

The WJWW FILTRATION PLANT...

Should be built on the property that the Westchester Joint Water Works (WJWW) already owns. The land was purchased to build a Water Filtration Plant (WFP); it is not a risk to the Kensico Reservoir Watershed; over 300 trees have already been removed; an FEIS was completed; and the land is ready for construction!

Instead, the WJWW wants:

To build a massive industrial plant, including 3 levels underground into the Kensico Reservoir aquifer. They designed it 50% larger than needed. They “want” to locate the plant only 500 feet uphill from Rye Lake--a part of Kensico-- an important terminal reservoir. This land was considered an important “Water Quality Buffer Area” by past County Administrations. Why isn’t it a “Water Quality Buffer Area” to the government now?

The Kensico Watershed property is in a NY State Designated Critical Environmental Area. Despite legal requirements, the WJWW neglected to consider increased noise and vibrations from the airport as a direct result of removing a forest buffer of 579 trees! WJWW chooses to replace this mature forest (46% native) with a “landscaped industrial property.”

WJWW will be storing thousands of gallons of 6 powerful chemicals, diesel fuel & propane on this reservoir watershed property. Any accidental release could go into the reservoir and aquifer.

The impact on airport growth was never addressed.
85% of flights from the County Airport are private, not for the public. There is pressure for more land to be used for private planes.

Aquifers that get polluted can take decades to centuries to recover.
The water source of 9 million people is at risk.

Our perspective:

🌍 These trees: support wildlife; filter water; lower air and noise pollution from the airport; help with storm water runoff; and provide a “Water Quality Buffer Area” for the Kensico reservoir. 46% of this forest are mature native trees. Trees support a multitude of insects, songbirds and wildlife, as well as provide beauty for everyone!

Protect the Reservoir! Protect the Forest! Stop The Swap!!

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YOUR HELP IS REALLY NEEDED! PLEASE TAKE ACTION!

PLEASE TELL YOUR COUNTY LEGISLATORS TO VOTE NO TO THE SWAP!

Ask the County government to finish the job they started. Make this County owned Forest a permanent green buffer for the Westchester County Airport. Make it a permanent Water Quality Buffer Area- that will never be threatened, built upon, or harmed!

Write or call your County legislator. Find your legislator & tell them to vote NO on the land swap and to let the WJWW now! www.westchesterlegislators.com

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Copy NYC DEP: www.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/mail/dep-email-the-commissioner.page choose dropdown "watershed"

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