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Robert L. Green
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Dear Mr. Green,

I am a resident of Lincolnville, Maine, and am writing to oppose the construction of a recreational pier at Shag Rock Point, 1/2 mile south of the Ferry Terminal at Lincolnville Beach.

I concur with my neighbors' concern over the impact of the proposed pier, both on the scenic beauty and ecological value of an undeveloped stretch of the Maine coastline, and on Maine's desirability as a recreational and cultural benefit to Maine citizens.

The pier that the Ward family and Atlantic Environmental of Woolwich proposes would benefit only themselves, while adversely impacting the economic and environmental benefits to our community through disturbance of the intertidal zone ecosystem and the tranquility that this part of Maine provides both residents and visitors.

Here in Lincolnville, we watch as sea levels begin to rise, and storms cause flooding at Lincolnville Beach and adjacent properties on both sides of Route One. We know that the next ten years will be crucial ones in the battle against the effects of climate change.

The Maine Climate Council's Four Year Climate Action Plan "reinforces that there is an essential role for nature in helping us meet our climate targets and support communities becoming more resilient. As important, the Climate Action Plan recognizes that policies must address disparities across our state and actively demonstrate equitable approaches.

"The point at which the land meets the sea is the home of one of our most precious and most valuable natural resources. These rich and complex coastal ecosystems provide a multitude of benefits to both people and nature. Not only do they supply habitat for marine and bird wildlife, but they also serve as barriers to storms, offer flood protection and improve water quality by filtering out impurities. *But these ecosystems are under threat. Populations are moving in greater numbers to coastal areas, bringing with them increasing development and damaging land-use practices.*"
(source: thenatureconservancy.org)

As a Waldo County resident since 1996, and as the owner since 2007 of a 4.3 acre parcel on the west side of Route One, I am engaged with restoring habitat where I live. I've experienced personally the negative impacts of increased water flow from the subdivision northwest of me. I know that when it comes to land use, small actions by individuals can have unintended consequences, contribute to erosion, and threaten properties and livelihoods.

I urge to you consider carefully the short- and long-term consequences of permitting private structures in Maine's coastal ecosystem, and to deny permission for the proposed pier at Shag Rock Point.

Respectfully,

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