



Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor

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Chairman John DiMascio
and Members of the Planning Board
City of Glen Cove
9 Glen Street
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Dear Chairman DiMascio and Members of the Planning Board:

On behalf of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor (CSHH), we are writing regarding our concerns about the proposed development of the properties at 18-38 Garvies Point Road and 40 Garvies Point Road by 76 Northern Realty Company, LLC and 40 Garvies Point, LLC.

The Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor's interests in this project are focused on the potential impact on water quality for Glen Cove Creek and Hempstead Harbor, as well as on other environmental issues. Our work to protect and improve water-quality in Hempstead Harbor is longstanding. CSHH initiated a water-monitoring program for the harbor in 1992 and continues to coordinate this program, which has expanded to encompass weekly testing at up to 21 near-shore and midharbor monitoring stations. CSHH also conducts an ecological monitoring program in Hempstead Harbor that is part of the Unified Water Study: Long Island Sound Embayment Research. In addition, CSHH served on Glen Cove's Master Plan Task Force and has participated in the environmental review process for the cleanup of the Superfund sites along Garvies Point Road and Glen Cove Creek and offered comment for the redevelopment plans for adjacent properties over the last 20 years. We feel that consideration of another dense residential development project along Garvies Point Road makes no sense given the RXR project has not been completed. Further, Glen Cove and neighboring communities have yet to experience the full impact of having all of residential units that are currently proposed or being constructed within proximity of the RXR units leased or sold.

Among the issues of concern even at this early stage of the proposal are:

- Increased problems with storm-water runoff and flooding of Garvies Point Road—even following the revision of the storm-water management plan for this area that was necessitated by the RXR project
- Damage to the newly planted wetlands

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- The additional stress on already-stressed drinking-water and water-treatment resources, in view of contaminated wells, salt-water intrusion, and technologies needed currently to remove newly emerging contaminants from drinking water and waste water.
- Increased vehicular traffic on Garvies Point Road and major roadways leading in and out of Glen Cove and through neighboring communities.

Despite the past few months of disruption to the established routines of everyday life, it is imperative that customary procedures for development proposals are adhered to. While we appreciate the difficulty in attending to the usual business presented to the members of City Council and the Planning Board and affording timely public communications during these uncertain times, it is critical that local residents be fully informed of projects that will unquestionably have an impact on their communities.

Respectfully,



Karen Papasergiou, President



Leslie Raynor, Board Member

cc: Mayor Tenke and Members of the
Glen Cove City Council