

Proud of Brooklyn residents who spoke up:

I attended the Inland Wetlands Commission hearing at Brooklyn Middle School on December 9th. I am proud of the brave citizens of Brooklyn who spoke out to preserve our wetlands. These people do not get paid big money as the professionals hired by Wal-Mart are. Instead they volunteer precious time and energy to research information that would support their valid points. This alone demonstrates how dedicated they are to the town of Brooklyn and its residents.

The paid Wal-Mart experts kept reiterating how this project was "conservative" and "within the regulations." Not once did they mention how this project will positively effect our children's environment. Not once did they discuss the potential for pollution, or negative impact on the natural resources of Brooklyn. Wal-Mart has a track record of violating regulations that they vow to adhere to, so it doesn't really matter what proposal is presented to the residents of Brooklyn now does it? Regulations will be violated and the fines will be paid, end of story.

My husband and I "transplanted" our family to Brooklyn 3 years ago from RI. I grew up in Warwick and now refer to my hometown as The Concrete Jungle. The pond I took swimming lessons in as a little girl is polluted and gated off from the public. The local beaches in Warwick are not clean to swim in. This is what happens after years of pollution and violating "regulations."

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