

TOP 10 REASONS TO SAVE POCANTICO LAKE™

(from a 31-home subdivision development)

1. **PROTECT A COUNTY PARK ENJOYED BY THOUSANDS EACH YEAR.** A lifeline during the pandemic and valued daily by families from all over the county who fish, hike, and enjoy this unspoiled gem of a public park.
2. **PREVENT POLLUTION IN THE HUDSON RIVER.** The Pocantico River is a major tributary to the Hudson River. Increased stormwater runoff, pesticides, and warm temperatures ultimately degrades water quality in the Hudson River.
3. **SAFEGUARD POTENTIAL DRINKING WATER SUPPLY.** Pocantico Lake was purchased as a potential source of drinking water. For over 100 years it provided drinking water to tens of thousands of residents in southern Westchester.
4. **SHIELD A TAXPAYER INVESTMENT FROM RUIN.** Millions of your tax dollars were used to purchase and maintain this park and lake, including restoring a US Army Corps dam. All of this will be undermined by one developer.
5. **PRESERVE POCANTICO WATERSHED.** It is one of only 6 watersheds in Westchester County.
6. **PROTECT AN OAK-TULIP TREE FOREST.** Massive deforestation on the steep slopes will destroy trees that contain elaborate, interconnected root systems sustaining a diversity of wildlife and providing a rich habitat for beneficial insects, birds, and small animals.
7. **ENSURE NO NEGATIVE IMPACT TO A NYS PRESERVE.** And other communities where the lake water travels as it passes through old stone bridges in the Rockefeller Preserve, through the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, and two national landmarks before reaching the Hudson River.
8. **IT'S THE VIEW!** A 31-home development will destroy the pristine beauty of the park, forever ruining recreational use by county residents.
9. **CLIMATE CHANGE.** The lake and river provide important flood control for many communities. Serious erosion to the steep slopes surrounding the lake will be disastrous.
10. **AND DON'T FORGET THE BIRDS AND WILDLIFE.** Pocantico Lake is part of the Atlantic Flyway, important for North American migratory birds and a bird watchers delight. This fragile ecosystem serves us all.

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