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Sent: Monday, March 20, 2023 4:15 PM
To: PlanningBoard
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Subject: RE: proposal to be discussed 3/22 for property to be located at 921 Soundview Drive

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

For the past 30+ years we have lived on the creek side of Soundview Drive in the Shore Acres section of the Village. The back of our home overlooks the Otter Creek Preserve, a 35 acre preserve managed by The Westchester Land Trust.

We are writing to voice our concerns about a proposal for the undeveloped property located at 921 Soundview Drive. Our understanding is that the current owners have placed an application before the Planning Board for a house that includes an in-ground swimming pool. Our concern has to do with the swimming pool.

There are no swimming pools behind any of the homes on Soundview Drive that back onto The Preserve. The people who live here understand that water runoff from our properties goes directly into the Creek, it being a tidal creek that drains to Long Island Sound.

We are concerned about potential impact that a pool filled with chlorinated water will have on the health of the Creek, should a leak, storm, or overflow occur. In addition, we are concerned about the impact of potential outdoor lighting

on the wildlife that make their homes in and on the marsh during the spring, summer and early fall months.

Additionally, we are concerned about the potential impact that sound from the pool will have on the neighbors on both sides of The Preserve, as sound travels fast and far across the marsh.

These items combined - potential pollution of the water, sound and air - will result in a negative impact on the environment not just for immediate neighbors, but also those who live across the marsh and along Taylor Lane, as well as on the health of the water and animals who make their home in The Preserve.

We urge all of you, the members of the Planning Board, to come see the property for yourself if you haven't already had the opportunity. We trust that as stewards for both the quality of life in Mamaroneck and the environment that makes Mamaroneck a special place, you will agree that a swimming pool in the backyard of any house along the creek would be detrimental.

Thank you for your consideration.

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