

41 Sunken Meadow Road
Fort Salonga, NY 11768

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Dear Ms Poole:

I have been a resident of Fort Salonga for 25 years. I enjoy the area for numerous reasons, particularly the scenery and the small amount of natural surroundings that still exist despite the population and business enterprises. I am opposed to the construction of the rail yard because of the negative impact it will have on the environment.

How can one possibly believe that the numerous tractor trailers that will be entering the area will not cause pollution? In addition, there will be damage to the roads, noise and congestion. Would you want this situation in your back yard? Have you considered the pollution to the aquifers that may ensue as well?

Our area is already impacted by toxins caused by Covanta, the Northport Power Plant, the VA and capped landfills. Innocent children, elderly and frail residents should not have to be exposed to any more poisonous substances. Our health and welfare should be considered a priority over the interests of big business. The rail yard will only add to the pollution of our neighborhood. Surely a better solution can be developed. Perhaps with more research, transparency and negotiation we can all move forward together towards collective success.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Chalmers