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DEMAND END TO DENSE DEVELOPMENT Groups Insist on Community Benefits

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Environmental and civic groups, led by the Long Island Pine Barrens Society will demand an end to dense development beyond what is permitted under current zoning unless there are significant community benefits.

In a presentation to the Brookhaven Town Board at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Brookhaven Town Hall in Farmingville, Richard Amper, Executive Director of the environmental group will propose tough new rules that would have to be followed before developers are granted permission to build more houses than they are entitled to under existing zoning.

“Density giveaways to the development-at-any-cost crowd must stop,” Amper explained as he released a nine point plan to limit new development to “as of right” entitlement. He said Brookhaven is considering dozens of re-zonings that would increase housing density dramatically, compromising drinking water, increasing taxes for new government services and diminishing quality-of-life in communities.

The new limitations were drafted by the Society, the Group for the East End and the Affiliated Brookhaven Civic Organizations among other community groups.