



Dear Danielle,

We recently hosted our annual picnic at Fort Pond House and as I stood in reflection, I thought of you, and the many generous members and donors who helped us fund – and win – the CCOM legal action that saved Fort Pond House, and the four acres of waterfront public parkland on which it resides, from being sold to private interests. **Because of you**, CCOM helped return this public park to you, its rightful owners.

That's what I love most about CCOM! We stand together, united in our fight to protect and preserve Montauk. Whether it's getting your hands dirty to help Save Montauk's Waters or voicing concerns over East Lake Drive redevelopment proposals, together, we're not afraid to stand up for Montauk's environment.

Thank you for standing with us!

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Tooman".

President

MONTAUK NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

As a CCOM member, you are the first line of defense – sometimes the only line of defense – in preserving and protecting the unique environment and ecology of Montauk. Your support enables CCOM to protect Montauk's water quality, ensure its coastline remains resilient, and that development is environmentally responsible and sustainable. Because of you, CCOM is at the forefront of these important issues in Montauk.

Our members and donors are the heart and soul of CCOM. We only succeed in our mission because of generous people like you.

Please [join our 2,000 members and supporters](#) as a new member, by renewing your 2021 membership, joining our [Sustainer Circle](#), or help by [donating today](#) to help protect Montauk now and for future generations!

SAVE MONTAUK'S WATERS

Our summer campaign has been very successful in driving awareness of what we can all do to protect Montauk's waterbodies. With [almost 500 petition signatures](#), ongoing water quality testing, presentations to the [Montauk CAC](#) and

a series of summer events at Ditch Plains, Fort Pond House and the Montauk Farmers Market this important work will continue into the fall. October will feature a series of events in Fort Pond and Lake Montauk as outlined below, and we are incredibly excited to have helped advance plans for improving the water quality at the south end of Lake Montauk through a [major stormwater remediation project](#).

CCOM has been testing South Lake waters since 2013, which has allowed us to identify that site as a public health concern, particularly after heavy rain events. The Town has now asked CCOM to partner with them on this project, and we will be hosting an event in October to get public input on the proposed plans. More information will follow.



TAKING A STAND: EAST LAKE DRIVE



In keeping with CCOM's focus on environmental sustainability and its strong legacy of serving as Montauk's environmental guardian, CCOM is extremely troubled by the potential redevelopment of several commercial properties on East Lake Drive and their collective impact on the community and adjacent waterbodies of Big Reed Pond and Lake Montauk. These include, but are not

limited to, the offshore wind maintenance facility at Inlet Seafood, the Montauk Airport, Common Ground, the Lake Montauk Anglers Club, and a few other waterfront parcels that sold recently.

We must ensure that the Town scrutinizes the collective, compounded changes of all these proposed changes on these sites and their effect on this most fragile area and ensure any redevelopment adheres to the most stringent controls. There **MUST** be a comprehensive environmental review of any proposed redevelopment of commercial properties, **INCLUDING** an environmental assessment for any operational changes at the Montauk airport brought about by possible changes at the East Hampton airport.

To learn more about where we stand, please visit our Position Papers page [HERE](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

10/3 MIGHTYMAN MONTAUK TRIATHLON

The annual MightyMan Montauk Triathlon will be held on Sunday, October 3 and CCOM will be at the Fort Pond Boat Launch area to discuss our water quality programs. Every year the event organizer, EventPower, works closely with CCOM to ensure that the water in Fort Pond will be safe for the swimming portion of the competition, allowing them to make informed decisions for the benefit of the health and safety of their participants.

10/15 MONTAUK FARMER'S MARKET

Come meet with CCOM's staff scientist to hear more about our water quality work. We will also have complete septic upgrade information and application packets available for you to take home. The CCOM tent will be set up 9am-1pm. Note that the Montauk Farmer's Market is held on Fridays during the fall season.

10/23 FORT POND FLOATING WETLANDS REMOVAL

We need volunteers! Please join us on Saturday, October 23 at the Fort Pond Boat Launch. Be prepared to sweat as we work together to remove our seasonal floating wetlands water quality improvement installation. If you have waders, garden clippers, etc. please bring them with you. Lunch will be provided. Add your name to our volunteer list by emailing info@preservemontauk.org. More details to come.

