

## Buffered site

I am writing in support of the YMCA proposed move to Mahackeno. I understand some have objected on the basis of it being planned for a residential area. Anyone who has taken a close look at this issue, as I expect you have, would know that only cities like Stamford and Norwalk have chosen to keep their Y's in town centers. All other Fairfield County towns have shifted their Y's to residential settings. Darien, New Canaan and Fairfield all have Y's in prime real estate locations.

It would be such a shame for Westport to lose this valuable asset. I realize that the reaction to any change is predictably NIMBY but in point of fact, the proposed location for Westport's Y would be more buffered from surrounding home sites than any of these others.

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