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March 6, 2023

Dear Supervisor Van Scoyoc and Members of the Town Board,

Regarding the Town of East Hampton's plan for a sewage treatment plant on Suffolk County parkland in Hither Woods. As the co-presidents of the Horses On Trails division of Southampton Trails Preservation Society, we speak for the Equestrian community's concern for conservation of parkland on the South Fork and vehemently oppose this proposal.

As active participants in the use of the South Fork trails, we have watched open spaces diminish considerably through the years. Hither Woods was purchased by the county with a promise made to taxpayers that it would be protected public use forever. We ask that you consider keeping this land as parkland for all to use, maintaining this natural resource for landscape value, wildlife habitat, and the sensitive ecosystems there in.

Please set this septic plan aside and develop a long-term plan that protects our natural resources without encroaching on land we have already protected.

Sincerely,

Valerie Frederick

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cc: Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Senator Palumbo, Suffolk County Legislature,
Coalition for Hither Woods