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**Montauk, New York** - Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) today announced that its President, Jeremy Samuelson, will be leaving his position with CCOM at the end of March, 2017, to join The Nature Conservancy as the Director of Mashomack Preserve on Shelter Island. Samuelson has been at the helm of CCOM since 2012 and has overseen its successful growth from an all-volunteer group to a professionally staffed environmental advocacy organization. Prior to joining CCOM, Samuelson worked as a staff member at the Group for the East End.

“Montauk is a place of unparalleled beauty. It has been my honor to be a part of the Montauk community and to work with CCOM’s members and Board of Directors in protecting our natural resources,” Samuelson said. “The environmental threats facing Montauk and the entire Peconic Estuary are complex and require long-term, comprehensive solutions. I will miss working each day in Montauk but look forward to continuing to partner with CCOM and the many organizations working to ensure Montauk remains a natural wonder.”

Ed Braun, Chairman of CCOM’s Board of Directors, said “CCOM has come a long way under Jeremy’s leadership. Together, we have been entrusted with upholding and advancing CCOM’s decades-long legacy of environmental leadership. CCOM is proud of our work protecting Montauk’s fragile environment and look forward to continuing our leadership in cleaning up Montauk’s local waters and developing a long-term coastal resiliency plan that protects Montauk’s natural shoreline and our economy.”

Commenting on the next chapter for CCOM, Braun said, “We have a strong and engaged Board of Directors and have already begun our search for a new President. CCOM’s next President will build on our work to protect Montauk for future generations. Jeremy will be missed but we understand that his new position is an opportunity he could not pass up. We wish him success and look forward to continuing to work with him, albeit in a different capacity, to Keep Montauk *Montauk*.”

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