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New Environmental Advocate Joins CCOM to Focus on Water Quality and Montauk’s “Save the Lake-Save the Pond” Campaign

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Montauk, New York - Concerned Citizens of Montauk today announced that Kate Rossi-Snook has been hired to fill its newly created Environmental Advocate position. She will focus on water quality initiatives and lead CCOM’s recently launched Save the Lake – Save the Pond program – a comprehensive, community-based effort to improve water quality in Fort Pond and Lake Montauk, and will also run CCOM’s water testing program, now in its fourth year.

Prior to joining CCOM, Ms. Rossi-Snook served as the Hatchery Manager at the East Hampton Town Shellfish Hatchery. She holds degrees in marine biology from Roger Williams University, where she worked closely with commercial oyster farmers; and applied anthropology from University of Maryland, with advanced coursework in fisheries management and wildlife biology. Kate lives in Shelter Island with her husband Tim and their 2-year old son.

“I’ve worked in and around Montauk for the past six years and have a deep appreciation for its magnificent natural resources and the local traditions that make this such a special community,” said Rossi-Snook. “I am honored to join CCOM’s professional staff and I look forward to joining the team.”

Ed Braun, CCOM’s Chairman of the Board stated, “We are thrilled to welcome Kate to the CCOM team. She has strong ties to this community, a unique educational background, and a proven ability to work collaboratively with a broad range of people. This vital, professional, full-time position is made possible because of the support of the Long Island Community Foundation (LICF), CCOM’s growing Sustainer Circle, and the hundreds of donors who have contributed generously to CCOM’s Save the Lake - Save the Pond campaign. We are tremendously grateful,” explained Braun.

Since its founding in 1970, CCOM has grown to become one of the most effective environmental groups in Eastern Long Island, helping to successfully protect nearly 70% of Montauk’s land. Founded as an all-volunteer organization, CCOM now employs three full-time professional staff members who work with CCOM’s board, membership, and neighbors to build grassroots coalitions to protect Montauk’s environment. Further information can be found at: www.PreserveMontauk.org