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Dear Friend and Neighbor:

Over 30 years ago, the Old Hill neighborhood began a fight to preserve the Partrick Wetlands. Today, this now regional battle is being led by your community's organization, the Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund (PWPF). As we begin our third annual fund-raising drive, we are extremely proud to share what has occurred and what our organization has accomplished in the past year:

- The City of Norwalk declared the approval for the Newtown Avenue sewer extension into Westport invalid.
- Without the sewer, ARS Partners was forced to withdraw their application to build 22 houses on nine acres within the Partrick Wetlands.
- PWPF advocated for and achieved an increase in Conservation Commission wetland setbacks for all of Westport (including the Partrick Wetlands from 35 to 75 feet).
- PWPF representatives participated in four state legislative hearings on sprawl and over-development.
- PWPF met with dozens of state legislators to promote protection of wetlands and anti-sprawl land use policies.
- PWPF met with and got the CT Department of Environmental Protection to aid our efforts in stopping the sewer extension.
- PWPF participated in scores of town and regional meetings and hearings.
- PWPF aided the creation of like-minded neighborhood organizations.
- PWPF increased awareness and raised the issue of sprawl, over-development and wetland protection as a regional concern.

- PWPF created the opportunity for Westport's First Selectman Diane Farrell to call for rescinding the ARS sewer approvals.
- PWPF provided Norwalk and Mayor Alex Knopp with factual information to allow him to invalidate prior Norwalk town approvals.
- PWPF efforts resulted in nullifying an ARS-funded, non-independent study of the wetlands for contaminants.

It took hard work and long hours by many people to accomplish these results. But it takes more than volunteer efforts to save our communities. It takes financing. We've hired experts, consultants, and a legal team that has aided us every step of the way. These professionals have been essential to our goals, but their time comes at a price. Your contributions are the sole source to defray their fees and help us carry on our mission to protect the environmental well-being and character of our town and greater region.

Our fight is not over and will continue. ARS will be back or some other group will test our collective resolve. 2005 will bring even greater challenges to our united cause and we need your help.

We must continue to work for an outcome for the Partrick Wetlands and other properties that is consistent with the quality of our environment, the character of our neighborhoods, and the containment of sprawl.

Whether or not you have donated to the PWPF before, please make a year-end, fully tax-deductible contribution now. It's not over til it's over.

Thank you, with wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.



Matthew Mandell, Director
 Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund, Inc.



Yes! I support the efforts of the PWPF.

Enclosed please find my fully tax-deductible contribution check for:

- \$50 \$75 \$100 \$150 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other

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Please make checks payable to Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund, Inc.
 Self-addressed return envelope enclosed.
 Partrick Wetlands Preservation Fund, Inc., 38 Patrick Road., Westport, CT 06880.

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