

## Excessive Population Growth

- Population growth increases levels of air pollution, water pollution, soil contamination and noise pollution.
- Human overpopulation is among the most pressing environmental issues, silently aggravating the forces behind global warming, environmental pollution, habitat loss and the consumption of finite natural resources.
- Increasing population density in a limited land area without changes in supporting infrastructure, such as road capacity, water availability, pressure and capacity, sewage treatment and sanitation capacity and discharge to the bay has a negative effect on quality of life (QOL) and the economic sustainability of any town.
- The Port Washington peninsula covers 11.15 sq. miles of land, but alone Sands Point covers 4.23 sq. miles so the rest of PW is only 6.92 sq. miles including the sand pits and beach park on the harbor. If you calculate the population density without Sands Point, the population density is effectively comparable to Great Neck, all of Nassau County with the total TONH slightly lower. Any additional increases due to development will probably not occur there and surely not an apartment building. All development then is absorbed by the 6.92 sq. miles and will be fully absorbed at the central part of the town.
- Between 2010 and 2020 Port Washington has experienced substantial population growth due to development in the sand pits, Manorhaven and on Manhasset Bay with more projected for the coming years due to zoning changes. PW really can't support more people and more building without further stressing QOL, human health, small business shops and restaurants and infrastructure. That is not sustainable. The population and housing density in PW just with the pre-apartment complex approval will exceed 2010 by far.
- Though small business owners think more people means more business that is not always true. If the town has too many people, too much traffic and long waits and there is no parking available then they shop online, out of town or complain about long waits and too much traffic. Great Neck experienced that a little sooner than PW with many more empty storefronts all further exacerbated by a pandemic. More people does not necessarily mean economic sustainability, especially for small businesses.
- In a nutshell, more people translates to: more pollution, more traffic, more congestion, more garbage, more water use, more discharge of sanitary waste, more environmental pollution, more roads, more schools, more health care, more disease, more and bigger government entities, more fire and police protection, etc. We have reached the breaking point.