

OUR TOWN – OUR SKIES

There is still time to reduce excessive noise around East Hampton airport.

**We can withdraw the Town's Grant Application
to the Federal Aviation Administration.**

We can regulate our own airport.

An Open Letter to the East Hampton Town Board



Quiet Skies Coalition

Preserving the right to peace and quiet

Dear Council Members,

We appreciate your expressed desire to address the problem of excessive noise at the East Hampton airport. We also recognize that decisions about aircraft noise from the airport have been fraught with questions about what authority the town may actually wield under federal law. Lawyers have painted different pictures for you about the possibility of a successful outcome if East Hampton tries to limit use of the airport by noisy helicopters and by particular types of planes.

However, now, and for the first time, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has provided answers to direct questions from Representative Tim Bishop about the town's authority to control airport noise (See East Hampton Star, March 1, 2012, "FAA Sheds Light on Airport Control Queries: 'Reasonable' Restrictions May be Within Reach."). The answers indicate that East Hampton will be able to enact reasonable airport regulations that could reduce noise when specific FAA grants expire at the end of 2014. We will lose this critical ability if the town accepts a new FAA grant for a deer fence.

We therefore urge you not to take the Federal money. We urge you to withdraw the Town's Grant Application to the FAA for the deer fence. We urge you to help us take back Home Rule of East Hampton's Airport and protect the environment and quality of life for all residents of the East End.

Sincerely,

Quiet Skies Coalition

HELP STOP EXCESSIVE AIRPORT NOISE

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