

ACTION ALERT

Our Community is Threatened

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Impacted areas indicated in orange. Source: Newsday

Dear Land Alliance Members and Friends,

The North Shore Land Alliance is a non-partisan organization. We do not endorse candidates. We do, however, engage in advocacy on issues that impact land conservation as it relates to protecting clean air and water and the environmental health of our community.

One such issue has just presented itself and **we need your immediate action.**

On February 1st, Governor Hochul unveiled her proposed New York State budget for 2023-24. It included a plan to increase housing throughout New York State by 800,000 units over the next ten years (the Housing Compact). To achieve this end, each municipality is mandated to increase housing supply by 3% every three years. More importantly, the plan would also require municipalities to change zoning within ½ mile radius of a train station to allow the construction of at least 50+ housing units per acre.

While increasing the availability of affordable housing is a legitimate societal need, this goal cannot be achieved with a **one-size-fits-all** approach. From the Adirondacks to the Long Island Sound and from the Hudson Valley to New York City, our communities are very different. While we understand the Governor's objective, her process is highly flawed. An issue as important as this needs time to develop with extensive community input and a comprehensive understanding of the impacts which, in our community, include jeopardizing clean water and air and overall quality of life.

Should the Governor's budget - being finalized this week - be approved by the New York State Legislature with this proposal, New York State would have the ability to override local zoning control to force villages, towns and cities to comply with the requirements of this proposed plan.

As you can see from the map above, rezoning to allow 50+ housing units per acre would have a devastating impact on our beautiful community. Several Land Alliance preserves would be impacted as well as open spaces we have worked so hard to protect.

How do we stop this?

The power is in the hands of our NYS Assembly and Senate members. **It is important that they hear from you now.** The goal is to convince them to omit the Governor's Housing Compact from the budget. This would allow local municipal leaders to initiate a dialogue as to how best to address any local housing shortfall.

The Assembly and Senate are in the process of finalizing their budgets this week. In short, we have one week to get this done!

Action Needed:

1) Please contact your State legislators TODAY and ask them not to advance Governor Hochul's Housing Compact.

- [To locate your Senator, click here.](#)
- [To locate your member of the Assembly, click here.](#)

2) Sign the Land Alliance Letter of Opposition which will be forwarded to Governor Hochul later this week.
Click here to add your name to our letter of opposition.

- [Click here to read our letter.](#)

Thank you for caring about the future of our community!



Lisa W. Ott, President and CEO

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