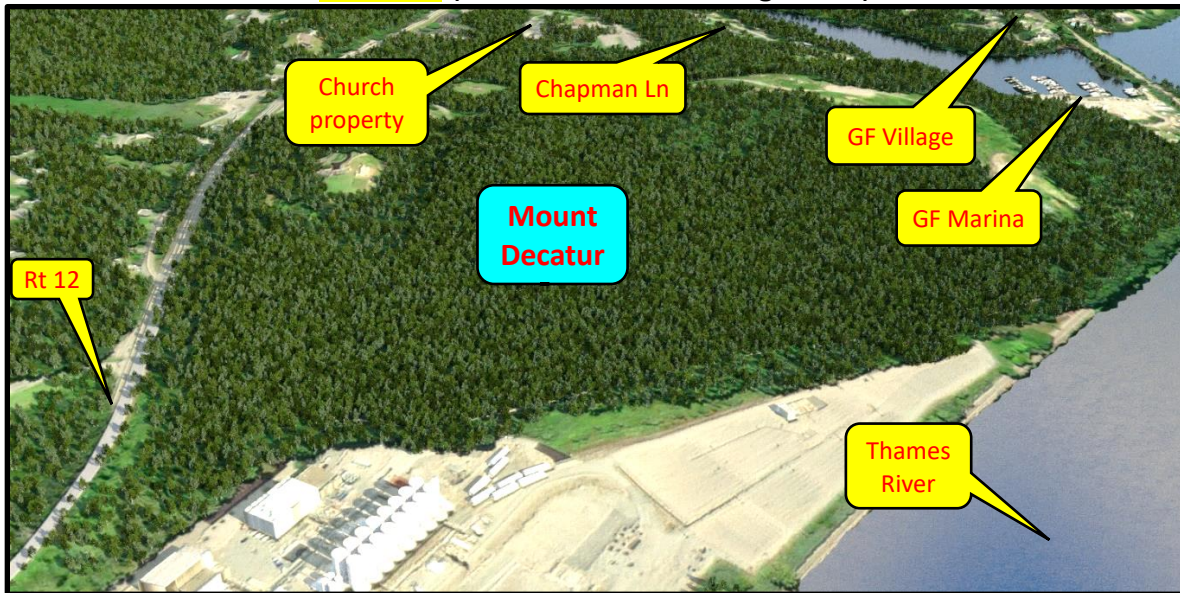


**Are you aware that a company is planning to spend the next 5-10 years blasting ~40 acres out of historic Mount Decatur?**

**NEXT PUBLIC HEARING: FEBRUARY 8th, 6PM, Ledyard Middle School**

**BEFORE** (overhead view looking south)



**AFTER** (Artist rendering of Mount Decatur after demolition work has been completed.)



In 2022 Cashman Dredging purchased the former Dow Chemical property located on Route 12 in Gales Ferry, CT. They are planning to set up what would essentially be a 5-10-year quarry operation to **demolish roughly the northern half of historic Mount Decatur**, and they intend to set up a processing plant on-site to convert the blasted rock into “marketable material”. In other words, the remnants of Mount Decatur will be sold commercially.

The destruction of Mount Decatur will be permanent and can never be undone. We are concerned that, if allowed, this could irreparably damage our quality of life in the beautiful Thames River Valley.



To learn more, visit <https://ledyardct.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, find the 1/11/24 Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and pull up the “Agenda”. There you will find all the documents submitted by Cashman as part of their Special Permit application.

## How might your life be impacted?

- Will the blasting or processing operations degrade your **quality of life**?
- Will this dramatic change to the area **lower your property value**?
- Will fugitive dust leave the property, thereby creating a **health risk**?
- Will our **environment** suffer?
- Will there be **more noise and vibration** from increased train traffic?
- Will increased large vessel traffic **reduce enjoyment and safety on the Thames River**?
- Will increased heavy truck traffic have a deleterious effect on **public welfare and safety**, including homes, schools, churches, and businesses?
- Will the **disfigurement of Mount Decatur** alter its unique historical significance (War of 1812)?

## What can you do?

- **Visit our website** at [www.LedyardCALU.com](http://www.LedyardCALU.com) to learn more.
- **Email us** at [info@LedyardCALU.com](mailto:info@LedyardCALU.com) to share your thoughts.
- **Spread the word with your friends and neighbors** to keep everyone informed.
- **Attend town meetings.** Whether in person or virtual, it's a great way to let our town leadership see you and hear your voice! We have a resolute, logical, and well-balanced Planning & Zoning Commission and Town Planner, and they are listening!
- **Join our group** to contribute your skills, energy, and passion. We usually meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM in the Gales Ferry Community Center and via Zoom.
- **Join our Facebook group** ... "GF Citizens' Alliance 123".
- **Consider donating to "Citizens Alliance for Land Use"** by mailing a check to PO Box 735, Gales Ferry, CT 06335. And please note that we are a not-for-profit organization, therefore **100%** of funds are used for communication efforts, advice from experts, and legal counsel.



The Citizens Alliance for Land Use (CALU) is a Connecticut non-stock corporation, a 100% volunteer group of citizens with diverse backgrounds. Our ongoing mission is to ensure that all industrial, commercial, and economic development in our community is done responsibly, in a manner that protects our environment, our health and safety, our property values, and our overall quality of life.



By the way, Cashman is the same company that proposed bringing **contaminated dredge spoils** to Gales Ferry back in 2022. But thanks (in part) to much hard work by the Citizens Alliance for Land Use (CALU), and other factors, Cashman postponed those plans and moved on to other business.



Artist rendering of original proposed building location.

Then in early 2023 Cashman attempted to place a heavy marine equipment repair and maintenance building in an unreasonable location **right up against an abutting residential neighborhood**. CALU again went to work, submitting numerous documents and speaking at every public hearing, to ensure that the company continued modifying their plans until they complied with our zoning laws.