



STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL TO LOCATE THE ROSLYN  
WATER DISTRICT'S AIR STRIPPER IN CHRISTOPHER MORLEY COUNTY PARK

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The Long Island Sierra Club opposes the placement of the Roslyn Water District's proposed air stripper in Christopher Morley Park and urges the Town of North Hempstead, the Water District, and Nassau County to find a suitable alternative. Placing the air stripper in the park would detract significantly from the character of the park, as well as necessitate the removal of a large number of mature trees. Nassau County has few remaining natural forests and dedicated open space areas. Those that remain, especially our parks, need to be protected for public recreation and as habitat for wildlife.

As an environmental group with over six thousand members on Long Island, the Long Island Group of the Sierra Club seeks the protection and expansion of open space and wildlife habitat. Parks are embodiments of a public trust -- a place for recreation and the enjoyment of natural beauty. They need to be kept as such. We must resist the urge to think of parks in general, and Christopher Morley Park in particular, as multi-function facilities.

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