

Members of the Environment Committee, I am in full support of this bill to take the necessary measures to acquire the abandoned railroad bed to be used to create and lengthen the existing Airline Trail that currently ends in East Hampton. The economic benefit is obvious to have the trail extended to Middletown through the town of Portland. It would serve not only recreational use but commuter use as well. The entire trail has been preserved except for this section. This is a gap that should be completed and closed.

Sincerely submitted, John LeShane , Portland