drainage goes directly into the wetlands, so in the winter when they're deicing the roads all the chemicals they put down goes into the wetlands which increases the sodium in the water, changing the regulation will not improve this. This change to the regulation puts an impact on most of the town with no evidence showing how it will improve the quality of the wetlands and the water in town.

I'm a second generation developer that's been in the business for over thirty years, and we built two developments in town, Spinnaker and Sea Spray I'm also the developer of Twin Valley Lakes and as a developer we are not looking to build developments that will have an impact on wetlands we build them as to the regulations that the state and towns have adopted.

If the commission wants to change the regulation then they should do some homework and find out where the problem is first and how best to repair it and not assume that changing from 100 feet to 500 feet (a 500% increase) will improve anything. With an impact this large that will effect most land owners in East Lyme the town should wait until you can hold a public meeting in person, I've heard no reason as to why this has to happen now.

Sincerely

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