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I write to express my concern for the possible over-development of the Griswold Airport property. As a long-time member of a Planning & Zoning Committee in Fairfield County, it has been my experience that the benefits promised by developers rarely if ever came to pass. The additional taxes on developed areas did not cover the additional expense to the town and resulted in tax increases for the entire population. Additional traffic, a traffic light at the entrance, police protection, flood water problems, and denial of habitat to shore wildlife seem heavy burdens for our town.

Not only are those concerns to be considered, but also the use of that land for homes rather than for protection of fragile shoreline is very, very troubling. When we consider that monumental work is being done to protect much of Madsion's upland areas, it seems shameful that this special piece of shoreline land could become a Madison "suburb."

The character of the town has changed a good deal over the years since we became Madison property owners 27 years ago. Let us do all we can to preserve the one piece of natural shoreline left to the town and keep Madison's reputation as a superb shoreline community intact.

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