

**CHAFFIN LIGHT ASSOCIATES PLANS A  
2600-ACRE LUXURY DEVELOPMENT**

for the Shawangunk Ridge in the towns of Gardiner and Shawangunk –stretching from Gertrude's Nose west to Mud Pond, adjoining Minnewaska Park and Sam's Point Preserve.

Save The Ridge



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The Shawangunk Ridge, designated by the Nature Conservancy as  
"One of Earth's Last Great Places"

supports a diversity of rare plants and animals. Its viewshed stretches for hundreds of square miles. Exploitation of its fragile terrain would destroy a precious natural resource.

What will be the impacts of the **Awosting Reserve** development?

**OPEN SPACE**

Loss of a huge piece of mountain slope that should be accessible to all.

**VIEWSHED**

The view from the valley and nearby Shawangunk valley overlooks would be compromised.

**LIGHT POLLUTION**

Light and reflections from hundreds of residences overlooking the valley, drowning out the night sky.

**ECONOMICS**

Adverse effect on tourism dollars.

Decrease in property values if the view is compromised by development.

**ECOLOGY**

Biodiversity threatened, endangered species at risk, permanent destruction of natural habitat.

Deforestation of 564 acres\* and golf course landscaping of 472 acres\* totals 1036 acres lost.

**TRAFFIC**

Increased demand on rural roads and road maintenance as 180 cars per hour\* substantially increase the noise level.

**RUNOFF**

Lawn chemicals - salt - erosion - sewage - golf course chemicals.

**WATER SUPPLY**

Effect on ground water supply with the increased demand of 157,000 gallons per day\* especially during times of drought; add to that the enormous demands of a golf course.

**FIRE FIGHTING**

Difficult access on steep mountain roads; increased risk of forest fires.

**LUXURY - GATED COMMUNITY**

An exclusive neighborhood with a private golf course, club house, beach, sports garden, fitness center, swimming pool and lodge in the midst of a rural community.

349 homes (2000 ft<sup>2</sup> - 4,500 ft<sup>2</sup>)\* -- representing a population increase of about 1000 or 20% of Gardiner.

\*Figures from Awosting Reserve Development Plans

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# How you can help:

## volunteer

for one of our committees  
call 845 895-5577 or email the committee directly:  
[info@savetheridge.com](mailto:info@savetheridge.com) (general information/inquiries)

[petitions@savetheridge.com](mailto:petitions@savetheridge.com)

[writing@savetheridge.com](mailto:writing@savetheridge.com)

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[events@savetheridge.com](mailto:events@savetheridge.com) (fund-raising)

visit our website [www.savetheridge.com](http://www.savetheridge.com)  
for news, information, forum and more ways you can help

## send donations to:

Save the Ridge  
P.O. Box 326  
Walkill, NY 12589

## write - call - elected/appointed officials

### Town of Gardiner

Supervisor Jack Hayes, Town & Planning Board, PO Box 1, Gardiner NY 12525, 845 255-9675

### Town of Shawangunk

Supervisor John Valk, Town & Planning Board, PO Box 247, Walkill NY 12589, 845 895-2611

### Ulster County Legislators - District 6 - Gardiner, Plattekill & Shawangunk

William Calabrese, 9 Calabrese Dr, Pine Bush NY 12566

Albert Meyer, 174 Long Lane, Walkill NY 12589

Glenn Noonan, 109 Sandhill Road, Gardiner NY 12525

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### New York State

Assembly member Kevin Cahill, 1 Albany Ave, Kingston NY 12401, 845 338-9610

Assembly member Tom Kirwan, 190 South Plank Rd, Newburgh NY 12550, 845 562-0888

Senator John Bonacic, 279 Main St Suite 202, New Paltz NY 12561, 845 255-9656

Governor George Pataki, State Capitol, Albany NY 12224

### United States

Congressman Maurice Hinchey, 291 Wall St, Kingston NY 12401, 845 331-4466

Senator Hillary Clinton, 780 3rd Ave Suite 2601, New York, NY 10017, 212 688-6262

Senator Charles Schumer, PO Box A, Red Hook, NY 12571, 845 569-0923

### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 845 256-3000

Marc Moran, Regional Director, 21 South Putt Corners Rd. New Paltz, New York 12561

Scott Sheely, Project Manager, 21 South Putt Corners Rd. New Paltz, New York 12561

## letters to the editor

**Times Herald-Record**, fax 845 343-2170 (call 346-3142 for guidelines or address)

**New Paltz Times**, fax 845 255-7005, PO Box 537, New Paltz NY 12561

**Walkill Valley Times**, fax 845 778-1196 (call 778-2181 for guidelines or address)

**New York Times**, fax 212 556-3622, 229 West 43rd St, New York NY 10036

**Poughkeepsie Journal**, fax 845 437-4921 (call 437-4800 for guidelines or address)

**Daily Freeman**, 79 Hurley Ave, Kingston NY 12401

## attend meetings

Gardiner Town Board - workshop meeting - first Tuesday of the month

Gardiner Town Board - business meeting - second Tuesday of the month

Gardiner Town Planning Board - third Tuesday of the month

Call the Gardiner Town Hall at 255-9675 for meeting locations as they may change.