

There are many reasons why I oppose the construction of the cell tower at 62 Granite Springs Road in the previous letter I explained health reasons but in this letter, I will focus on those reasons of most relevance to the Conservation Board.

The proposed plan calls for disturbing over 28,000 square feet of land, including 15,627 square feet of wetlands buffer that may be home to the bog turtle, the monarch butterfly, the Indiana bat and other endangered species. The construction and alteration of land within regulated wetlands should always be avoided, but particularly in this case.

This particular parcel of land is of great importance- not just to the residents of our town, but also to anyone who relies on the NYC watershed.

This parcel of land is not only part of the Croton watershed, but it also drains directly into Sparkle Lake- a place where my family swims and fish's. The board would need to consider closing sparkle lake for swimming if they decide to put up the tower.

The proposed plan calls for the removal of over 80 mature trees that are integral to the area's stormwater management.

I am concerned that the land disturbance, as well as the removal of over 80 mature trees, will negatively affect the water quality in Sparkle Lake and that of the Croton watershed. Will this put the millions of dollars our town was granted by the East of Hudson WaterQuality Fund in jeopardy?

I urge the Town Board and Conservation Board to consider the effects that the construction, and operation, of this cell tower would have on the habitats, animals, environment and residents of this town.

To fully appreciate how important this parcel of property is, I urge the Conservation Board to visit

the proposed site during the warmer months when there is vegetation growing in the wetlands.

I also urge the Town Board and Conservation Board to direct that the developer pay for an independent wildlife study done by someone the Conservation Board chooses.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2026, at 3:08 PM, Susan Siegel <ssiegel@yorktownny.gov> wrote:

Thank you for your comments.

I will be considering the issues you raised, prior to and during, the anticipated February 3rd reconvening of the public hearing.

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