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**Subject:** Kirjas Joel Annexation scoping comments

Dear Mr. Miller

Please include our attached letter to the Kirjas Joel SEQR public commentary.

Attached are also photographs of the portion of Seven Springs road along which our two major long-distance trails, the Long Path and Highlands Trail, travel; which would be unacceptably and permanently altered should this annexation succeed.

Hikers and walkers would no longer be able to safely continue to follow the trails through a dense development, which would additionally blight the neighborhood and surrounding park landscape. Additionally, these trails form part of a greenway connecting local state parks, creating important wildlife migration corridors, to maintain the genetic health of species in our increasingly developed landscape.

We strongly urge a reconsideration of this proposed annexation, and propose preserving this land on which these trails depend for safe access and a great outdoor experience.

With thanks,

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