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We are writing to voice our opposition to the planned development of "Maude Ct." We have lived in Northport for almost 50 years and have seen many changes. Lately there seems to be houses popping up everywhere. We are not anti-growth, but sensible safe growth.

This property was donated to the village from a generous person who wanted it used for recreational purposes only. At some point, and some how, that wish was reversed in order to develop this beautiful property and capitalize on its value. I hardly think that the original donor would be very happy with that!

That parcel is one of few remaining woodlots within the village and it contains wetlands. Why is it necessary to bring in heavy equipment, destroy trees, pave roads and build houses and garages that will change the landscape forever. Also, that land with its wetlands acts as a natural filter for the ground water running towards the bay. Does the village really need a few more sewer hookups and tax revenue that badly? Also, it would create a lot more work for our DPW workers to keep it maintained.

Even though we live on North Shore Drive and this would directly affect us, we would have the same opinion if were still living on Mill St. We moved to Northport and still live here because we like the small town feel and the natural beauty of the area. North Shore Drive is a designated "Natural Beauty Road". If the pace of building and development continues on its current course, we fear that the little town we cherish will be negatively altered for future generations.

Sincerely,
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