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Dear Friends of the Environment,

Please help Save Our Reservation Inc. stop the proposed dam across the southern section of the South Mountain Reservation in Essex County, New Jersey! The US Army Corps of Engineers, in partnership with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, is considering a proposal to build a 880-foot, 70-foot high earthen dam for flood abatement on the Rahway River. Construction of the dam and the associated 110-acre detention basin would irreparably damage our treasured century-old wild park, a natural gem that is loved by all who frequent its trails and fields. While dams are coming down all over the country, the Army Corps wants to build one here in the middle of an urbanized county!

We want the Army Corps to take the dam option entirely off the table. There are viable alternative solutions that need to be seriously considered before destroying public parkland. You will find these discussed in the Army Corps document referenced on our website at [www.sornj.org](http://www.sornj.org). Save Our Reservation champions a more open process and a more balanced, equitable approach to flood solutions involving all towns in the Rahway River watershed. Please sign the [Save the South Mountain Reservation Petition](#) and help preserve this cherished open space. And then - very important - share this with all of your friends.

For comments and more information, visit our Facebook page - Save the South Mountain Reservation.

Fred Profeta  
Chair, Save Our Reservation

