

July 11, 2008

Jim Sinegal CEO
Costco Wholesale
99 Lake Drive
Issaquah, WA 98027

Dear Mr. Sinegal,

My name is Patricia Bolgosano and I want to tell you about my home town of Lake Carmel in the township of Kent, NY. Lake Carmel is a beautiful lake park community in the Hudson Valley comprising of mostly hard working middle class family people. We love our children and our community.



This is Lake Carmel in early spring after a rain



This is our children enjoying the lake on the longest day of the year as the sun set.

A good number of the families who now live here, moved here from the areas south; Westchester, The Bronx and Rockland. They came to Lake Carmel in hopes of a better quality of life for their families. That is also the reason I moved here. I wanted a place where my daughter could have fond memories of her childhood. A place where fresh air and opportunities to enjoy a beautiful lake surrounding will enhance her memories and give her the childhood she deserves.



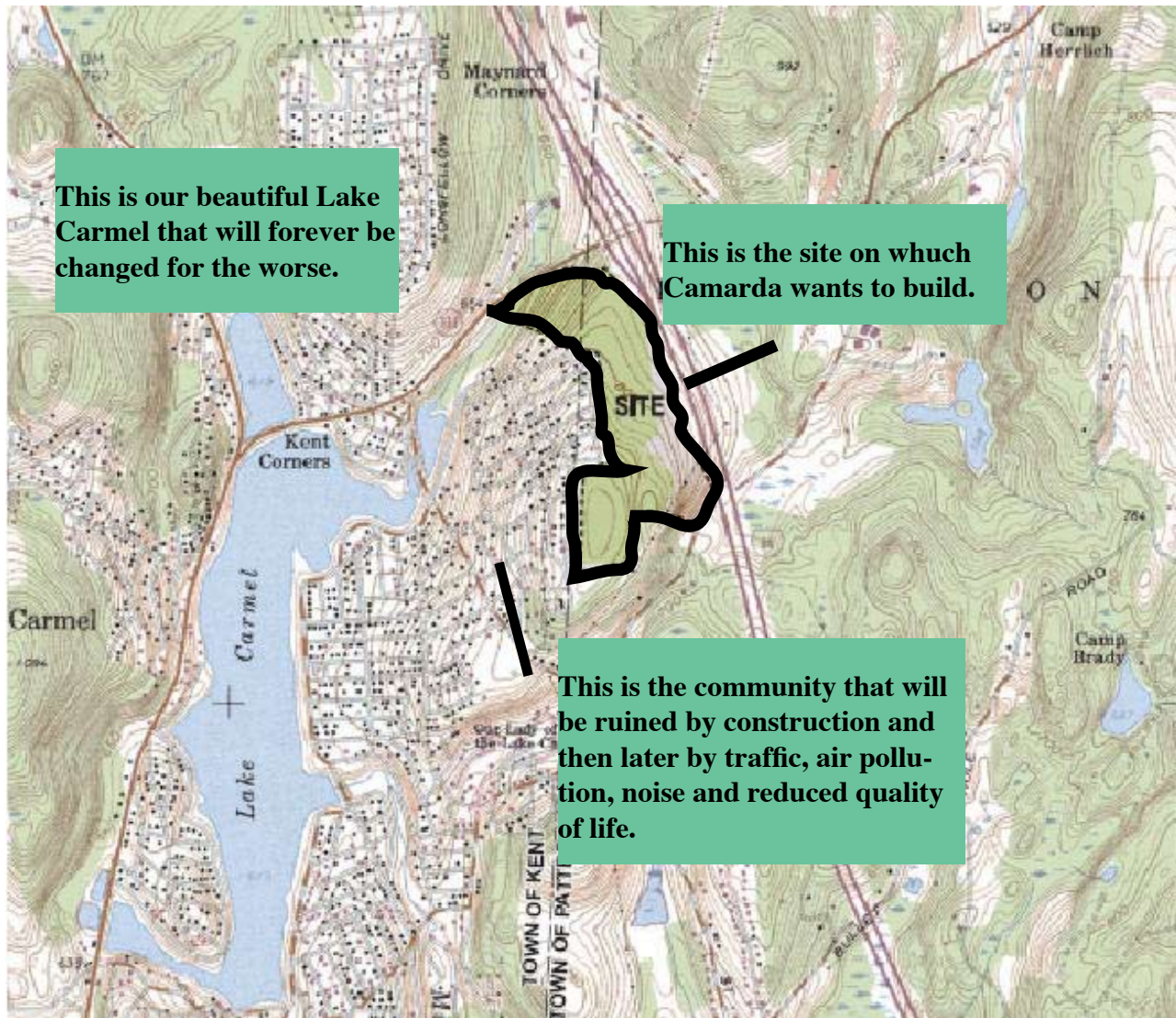
This is my daughter kayaking on Lake Carmel.



This is my daughter ice skating on Lake Carmel.

Mr. Sinegal there is something now threatening our way of life. The quiet of this country town, the clean air, the low crime and the overall quality of life is about to change for the worse. I am afraid that you, Mr. Sinegal play

a part in that threat. You see a man by the name of Paul Camarda is going to develop a piece of property that is surrounded by houses and close to our lake to build a super shopping center called Patterson Crossing which will have as an anchor store a Costco.



Mr. Sinegal, I am sending two pages of a very long and drawn out DEIS report (*6.0 Environmental Impacts That Cannot be Avoided if the Proposed Action is Implemented*). I think these two pages speak volumes in what the people of Lake Carmel are in for if this project proposal succeeds. This project is an environmental disaster for this town and it's people.

I am asking boldly for your company to pull out of this project. Oh, I know that is asking a lot, but I don't know where else at this point to turn. As you can imagine, I am not the only person outraged by the proposed Patterson Crossing and I will not be the only person demonstrating against it. The developer is in for quite the battle.

I know by what I have read about you, that you are a fair man. Your employees speak highly of working for your company. No doubt you could be an asset to many communities, but Mr. Sinegal, this is not the place for a large store and shopping center as is proposed.

Thank you for your time,
Patricia Bolgosano
549 Rt 52