

To the Planning and Development Committee

Regarding raised bill 343, an act concerning intervention in permit proceedings pursuant to the environmental protection act of 1971.

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We are strongly opposed to this bill, which unfairly targets citizens who wish to intervene in permit applications that they believe would damage CT's environmental and natural resources.

I wish to give you a good example.

We live across from Veterans Park in East Norwalk, CT. A 35 acre land fill that was deeded to the community for "passive recreation". Over the years the common council has tried to develop that land for Commercial Use and we have worked hard to protect it, even starting a website "Save Vets Park" and hiring a lawyer to go up against the council and their, mostly private plans, to turn it into a circus of tall band shells, gaming arcades, and a miniature golf range. The monied developers, working in secret with the council, would have ruined that land which is also a costal wet land and a wild life fly over area.

We are for any bill that would strengthen the public's ability to protect and preserve what is left of our open green spaces and natural resources.

Thank you.

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