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**CCOM LAUNCHES NEW PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN  
"SAVE MONTAUK'S WATERS"**

CCOM is launching a new public awareness campaign, "Save Montauk's Waters", to increase the community's understanding of the water quality issues we face, as well as our remediation programs and initiatives.

We will be announcing several opportunities over the next few months that will encourage greater public awareness and participation in the important work we are doing at CCOM.

In the interim, we are asking members of the public to sign a petition to Save Montauk's Waters (<https://www.change.org/SaveMontauksWaters>)

Everything that Montauk stands for is inextricably linked to water. Fishing, surfing, boating, and swimming - they all require clean water. But Montauk's ground and surface waters are threatened by pollution. Whether it is from inadequately treated wastewater, or the use of harmful pesticides, fertilizers, and chemicals, these compounds find their way into our waters and impede the safety, enjoyment, and beauty of Montauk's waters.

Everyone contributes to the problem, but more importantly, we all have a role to play in the solution. Government, businesses, homeowners, and visitors all have a responsibility here:

- Upgrade your current septic system to one that is designed to treat and reduce nitrogen
- Support local efforts to bring community wastewater treatment to vulnerable areas
- Limit the impacts of stormwater runoff by aiding in the restoration of native wetland areas, stopping the use of harmful chemicals, and picking up after your pet

Join CCOM in our efforts to bring about change. Sign this petition and demand we hold ourselves accountable for taking action to SAVE MONTAUK'S WATERS!

# SAVE MONTAUK'S WATERS



CONCERNED CITIZENS OF MONTAUK



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WATER  
QUALITY



COASTAL  
RESILIENCY



ENVIRONMENTAL  
SUSTAINABILITY