



# Concerned Residents of Southeast

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## Crossroads Development & Hotel

JPH Development Corp. submitted a FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement) to the Southeast Town Board on August 21st, 2014. The Crossroads project as described in this document proposes 143,000 square feet of Retail and Restaurant space in addition to a 100-room four story Hotel. The size of the project has been reduced from previous proposals. The project site is on Route 312 in Southeast near Interstate 84 exit 19. The project would require re-zoning the 51.8 acre site from the current Residential Commercial (RC) classification to a Highway Commercial (HC-1) classification. Traffic flows and patterns in the immediate vicinity of the project as well as at the Highland Development (Home Depot / Kohl's) and extended portions of Route 312, east and west, are also a concern.

## Comprehensive Plan

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 the Southeast Town Board approved an update to the town's Comprehensive Plan. The town formed a Comprehensive Plan Committee in 2012 for the purpose of updating this plan. Since then there have been numerous public hearings and visioning sessions related to this project. While many had a chance to express their views it is unclear that the final product improved the Comprehensive Plan in any meaningful way, and, in fact, may have made it worse. Concerns still exist regarding limits to outside storage, protection of our ridgelines and the possibility of zoning changes to permit auto dealerships along Route 6 towards the Connecticut border. The original goal of having a vision for our town and providing guidelines to achieve this vision, including appearance and quality of life, seem to have been ignored in the final document.

## Diverting Reservoir Trail



On Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 the Diverting Reservoir Trail was opened to the public. The entrance to the trail is located on Railroad Avenue near downtown Brewster, across from the Electrazone Field/Veterans Park. Hiking is open to everyone and you do not need a DEP permit to access the trail. The trail is about 1 mile long and follows the banks of the New York City owned Diverting Reservoir water supply. The first part of the trail follows an old Native American trail. The opening of this trail and its upkeep represents the combined efforts of The Putnam County Land Trust, NYC DEP, Local Boy Scouts and CRSE (Concerned Residents of Southeast).

## Algonquin Pipeline

Spectra Energy has plans to replace and enlarge a local natural gas pipeline that would carry natural gas from fracked shale in Pennsylvania through parts of Rockland, Westchester and Putnam Counties on its way to the Massachusetts coast. Under this plan, the proposed pipeline in Southeast would increase from 26 inches to 42 inches in diameter for 800 feet from the Southeast Tulip Road compressor station to the Connecticut line. In addition, the proposal plans for an upgraded Compressor Station located in Southeast, NY to handle the increased volume. Opponents of this plan site safety and health concerns.

## Upcoming Candidates Forum

CRSE will be sponsoring a Candidates Forum for local elections. The Forum will be held at 7:00pm Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in the second floor Community Room of the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association located at 15 Mount Ebo Road S, Southeast, New York.

## About CRSE

CRSE, a non-profit organization, plays an important role as an educator in community affairs. Our main purposes are to protect, preserve and enhance the physical environment of the town of Southeast. The group keeps residents informed of planning, zoning and land-use matters, and the actions of the Town Board, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. We inform the public through newsletters, public and candidate forums.

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**Members are the lifeblood of our organization!** We rely on dedicated, motivated members and volunteers to gather petition signatures, research issues and, most importantly, help CRSE find out what matters to the people of the Town of Southeast. To become a member of CRSE fill out this form then drop it, along with your membership dues in an envelope and send it to: CRSE, PO Box 762, Brewster, NY 10509. We'd love to have you on board with us as we work together for the future.

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<b>City</b>	_____	One Year Friend Membership	\$25
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