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Press Release

**National Association for Olmsted Parks Opposes Proposed Development  
in Essex County's South Mountain Reservation**

June 1, 2020 -- The National Association for Olmsted Parks today released a statement opposing proposed development in the South Mountain Reservation.

Noting that 2020 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Essex County Parks system – the first county park system in the country designed by the Olmsted firm – NAOP called upon local officials to mark this landmark by prioritizing the long-term health of the Reservation through maintenance, conservation and preservation of its native flora and fauna and natural lands.

It called on the County, at a minimum, to undertake independent analyses of the environmental and transportation impacts of the proposed development before moving forward.

You can read the full [statement here](#).

*NAOP is the only organization in the country dedicated to advancing the legacy, vision and values of Frederick Law Olmsted. For 40 years, NAOP has helped preserve and protect historic Olmsted landscapes; provided advocacy as well as technical assistance at the national and local level; offered key resources and educational material about Olmsted landscapes and landscape design; and published and promoted definitive scholarship through the Papers of Frederick Law Olmsted. NAOP is the managing partner of Olmsted 200, a national celebration in 2022 marking the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Frederick Law Olmsted, [www.olmsted.org](http://www.olmsted.org)*

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