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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:05 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: Protect Our Watersheds and Reject the Tilcon Proposal

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From: Patrick Farley [patfarley87@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:36 AM  
To: CT Water Planning Council; Wagener, Karl  
Subject: Protect Our Watersheds and Reject the Tilcon Proposal

Dear Water Planning Council and Karl Wagener:

A controversial land swap has been brewing for years: Tilcon is seeking to expand its gravel mining to 131 acres of land which includes Class I and Class II watersheds. In exchange, they'll give \$\$ to New Britain, acreage elsewhere, and a potential new reservoir- in 40 years. Now the environmental study is out: major habitat destruction and significant species loss in the contested area. There will be more blasting, dust, and the loss of billions of gallons of filtered water from the mined area.

The worst outcome: setting a precedent for swapping our key watershed lands for corporate profits or municipal gain. Class I and II watersheds buffer our water from environmental contaminants and filter it for our aquifers. The recent State Water Plan draft lists protection of watershed land as one of its top ten priorities and re-states CT's dedication to preserving the highest quality drinking water in the nation.

If a critical appraisal of New Britain's drinking water needs demonstrates a real need for more water capacity, let's solve it in a less destructive way.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Frantz, Blair  
**Subject:** FW: Tilcon

**From:** Patricia Johnson [mailto:pj15000610@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:51 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter <Peter.Hearn@ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Tilcon


DO NOT ALLOW TILCON TO EXPAND IN NEW BRITAIN!

**From:** mjhmeyer <mjhmeyer@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 11:41 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter; CT Water Planning Council  
**Subject:** Oppose Tilcon Expansion

Tilcon wants to expand its New Britain quarry into protected water supply land. This would set a terrible precedent, chipping away at established protections for everyone's water supply in CT!

I am writing to oppose this senseless violation of our treasured natural resources.

The impacts of strip mining rock from the property are clear and obvious- total habitat loss, with mortality of all species, and habitat degradation to adjacent areas of the proposed quarry limits.



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**From:** outlook\_18A2FA8F536814E0@outlook.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Water is life. Pollute our water and you kill the life on this planet.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** myraaronow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Myra Aronow  
<myraaronow@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:32 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 07, 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: Watersheds and Gravel Mining

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From: Myles Connell [mjconnel1@live.com]  
Sent: Saturday, April 7, 2018 7:33 AM  
To: CT Water Planning Council  
Cc: Wagener, Karl  
Subject: Watersheds and Gravel Mining

Dear Water Planning Council:

Please protect our CT watersheds and reject the Tilcon gravel mining proposal which threatens to bring great harm to the water and wildlife affected.

Sincerely,

Myles Connell

Bloomfield, CT

**From:** envirojn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jan B  
<envirojn@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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**From:** cheletyz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of michele tyz  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 1:58 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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**From:** Mikekuen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Kuen  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 07, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** jmwoo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melvin Woody  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 07, 2018 8:00 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:00 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: Protect our Watersheds

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**From:** Maureen Vagnini [maureenvagnini@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3:15 PM  
**To:** Wagener, Karl  
**Subject:** Protect our Watersheds

Karl, please do not allow the swap for these watersheds. Who else will protect our pristine lands if we do not. Gratefully yours, Maureen R Vagnini



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**From:** Maureen Gagliano <moekbg55@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:09 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon

Please do not allow Tilcon to have access to protected water company land!!! Protected means protected!!!! CT needs to be a leader in the green energy solution!!! That's where the future lies!!! Let's attract young people and businesses by taking the lead on what's good for our lives, our state, our country and our future!!!!

Thank you for your consideration

Maureen Gagliano  
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Madison Ct  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Sisters of Mercy <maryakline@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:51 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon study

As a New Britain resident and voter, I oppose expansion of Tilcon property into protected wetlands. This would be an environmental disaster as it could lead to the destruction of the habitat of many plants and animals which could not be reversed.

Please act to oppose this expansion.

Mary Alice Kline

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 2:55 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: Statement Opposing Open-Pit Mining New Britain's Protected Watershed Land  
**Attachments:** DSC\_0355 (1).jpg

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From: Martin Dinep [dinepm@comcast.net]  
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 1:40 PM  
To: Wagener, Karl  
Subject: Statement Opposing Open-Pit Mining New Britain's Protected Watershed Land

[cid:DDFD1F28-71E8-4B5D-BE6D-C3A6BEB2C91D@hsd1.ct.comcast.net.]

In 1965, some fifty-three years ago, we moved into our New Britain home on Bradley Mountain. We had one child and subsequently two more, all girls. As they were growing up, we hiked the many trails between the West Canal and the ridge overlooking Crescent Lake, Shuttle Meadow Reservoir, and the Tomasso quarry. The quarry owners were good citizens and distant in Plainville, on the other side of a farm and forest. In winter, the little ones could ski on mild slopes and in other seasons find turtles, baby rabbits, amphibians, and flowers like early Colt's foot and later Cardinal flowers. Some winters before the nesting Mallards appeared they could skate on the pond, and one year we had trout throughout the length of the canal. Muskrat were common until recent years, and on foggy days grouse would come in close to the house.


In recent years we have seen the flow into the canal and pond weaken. The farm and adjacent woods and fields are now a hole that extends from the edge of New Britain and the gas line to the western ridge in Plainville. The rate of mining has accelerated and the disturbance of the environment and the neighbors has increased.

The Tilcon approach is to act as an international intruder represented by the lawyers, rather than as neighbors. Mining is by its nature a destructive process and some is necessary, but in a highly developed small state with a significant population and limited natural resources, dollar profit can not be the only consideration in considering the use of resources. We have good laws that protect our watersheds to some degree. They should be stronger yet, but no law means anything if one can buy exceptions.

Yes, I have personal reasons to preserve Bradley Mountain and the Shuttle Meadow watershed from further destruction, but the loss would be a loss for all of us. Permanent destruction of additional watershed is just that: permanent. The need for water and clean air and a natural place like Crescent Lake is clear to all, even without any studies, but these too confirm the importance of saving our shrinking natural world. For you who will be here longer than I, for our children and their children, we must preserve what we can whenever we can.

Thank you,

Martin Dinep, M.D.  
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**From:** MARLENE R TENDLER <marlene.tendler@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:49 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Expansion of New Britain quarry

I am a CT resident who is opposed to the expansion of the New Britain quarry. The impacts of strip mining rock from the property are clear and obvious; total habitat loss with mortality of all species and habitat degradation to adjacent areas of the proposed quarry limits.

Please consider my opinion when making a decision.

Marlene Tendler

Linda Pagani  
Bloomfield, CT  
April 13, 2018

Comments submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality on the report titled  
*Environmental Study Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land:  
Proposed Quarry Expansion and Future Water Storage Reservoir.*

My brief comments are confined solely to the report, as the CEQ has requested.

In chapter 7, the "Wildlife Impacts" section states that the proposed quarry expansion totals 72 acres, and will result in multifaceted wildlife impacts and losses including:

Habitat loss: direct loss of a species habitat due to quarry expansion which results in direct mortality. *This includes fragmentation and loss of core forest.* (Italics mine)  
(chapter 7, "Wetland and Biological Inventory and Assessment, Proposed Quarry Expansion and Storage Reservoir," page 19, section 5.0, first bullet)

This is severe. Equally as important, in my opinion, is the loss of 72 acres of mature forest and the trees therein that help clean our environment. Nowhere in the report is mention made of the beneficial and critical roles trees in forests play in keeping our air clean, in modifying air temperature, and helping to increase precipitation. In short, playing an active role to help maintain a livable climate in our state.

Regarding water, the report seems to make some big assumptions about future water demand projections on New Britain's available supply, in an attempt to come out with a positive recommendation to allow Tilcon to expand its mining operations into the watershed and create what is termed a "storage reservoir."

On page 2-6 of the executive summary, Item 36 refers the reader to chapter 13 for a detailed discussion on a benefits versus the environmental costs of the project. However, one finds that the impacts in that section have been given short shrift compared to the benefits.

Chapter 13, "Project Benefits and Environmental Impacts," states that

"... the overall project benefits need to be compared and contrasted with the likely environmental impacts, so that an informed decision can be made on moving forward. This chapter highlights contents from the previous twelve chapters, and provides a comparison of these two items."  
(chapter 13, page 13-1)


The chapter goes on to note that future water demand projections are expected to increase only slightly between 2018 and 2060, then lists a host of unsubstantiated, potential "what ifs" as reasons the project would be beneficial. They all seem to be, at this point, merely conjectural, including: DEEP water diversion policy changes, reductions with the Metropolitan District Commission water purchase contract, water demands from a "yet to be identified future Town or large user," or a catastrophe that takes out a major source of supply. (page 13-2)

The summary of environmental impacts on page 13-3, on the other hand, seems to be minimized. Only five categories are cited, with limited to no explanation of what the impacts to the environment would actually be. For that, one has to delve into the details of chapter 7 to find the irreversible and vast environmental damage resulting from the project.

To conclude, I think the lack of examining the effect the loss of 72 acres of forest will have on the environment, including air quality, as well as the misleading, implied conclusion(s) of chapter 13, are some of the shortcomings of the report.

Thank you for your consideration.





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**From:** Mark Mitchell <lowsix@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:23 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Mining on protected water shed property

Mr. Hearn, We have areas in our state that are protected eco systems that directly affect our well-being. They are protected for the well-being of all the citizens of this state.  
To allow any intrusion on protected lands will have devastating results and forever affect the eco system that is so important for our water supply.  
We cannot allow any disruption to this and surrounding areas.  
That land was not established as a protected area on a whim.  
It is important that we not let ourselves be lead to a slippery slope that will have a negative impact on our water supply and it's delicately balanced eco system now and in the future.  
We cannot allow any type of mining or other outside influences to these areas.

Thank you, Mark Mitchell  
Shelton, Ct

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** mtrugliokirwin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marilyn Truglio-Kirwin  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
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**From:** mhorn2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marianne Horn <mhorn2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 3:24 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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Sincerely,  
Ms. Marianne Horn  
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**From:** mjcorona@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marianne Corona  
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Sincerely,  
Mrs Marianne Corona  
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**From:** thoshall@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Hall  
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**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** ambachl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of LUCY AMBACH  
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**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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Sincerely,  
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**From:** noonmark1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leslie Lee <noonmark1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:51 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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**To:** Hearn, Peter  
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**From:** Laurel Swan [flowerbird@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:28 AM  
**To:** Wagener, Karl  
**Subject:** Tilcon proposal

Dear Mr. Wagener:

Please PLEASE turn down Tilcon's proposal! The environmental impact alone ought to be reason enough. The loss of precious water resources ought to be reason enough. But the idea of offering a promise for giving money FORTY YEARS FROM NOW makes it just laughable! It's hard to believe that such a proposal is being entertained at all, let alone seriously considered.

Laurel Swan  
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**From:** laurajpeskin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Laura J.Peskin  
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**Sent:** Saturday, April 07, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Britain/Tilcon environmental study.

I strongly oppose the Tilcon mining proposal to destroy over 100 acres of drinking watershed lands.

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The precedent-setting destruction of Class I and II watershed lands, extensive damage to the environment, and lack of evidence substantiating the need for future reservoir capacity in the region are just a few of the many reasons this mining proposal should not go forward.

It frightens me that with all we scientifically know in our current era, we would even consider a move like this. We know we cannot undo destruction to our land and our waters once we choose to put commerce, which is temporary, over the life of our planet which is permanent. We simply cannot allow choices like this toward short term profits deprive future generations of an environment uniquely designed to sustain life.

I urge you to uphold the strong protections of Class I and II watershed land as required by the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Kevin Williams  
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kevin.j.williams@comcast.net

  
**From:** kenconserv@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ken Goldsmith  
<kenconserv@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 1:56 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water  
Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr Ken Goldsmith  
75 Route 197 Woodstock, CT 06281-1427  
kenconserv@gmail.com



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**From:** Kathleen Mathews <klmath1234@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:08 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon Strip Mining

Dear Mr Hearn:

I am opposed to the proposal which would allow Tilcon to strip mine an additional 100 acres of Connecticut land including watershed properties.

As we have all seen in the past 4 years that water is becoming a vital interest for CT. We cannot afford, as a relatively small state, to have any of our watershed areas affected negatively. Strip mining results not only in hideous visual scars on our land but also results in tainting or abolishing watershed property. It is ridiculous that a forward thinking state like CT would still allow these activities to continue in our state.

Please do not allow this distraction to continue.

Best regards,  
Kathleen L. Mathews

Sent from my iPhone

## Richard L. Judd, Ph.D., EMS-I

119 Ten Acre Road  
New Britain, CT 06052

April 1, 2018

To: CT Council on Environmental Quality: via Email [Karl.Wagener@ct.gov](mailto:Karl.Wagener@ct.gov)

Re: Comments on the Lenard Study Regarding Public Act 61-61 "An Act Concerning An Environmental Study On a Change In Use of New Britain Water Company Land"

From: Richard L. Judd, Ph.D.<sup>1</sup>

The science that drives important portions of the Lenard Study (LS) is deficient in several areas.

The LS lacks:

- incomplete fall and winter data; such studies need to include all four seasons.
- no attempts to detect federally listed endangered species, e.g. Northern Long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) or the Wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*) because no continuing surveys were conducted using standard transect based count methodologies. Due to the lack of fall and winter data, there is no data on raptors, e.g. Red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), Great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) and Bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), an endangered species. The area involved is home or a migration area for these species.
- no discussion of the cumulative environmental impact, e.g. loss of vernal pools will result in the extirpation (a.k.a. destruction) of species, e.g. the endangered Jefferson salamander (*Ambystoma jeffersonianum*) or the Northern Long-eared bat which is vital to area agricultural enterprise, e.g. these bats eat up to half their weight in insects each night. But, it is not only these listed species, but all flora and fauna in the watershed area will be destroyed. Secondary impacts of the wooded habitat, e.g. breeding habits of many species, are not mentioned.
- there is no mention of further surveys required for Federally endangered species.
- no mention of necessary permits of CT's Natural Diversity Data Base or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.


The LS has other significant lacks, e.g. their definition of Class I watershed which the General Statutes of CT define as "land". The so-called storage reservoir is not a "water supply source," it clearly is not land (see GSC 474, §25-32). The filling of this so-called reservoir with quality water will be contaminated some 50 years down the road.

Finally, the LS is limited in duration, scope, and of questionable scientific methodology.

I am fully opposed to the LS and the destruction of the New Britain Watershed.

<sup>1</sup> Dr. Richard L. Judd was educated as a biologist, and although retired, continues to teach in the Department of Biomolecular Sciences at Central CT State University (CCSU). The remarks and views contained herein are the author's own and do not necessarily reflect the views of CCSU, Protect Our Watersheds CT (POWCT) or the Rivers Alliance of CT, of which he is a Board member.

Contact: [Judd@CCSU.edu](mailto:Judd@CCSU.edu)



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**From:** kkohrwoman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katherine Kohrman  
<kkohrwoman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 10:04 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Britain/Tilcon environmental study.

I strongly oppose the Tilcon mining proposal. It will destroy over 100 acres of drinking watershed lands.

Under state law, the land proposed for the quarry operation is intended to be preserved in perpetuity. Class I and II watershed lands need to be protected and this proposal sets a dangerous precedent that puts all our drinking water in Connecticut at risk.

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The precedent-setting destruction of Class I and II watershed lands, extensive damage to the environment, and lack of evidence substantiating the need for future reservoir capacity in the region are just a few of the many reasons this mining proposal should not go forward.

I urge you to uphold the strong protections of Class I and II watershed land as required by the Connecticut General Statutes. Let's make CT an environmental leader--not a place to be ashamed of.

Sincerely,  
Ms Katherine Kohrman  
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kkohrwoman@aol.com

**From:** Karen Schnitzer <kschnitzer1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:18 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon Study

Dear Mr. Hearn,

I just want you to know that I am adamantly opposed to allowing Tilcon to expand its New Britain quarry into protected water supply land. The land is protected to keep this kind of thing from happening.

I find it appalling that this is even being considered.


Allowing the strip mining of rock from the property would lead to total habitat loss with mortality of all species, and habitat degradation to adjacent areas of the proposed quarry limits.

Please do not allow it.

Thank you.

Karen Schnitzer  
Cheshire, CT  
203250-3351





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**From:** kbortof@gmail.com on behalf of Karen <kgardensnow@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:02 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** I oppose quarry expansion into protected water supply land

I have heard that Tilcon wants to expand its New Britain quarry into protected water supply land. This would set a terrible precedent, chipping away at established protections for **everyone's** water supply in CT! I oppose this senseless violation of a treasured natural resource!!!

-Karen Harte  
Avon, CT  
860-280-4522

**From:** joshuaangelus@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joshua Angelus  
<joshuaangelus@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:46 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water  
Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Joshua Angelus  
69 Hillside Ave Waterbury, CT 06710-2220  
joshuaangelus@yahoo.com



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**From:** nokahill@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Schlag  
<nokahill@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 2:20 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr. John Schlag  
64 Hopkins Rd Ellington, CT 06029-2704  
nokahill@msn.com



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**From:** johnpicardiwcc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Picard  
<johnpicardiwcc@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 2:53 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr John Picard  
98 Wildcat Springs Dr Madison, CT 06443-2484  
johnpicardiwcc@aol.com


**From:** Joan Packer <jpacker33@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 4:00 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Lenard Engineering environmental analysis

I think the report is useful in that it points out (Davison Environmental) that the site is "part of a larger ecological unit...lies within a large block of contiguous and unfragmented forest approximately 1,000 acres in size." Their detail on trees, plants and wildlife may be incomplete, but I think it would be unfortunate to destroy this 72 acre landscape for a quarry, in one of the most densely populated states in the US.

I think the report indicates (at least to me) that losing the tree cover, other vegetation and wetlands could affect groundwater recharge, rainfall and possibly other aspects of our climate.

Thank you.

Joan Packer  
Farmington




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**From:** John Ostaszewski <ostaszej@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon Study

I am writing in opposition to the potential expansion of the Tilcon's New Britain quarry into our state's watershed. Clean water is a right to be protected for all of the residents of CT. Please vote for the people of CT and not for big business.

Thank you.

rgds,  
John Ostaszewski  
50 Blanket Meadow Rd  
Monroe, CT 06468



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**From:** wjfbblue@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Fusari  
<wjfbblue@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 5:13 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr. John Fusari  
16 Whitlock Ave Plantsville, CT 06479-1722  
wjfbblue@yahoo.com

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**From:** dyckman2@snet.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:13 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon study

I object to tilcon being allowed to rock mine class 1 or 2 lands of new Britain reservoir land

Any such declassification that allows this should only be done after a thorough and exhaustive review that these most important buffers are no longer needed.

And with more and more open lands lost to development i doubt such findings could be true

Regards,  
John dyckman  
Prospect ct

Member board of directors prospect land trust

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** rseitz02@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Johann Seitz <rseitz02@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 08, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

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Sincerely,  
Mr. Johann Seitz  
104 Oregon Rd Cheshire, CT 06410-1826  
rseitz02@cox.net



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**From:** Wagener, Karl  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:05 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: water shed

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**From:** Joan Geetter [booknik2@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 11:12 AM  
**To:** Wagener, Karl  
**Subject:** water shed

The citizens of Connecticut "own" the watershed. It is not there to be sold to a private company. Joan Geetter.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 08, 2018 6:29 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** FW: Water

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**From:** jim goodwin [jhgoodwin0@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 7, 2018 1:30 PM  
**To:** Wagener, Karl  
**Subject:** Water

Dear Director Wagener,

Please protect our watersheds and REJECT the Tilcon proposal; Tilcon's plan would ruin the water supply for many communities and would be a truly major disaster!

Sincerely,

James H. Goodwin

**From:** Jill Alibrandi <jalibran@us.ibm.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:12 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** STOP Tilcon Mining from destroying 100 acres of land in New Britain


Hi Peter - I am writing you today to urge you to do the RIGHT thing by our State and our Planet to STOP Tilcon Mining from destroying 100 acres of land in New Britain. The impacts of strip mining rock from the property are clear and obvious - total habitat loss with mortality of ALL species, and the habitat degradation to the adjacent areas of the proposed quarry limits. Tilcon wanting to expand its New Britain quarry into PROTECTED water supply land is setting a terrible precedent at established protections for CT's water supply.

The decision is obvious.

A tax-paying CT resident,  
Jill Alibrandi

**From:** info@plymouthlandtrust.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:44 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon study

I am opposed to the proposal to quarry in Class 1 and 2 watershed lands. The purpose of these lands is to protect drinking water, not mining. We can not take our drinking water for granted. Many other places have had serious water quality issues, such as in West Virginia (mining pollution) and Milwaukee (agricultural waste), because they did not safeguard their drinking water and protect their watersheds.  
Jerry Milne



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**From:** j.bass <jb.dron@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 5:47 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter; CT Water Planning Council  
**Subject:** Tilcon Study

I am concerned about clean water and protecting public water supply. Natural resources in Connecticut should be treasured and protected from profit margins!

I oppose allowing Tilcon to expand the New Britain Quarry and mine in a protected reservoir.


Please, stop this!

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If a critical appraisal of New Britain's drinking water needs demonstrates a real need for more water capacity, let's solve it in a less destructive way.

Thank you for listening, please protect the public good, which depends on preserving watershed areas.

Jenny Bass  
Windham Connecticut



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**From:** Jennifer Starble <jenstarble@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:22 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon Study

Dear Decision Makers,

I would like to express my deep concern about Tilcon expanding its New Britain quarry into protected water supply land. Now is the time to protect our natural resources as well as the habitat and species in this area. Once you allow the degradation of the land and water, you can never go back.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jennifer Starble

Connecticut Resident

**From:** katjajen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Kleindienst  
<katjajen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 9:05 PM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

I oppose the Tilcon mining proposal, which would destroy over 100 acres of drinking watershed lands.

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Sincerely,  
Ms. Jennifer Kleindienst  
241 West St Middletown, CT 06457-4066  
katjajen@gmail.com



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:01 AM  
**To:** Frantz, Blair  
**Subject:** FW: Tilcon Study

**From:** Janina Wolfin [mailto:janinawoelfin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:37 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter <Peter.Hearn@ct.gov>  
**Subject:** Tilcon Study

I want to protest strongly against the plan to expand the New Britain quarry into a protected water supply area. The rock stripping will kill all living creatures in the habitat, and this will set a very bad precedent for the treatment of CT's sensitive water supplies. I live next to a wetland and have a private well, and I've seen water quality in my well deteriorate over the 24 years I've lived here. There was also a scare of possible uranium contamination in local wells not long ago. Please do not go ahead with this plan.

Thank you for reading this, Yours sincerely, Yann (Jan) van Heurck



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**From:** Janet Taylor <jftaylor1560@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:53 AM  
**To:** Hearn, Peter  
**Subject:** Tilcon study

Dear Peter Hearn,

As someone who is concerned about our water supply and protecting our wetlands, I am strongly opposed to any encroachment of public lands.

Sincerely,

Janet Taylor

PO Box 814

Southbury,CT 06488

Sent from my iPad