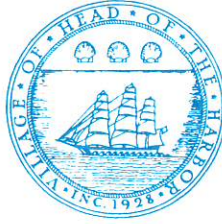


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Dear Editor:

A Threat to Stony Brook Harbor

Residents of Head of the Harbor are happy to see an increasing population of Ospreys and Bald Eagles fishing in Stony Brook Harbor. We want this to continue, so we are very watchful.

A sewage treatment plant has been proposed as part of a development of the Gyrodyne property. The Gyrodyne property is 160 feet higher than Stony Brook Harbor, and the flow of effluent discharged by the sewage plant at Gyrodyne will be governed by gravity.

Mr. John Cameron brings more information in his recent article in the Village Times Herald. Mr. Cameron says the NYS Stony Brook University sewage plant processes waste water from both the University and the Medical Center and discharges into Port Jefferson Harbor. Mr. Cameron also says the NYS Stony Brook University Research Park at the former Gyrodyne property discharges untreated wastewater into the ground. Further, Mr. Cameron says the businesses on Lake Avenue presently discharge high nitrogen loadings into Stony Brook Harbor.

This all sounds pretty bad, we need to understand the impact on our water ways.

Our Village is calling for more independent environmental impact work on any major development in our community such as Gyrodyne. We want clean ground and surface water for the next generations and we don't want any surprises to the contrary.

Mr. Cameron says Gyrodyne management prides themselves as being good neighbors. I tell you that I worked for Grumman for 24 years up until 1998, and during this time no company was ever a better neighbor than Grumman. Before, of course, the widespread ground pollution was uncovered in Bethpage.

I ask that all residents find out for themselves what all of this means to the future of our community. I ask that you tell your legislators that you want more independent and comprehensive environmental studies so we all can be more intelligent about this issue.

Very truly yours,

Douglas A. Dahlgard  
Mayor