

**Key Points in Intervener Testimony in the matter of the Town of South Windsor
Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission Application No. 21-36P "25 Talbot Lane"
Combining Parcels 5 and 25 Talbot Lane, 551 and 475 Governor's Highway**

John E. Holowczak, 27 yrs at Cody Circle, speaking on behalf of the Interveners

Location of Applicants Site within the watershed

- King's Great Swamp of S. Windsor runs north to south through S. Windsor to Podunk
- Now known as Major Donnelly Nature Preserve, south through wet residential wooded, through Burgess Road town land/utility land, through to the subject parcels and then down to Podunk River
- "Keystone" undeveloped land connecting Podunk to northern watershed/wetlands

What is known by neighbors about the site itself

- More than one told too much wetlands to build on
- Introduced into the record a 1994 Resubdivision map provided by Design Professionals in 1994 when J. Holowczak expressed interest in a building lot on adjacent subdivision
- Map depicts ~ **14 Acres of Field Delineated Wetlands by John Ianni**, signed by licensed surveyor (see 1994 map and enclosed Image Analysis of delineated areas)

Examination of Site Plan updated 8/25/2021 (see enclosed map with comments in red)

- New plan to regrade along Governor's Highway to drain the big puddle that always forms in rainstorms
- Aromatic hydrocarbons from burnt fuel, glycols (from antifreeze) and oils, made worse by delivery vans based/traveling to/from applicants property, will flow to the wetlands
- Not shown on application, but wetlands continue onto Temple Beth Hillel property, where the wetlands are very carefully preserved.

Key IWACC Function as applied to this Application

- Weigh need for wetlands conservation vs. public need
- Exact purpose of development isn't clear: see minutes from Economic Dev. Commission, maybe light manufacturing?? Not warehouse – what if its chemical distribution?
- Why no prudent and feasible site in town that would not require 70 y.o.+ watercourse destruction and disruption in hydration to previously conserved Delineated Inland Wetlands at 75 Cody Circle (town owned property)

Comments on Applicants Ecological Summary posted 8/27/2021

- See enclosed comments extracted from Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection Fact Sheet on Snapping Turtles, appears to contradict several points made in the report