Save The River's mission is to restore, preserve and protect the Upper St. Lawrence River now and for generations to come through advocacy, education, research and stewardship. Save The River has been advocating for effective sewage treatment along the river for many years through its Kingfisher septic tank testing program and support of community sewer system updates.

Save The River is very concerned about the environmental impact to the River of an inadequate sewage treatment facility. The Carleton Island proposal lists 46 occupants for the 6.9 acre camp/glampground at any given time that the site is operating. Any untreated sewage runoff from this site will flow directly into the River, polluting the waters that should remain swimmable, drinkable and fishable.

The Special Use Permit should not be considered prior to an adequate sewage plan being presented to address the concerns about high concentration being proposed. New construction should require the NYSDOH approval for plans drawn up following NYSDEC regulations.

According to a designer of NYS septic systems "This action would require a Specific Waiver if they are not 100' from the River, 4' above bedrock, or 24" above the seasonal high water table."The overlying soil on the island is thin, and not suited to handle the sewage that would be generated by this number of families using basic septic systems.

Save The River urges the Planning and Zoning Boards to place a moratorium on commercial construction on Carleton Island until all questions and concerns raised by the community on this project have been satisfactorily answered.

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