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East Hampton Town Board
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, New York 11937

RE: Preservation of the Brooks Park House and Studios

Dear East Hampton Town Board:

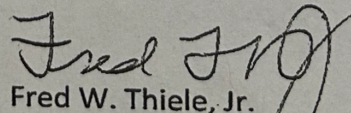
I am writing to express my support for the preservation of the Brooks Park House and Studios and to urge the East Hampton Town Board to defer its proposed demolition.

Demolishing this historic landmark that was purchased with Community Preservation Funds without making every effort to establish a sustainable, long-term plan for its rehabilitation and preservation would be contrary to the intent of the Community Preservation Fund. Moreover, demolishing this historic landmark would also be contrary to the purpose of the Town's own preservation law, which states, "The protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of landmarks and historic districts is necessary to promote the economic, cultural, educational, and general welfare of the public."

In 2014, the East Hampton Town adopted the Brooks-Park Historic Designation Authorizing Resolution (2014-945) amending the Town zoning code to designate the Brooks-Park a historic landmark. The decision was made to amend the zoning code after determining that the Brooks-Park property has the characteristics specified in Section 255-7-25 A of the Town Code, including possessing "special character, historic and aesthetic interest and value as part of the cultural, economic and social history of East Hampton. . . ."

Given the property's historic significance and cultural importance to East Hampton Town's heritage, I urge the Town of East Hampton to work with interested parties to develop a rehabilitation plan for the Brooks Park historic landmark.

Sincerely,


Fred W. Thiele, Jr.
Member of Assembly

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