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Letter: Uphold Carleton Island's residential zoning and reject the campground proposal

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The deteriorating villa on Carleton Island on Oct. 10. Watertown Daily Times

Carleton "Island" is not zoned for commercial development and should not be.

As the Planning and Zoning boards of Cape Vincent once again take up consideration of the proposed commercialization of Carleton Island, we implore you to separate the two issues at hand. While everyone had hoped for the restoration of the Villa, it is clearly beyond possibility. What is still possible is the preservation of the island as intended. A commercial campground with ALL its infrastructure has NOTHING in common with the surrounding properties. All residents homes, quality of life and property value would be adversely impacted. With the continuous arrival of the transient visitors, the required infrastructure and the twenty-four-seven lighting for paths, bathhouses, docks and toilets, the entire natural fabric of the island would be permanently denigrated.

We ask only for the protection of the island and its nature by the enforcement of The Island District Zoning as it stands.

Might the town be required to provide services for such a commercial endeavor such as sewage removal and emergency services? Who will enforce such things as trash removal and safety issues?

Please exclude the emotion of the restoration of a historical building from the consideration of a commercial campground. Come see with your own eyes instead of basing a decision on pretty stories and photos.

Thank you for your consideration.

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