



Dear Town Board Members,

My name is Stuart Friedman, a resident of Weatherby Street for over 40 years. This letter is being sent prior to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a time to reflect on justice and doing what is right, as Dr. King said, "The time is always ripe to do right", which compels me to say the town should do right and reject this proposal to put a cell phone tower near my home.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed development plan that involves constructing a cell tower on the land adjacent to the street I live on. I must verify that my cell phone service is perfectly fine during hurricanes, winter storms, hot summers and during the spring and fall. I am questioning the town's decision-making process regarding this project and stand against actions that threaten our environment and community integrity. Think of the younger generation! The future of Yorktown.

I also have received no notice via email, postcard, or mail about this proposal. It appears that the town's communication efforts are lacking, especially considering the town spends over \$60,000 per year on the PR firm, Thomas Bender. Even the recent newsletter from the town supervisor did not mention this critical project. Someone tell me where are my tax dollars going?

Furthermore, I am concerned about the town board's previous stance on public health and safety issues, such as the safety of fluoridation. One day you are against fluoride but the next day it's okay to construct cell towers that can have significant environmental and health repercussions. These are TRUMPIAN decisions, made without real research and study. I see that none of these towers are proposed in neighborhoods where board members reside. The residents near this site are not only concerned about aesthetics but also about environmental impacts. One would hope the town board members agree with my neighbors who are opposed to this project. The proposed site has a history of flooding—flooding five feet high during Hurricane Floyd—and it has flooded multiple times during storms. Disturbing over 28,000 square feet of land, including 15,627 square feet of wetlands buffer that may be home to protected species such as the bog turtle, Indiana bat, and monarch butterfly, is highly problematic. Construction here would disrupt vital habitats and threaten local biodiversity. I always admire the swans as I drive by. They come yearly to this spot. Additionally, this parcel drains directly into Sparkle Lake and forms part of the Croton watershed. Protecting this land is crucial for maintaining water quality for residents who swim and fish in Sparkle Lake and rely on our watershed for clean water. The removal of over 80 mature trees will further impair our stormwater management system and exacerbate flooding issues. I urge the Town Board to ensure that these activities do not violate conditions attached to grants received from the East of Hudson Water Quality Fund.

Given these concerns, I request that the Conservation Board visit the site during warmer months when vegetation is present to better assess its ecological significance. Moreover, I strongly recommend commissioning an independent wildlife study by qualified professionals chosen by the Conservation Board to evaluate potential impacts comprehensively.

In conclusion, I ask the Yorktown Board to reconsider this project carefully regarding environmental preservation, community health, and transparency in communication. Our town's future depends on responsible stewardship of our natural resources. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Please make sure this letter is added with my other neighbors letters

Sincerely,

Stuart Friedman