



## IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM SAVE CHEBACCO TRAILS & WATERSHED

We now mark our third year! There have been changes but we remain steadfast in our mission. Our Save Chebacco Trails & Watershed team has worked hard to protect the 133 Essex Street property from development. As we have delved deeply into an analysis of the proposed development, it is clear the developer's plan is long on assurances, short on data and full of risks to this valuable land and watershed area. We have participated in numerous meetings with the Hamilton Conservation Commission, Planning Board as they have worked hard to determine if this undertaking represents the best interests of the town going forward. Our team has hired and consulted with professionals, including attorneys, engineers, hydrologists, and hydrogeologists to investigate the feasibility of now building 59 units on this 60 acre property. Many agree that this is ecologically sensitive land, a critical water resource area as well as a valuable conservation area. A new 40B plan now rests in the hands of Zoning Board. Deliberations are now underway. Will they determine same outcome as others have?

### THE BURDEN OF PROOF HAS NOT BEEN MET

#### **Facts/Findings/ Potential Damages:**

- 26+ weeks of blasting ledge and the removal of 1.5 million cubic feet of rock and material
- Potential damage and contamination to a critical watershed serving *three* towns: Hamilton, Essex and Manchester. There is not sufficient information to ensure the protection of the wetlands
- Requirement for a hydrogeological study that could assess the impact of the development on the aquifer and watershed
- Construction noise for years as heavy equipment will intrude on a quiet, tranquil neighborhood
- Possible contamination of abutting Meadowbrook Farm's irrigation pond that determines the quality of food that we buy
- The decimation of trees, existing wildlife and critical habitat for endangered plants and birds
- The proposed development does not fit the intent of the cluster zoning for a Senior Housing Development

The volunteers on the Hamilton Town boards have spent countless hours to gain information and resolution to this project. To date there is no resolve. The Open Space Committee has designated this land at the top of their list for protection, and the Planning Board had the right and ability to turn down the proposed development with their unanimous denial. Judge for yourself. Time is of the essence. Your financial support will help us to continue in this effort to save this land, aquifer, and natural habitat for generations to come! Our efforts will continue until a decision is announced. We feel this is the least we can do. This is a daunting undertaking but one we feel inspired to meet head on. It is paramount. Please speak out. Let the town know you care. Attend meetings. Advocate to save this land. Write letters to the Town Boards [here](#).

**Please help us continue our necessary work to save this land!** Please visit our website at: <https://savechebaccotrails.org>. Or send your tax deductible donation to: SaveChebacco Trails & Watershed, Inc., PO Box 2184, South Hamilton, MA 01982. The need for your involvement and support is now. Developed land is irreversible. When it is gone, it is gone forever! Please act now!

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