

-via electronic transmission to GBaptista@oysterbay-ny.gov and first-class mail-

March 27, 2019

George Baptista, Jr., Deputy Commissioner
Town of Oyster Bay
29 Spring Street
Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Re: Proposed Syosset Park Project DEIS

Dear Deputy Commissioner Baptista:

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Long Island Business News^[1] (LIBN) has reported that the Syosset Park project proposed for the former Cerro Wire and Syosset Landfill properties may undergo a significant change in scope from the original project proposed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that was submitted to the Town of Oyster Bay.

Although the LIBN article reports a greatly reduced or possibly eliminated residential component, capacity constraints on the school district's ability to absorb a large influx of new students was only one of our multiple concerns about the development of this parcel.

It is our hope and expectation that any new proposal for use of this site include the same level of detail that the DEIS contained for the Syosset Park project, and that the school district, as an interested and impacted party, would have ample time to analyze and comment on any new proposal as it did with the original DEIS.

Moreover, since any development of this parcel—which is located adjacent to the South Grove Elementary School and near the Robbins Lane Elementary School—would disturb the soil on this site, we reiterate that it remains imperative that independent testing take place to evaluate what residual contamination may be present, what the potential risks of construction are, and what the best means of mitigating those risks might be, should the project move forward.

On behalf of the Syosset Board of Education,

Very truly yours,



Dr. Thomas Rogers
Superintendent of Schools
Syosset Central School District

^[1] <https://libn.com/2019/03/14/developers-pursue-new-syosset-park-plan/>