

Doneit, Fred

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To: Doneit, Fred
Subject: 14 Raymond Street's massive dock in small lagoon.

Importance: High

Fred,

I was not informed about the dock being proposed that's very close to my property line, but I guess that's how Darien does it.

From what I have gathered, here are my concerns:

- 1.) This area is such a unique breeding and feeding ground for the massive amounts of wild-life in this small lagoon type area and how will they/we all be negatively impacted.
- 2.) During low-tide, and that's the majority of time in this beautiful estuary, the floating dock seems like it will sit on one of the "fingers" coming off "duck islands." It will make it so nobody can navigate up the river 24/7, because it will be blocked by this massive dock. (The material they submitted is not accurate at all of the surrounding area. They make it seem like it's water when it's really land. There is an island, nicknamed, "Duck Island." And, the "lagoon" area is land the majority of the day due to the brackish water.)
- 3.) Unless you have lived here and experienced it, there are class 3+ rapids that occur in this FloodWAY. I don't think the owners are aware of this, nor the Arm Core of Engineers, or DEEP. You would have to be here during those 2-4 hour windows 3-10 times a year. This massive floating dock would get trashed and break apart and potentially damage the neighboring walls that hold back all our earth from getting washed away into the water. Our houses sit on that earth. I don't see why they should be allowed to add a luxury of a floating dock to the risks that we as the homeowners would be responsible for. Not only would the dock become massive projectiles, but whatever is sitting on the dock would as well (kayaks, tables), and cause harm to the innocent wildlife that's already being majorly disrupted and disturbed by this monstrosity.
- 4.) The dock/floating dock is massive and taking up such a large area of the small "lagoon". This small, unique body of water is used by the public for kids and adults to paddle board, kayak, fish, and swim. Sometimes there are 14 kids swimming in this small area. (the information I was given doesn't accurately depict the area. It makes it look like there is so much water area. It's less than half of what I believe you have been provided. Plus, the majority of the day, 85% of the entire area is dry...the "Lagoon and Duck Island", because of low tide. Even at high tide, Duck Island is still dry, but they show it as being all water.)
- 5.) Why do they need a massive swim platform to take over such a massive portion of this spectacularly unique and small "lagoon area" that many people, and SO many animals, use all day, every day? They use this 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, and 365 days a year. We as a community should be protected from this negative impact to us all. What about the neighbors rights. Why can they build something so large near our property that will have such a negative impact for so many reasons? Do we have rights? What if I wanted to build the same thing? My house is directly across from theirs...basically, there would be a bridge and our two docks would connect? Really? I don't think so. This is ridiculous. The town of Darien should protect us, the environment, and the animals from being subjected to this.
- 6.) Do they plan on putting their boat off of this, so it's even bigger and even more dangerous? Why don't they do what EVERYone else does in this area and they are even doing this past summer....let the rib-boat float and sit on the bottom during low tide. It's worked for them all summer. Why do they need to take up more room in this small lagoon? If they want a swim platform, get an inflatable one and put it out when you they are using it. Those can't do

1% of the damage this other massive apparatus can. They are proposing a "permanent structure" that will cause great damage and be a negative impact even before it gets town apart.

I do not want this put into public record. I would like for the committee to be able to know my concerns, and the concerns for the environment and the animals that we are here to protect. This would be an abuse to us all. I do not want a problem with these new neighbors. I plan on living here for another 30-50 years and I want a harmonious environment. I like them. I just can't comprehend why they think this should be acceptable. I might be able to see a 3ft. wide dock that comes out 3ft. into the water (at high tide) But, that's it. So, NOT as big as their proposed 4x8' "Timer Landing" area of timber footings.

I appreciate your time.

Take care,

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