

Saving one of the World's Rarities – Remington Woods

A Gem in the Heart of Bridgeport & Stratford

Remington Woods is a **419-acre forest** in the heart of one of the most densely populated urban centers in the Northeast. This unique parcel of land encompasses a **23-acre lake, hardwood forest, meadows and wetlands including vernal pools.** 344 acres lie within the borders of Bridgeport and the remaining 75 acres lie within Stratford. Virtually undisturbed since colonial times, Remington Woods is a one-of-a-kind ecosystem -- a large, isolated, contiguous, natural, urban wildlife preserve where **Eastern wood turtles, night heron, sparrow hawks, wood ducks, raptors, turkey vultures, amphibians, fresh-water fish, fox, raccoons, deer, and coyote** make their home.



Remington Woods, Bridgeport & Stratford, CT
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Approximately 25 acres of the property were used as an ammunition testing and storage site during the 1930's and 40's, and some environmental remediation is required, but Hammonasset State Park in Madison, a former Defense Department artillery range with similar issues, was remediated to residential standards and is now used by thousands of residents each year for recreation and camping!

Window to the Past – for Archeologists and Scientists



According to Connecticut State Archeologist Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni, Remington Woods has probable great historical value in the form of unexplored, ancient **Native American** burial and camp sites. Several camp and tool-making sites were destroyed adjacent to *The Woods* during the construction of a post-war condominium complex, and radio-dated, 7000-year-old sites were found less than two miles away in Trumbull along the Pequonnock River.

Remington Woods should become a Preserve for Residents and Wildlife

Can you imagine New York City without Central Park? Just as New Yorkers see that incredible space as the core of its city's spirit, future generations will see Remington Woods as a key to Bridgeport's soul. Remington Woods can be an important step in the rebirth of Bridgeport and an important asset for all of Fairfield County!

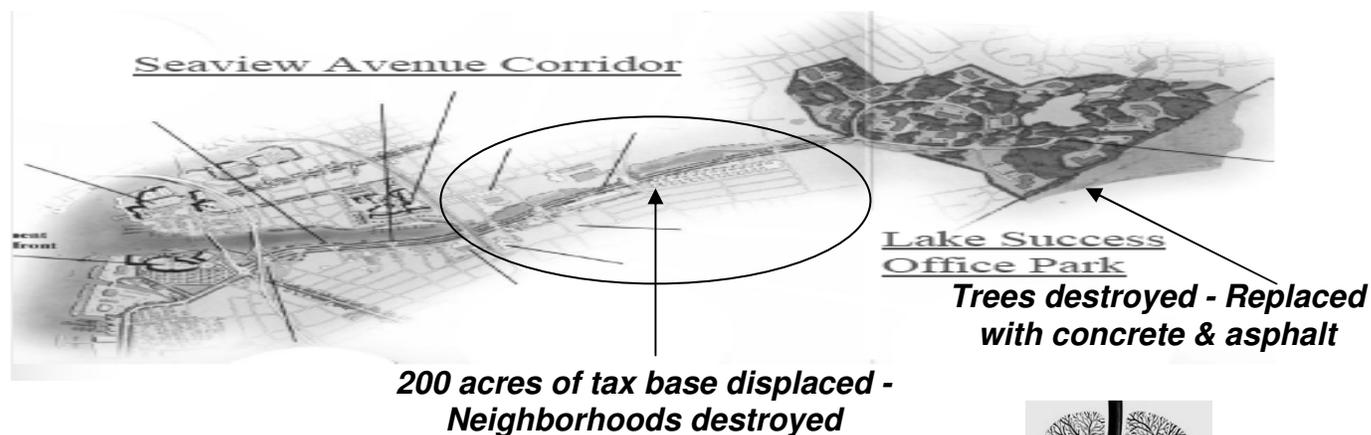


Lake Success, Remington Woods, Bridgeport, CT
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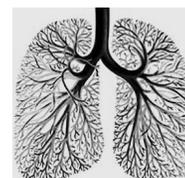
There are more than 700 acres of brownfields in Bridgeport waiting to be cleaned and redeveloped. So why would anyone want to spend \$250 million in taxpayer dollars to destroy one of our nation's largest unprotected urban forests?

Seaview Avenue Corridor – Bringing Pollution to a Neighborhood Near You

- An expressway to the Woods for the creation of an office complex, the Seaview Avenue Corridor would run through **Stratford and Bridgeport neighborhoods, carrying the pollution of thousands of trucks and cars.**
- Studies by Yale University (School of Public Health, 1998) and by the Urban Land Institute (2005) indicate that the City of Bridgeport would reap **negative net returns on investment and incur environmental harm** through the development of Remington Woods.



Remington Woods: The Lungs of Bridgeport



- Trees are **efficient air cleaning machines.**
- Bridgeport residents breathe some of the **dirtiest air in the country.**
- **Asthma hospitalizations among Bridgeport children** under the age of 14 are the more than twice the state rate.
- Doing whatever we can to clean up our air is important for **the health of those of us living in Bridgeport and surrounding towns. Maintaining trees is essential to the goal of cleaning up our local air.**
- The effect of **replacing trees with thousands of polluting vehicles** will be disastrous for affected neighborhoods.

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