

**To:** The Stony Creek Association  
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**Topic:** Protect our valuable OPEN SPACE

**WE SHOULD FOCUS ON MAINTAINING (AND EVEN IMPROVING) THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR RESIDENTS, NOT ON SUPPORTING OUTSIDE INTERESTS.** In that regard, we understand that the town is considering taking the West Point ball field for use as a "Municipal Parking Lot". The following is a clear summary why we should all be against this;

<b><u>West Point Field (proposed change)</u></b>	
<b><u>Positives (who benefits)</u></b>	<b><u>Negatives (to SC residents)</u></b>
A FEW private and commercial interests (e.g., Legacy Theatre)	Loss of beautiful/valuable OPEN SPACE (this can't be replaced)
	Nighttime use with cars/people – great potential for drugs/vandalism
	Environmental impacts (serious) – due to cars, paving, people – (especially when area floods) – marsh/water
	Noise pollution
	Serious accidents caused by <u>one lane</u> road access and limited sightline on/off Thimble Island Road
	Additional cost for police patrolling and clean up of garbage
	Violation of the use of the money that was spent developing the Trolley Trail and ball field
	Impact on Trolley trail users (walkers/bikers)
	Impact on residents in immediate area
	Why should our Branford tax dollars pay for this (paving, lighting, etc., etc.)