

East Hampton CONSERVATORS

Together we can preserve East Hampton.

“We have our work cut out for us in 2011. Please support our Annual Appeal today.” - Alec Baldwin, Founder

Our Agenda for 2011:

Enforce the Town Comprehensive Plan

The Town Comprehensive Plan, updated in 2005, is a blueprint for controlling development and protecting the environment. EHC will fight any attempt by pro-development forces to undermine the plan and weaken the town Planning Department and Planning Board.

Prevent Spot Zoning

Spot zoning is changing the zoning on a particular parcel of land - usually “down zoning” to increase density (the number of allowable homes to be built) - to benefit developers. Spot zoning increases the number of residences in town, speeds development and population growth, and results in increased taxes and suburbanization of the town. EHC fought specific spot zoning in 2010 and will continue to do so in 2011.

Stop the Sale of Important Taxpayer-Owned Land

Selling environmentally sensitive taxpayer-owned land is not the solution to the town’s deficit. It is a thinly veiled gift to developers. EHC is fighting the sale of Fort Pond House in Montauk – the only public access to Fort Pond and a center for community activities. EHC has voiced its support of the lawsuit aimed at preventing the sale and will fight the selling of important taxpayer-owned land.

Oppose Accessory Apartments

Increasing accessory apartments by relaxing and weakening existing apartment legislation in homes and atop garages will increase population and traffic, require more infrastructure and services, and threaten the environment and quality of life. More accessory apartments will mean more septic tanks and nitrogen pollution of our groundwater – the source of our drinking water. Nitrogen from septic tanks also pollutes our bays. Accessory apartments will increase taxes and are another sign of the threat of suburbanization in East Hampton.

Protect Our Beaches

Our beaches are East Hampton's most important economic asset. But they are slowly being destroyed. The town and Village of East Hampton need more stringent regulation on uses of beaches and dunes in order to preserve them. In 2011, EHC will launch Save Our Beaches, a campaign to educate the public and demand that elected officials enforce existing regulations and protect East Hampton's beaches and dunes.

Preserve Open Space with Community Preservation Funds

Funds are flowing back into the Community Preservation Fund (CPF) and as part of the public trust should be used to purchase open space, historic properties, and maintain properties already purchased. EHC will encourage town government to use available funds to make purchases rather than letting the funds sit idle and expose open space to development.

Help Save Montauk

The environment and quality of life are under attack in Montauk like never before. The issues confronting Montauk are daunting including the pollution of Lake Montauk and Fort Pond, the sale of Fort Pond House - a taxpayer owned property, the opening of national chain stores, diminishing fish stocks, the flaunting of state environmental regulations, and the list goes on. EHC will work with Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) to help preserve this unique community.

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