

HELP SAVE BUTTONHOOK FOREST!

THE HISTORY

1973, CCSD purchased the 20.3-acre forest / Buttonhook property

2010, it's listed for re-sale.

CCSD hires engineering firm to subdivide into six lots for possible \$2MM houses, hoping for a \$7MM payout

2015, plans presented to New Castle Planning Board

2019 after four years, preliminary plans approved

CCSD has spent more than \$645k of school funds on expenses for this project

Has asked for seven extensions to submit final plans for approval

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

2020, after no bids on the subdivided land, CCSD dropped the listing price to 2.5MM

August 2021, accepting a below-list price of \$2MM from a developer. This contract was dissolved in May 2022. The sale relied on the CCSD getting final approval for the subdivision plans as they have thus far, as of September 10, 2022, been unable to overcome NYC DEP's concerns about stormwater pollution.

REASONS FOR PRESERVATION

ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION HERITAGE

The 20.3 acres are part of a rare 100-acre "carbon sink" to fight climate change.

If the subdivision is approved = 676 trees clearcut

Deforestation leads to habitat loss, soil erosion,

noise, & air pollution.

CCSD's Green Initiative & Sustainability Mission is served better by selling this land to the community Preserving it for educational purposes, its vibrant ecosystem & a unique glimpse into First Nations lives.

Native American sacred ceremonial stone landscapes have recently been found on properties adjacent to the Buttonhook site

There's a high likelihood these are linear in nature and would also be found on Buttonhook site.

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THE PLAN

Friends of Buttonhook Forest, a 501c3 placed a competitive bid to purchase the land on August 30, 2022. We have yet to hear back from CCSD. At this time, we're still raising money on our [GoFundMe campaign](#).

Funds to be raised include \$ for an endowment for ongoing maintenance of Preserve and transaction costs.

With a successful land purchase from CCSD, Buttonhook Preserve will be forever protected.

You can be part of the solution!

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Pledge what you can at [GoFundMe](#) or visit GoFundMe.com/SaveButtonhook

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