

# **SHOCKING CHANGES PLANNED FOR SHRUB ROAD!**

**FOR REASONS NOT MADE PUBLIC THE CITY WANTS TO ENLARGE SHRUB ROAD!**

- ***BRISTOL CITY PLANS ARE CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING:***
- *Construction along the entire 1 mile road*
- *Destruction and filling of wetlands*
- *Widening the road pavement by 3 feet or more*
- *Adding a 4 to 6 foot central paved median in several places*
- *Construction of 1 mile of 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk*
- *Perhaps 6 elaborate technically complex stormwater runoff collection systems*
- *Additional road widening to accommodate parallel parking of dozens of cars*
- *Digging out a thirty foot gash into Pigeon Hill at the nature preserve*
- *Taking by force if necessary land from neighboring properties for roadway and easements*
- *Daylighting the roadway by cutting down a hundred trees or more*
- *Conversion of 1 to 3 acres of protected natural open space into asphalt and cement*
- *Entire project will cost tax payers about 2 million dollars*

**THESE PLANS ARE OUTRAGEOUS AND MUST BE STOPPED!**

- ***THESE ILL CONCEIVED BAD IDEAS WILL CAUSE FAR MORE HARM THAN GOOD:***
- *Automobiles will drive faster*
- *More traffic will choose to use the road*
- *Automobile noise and pollution will increase*
- *More automobile accidents will occur*
- *More nature preserve wildlife will be killed*
- *The roadway and surrounding area will become much hotter in Summer*
- *Toxins asbestos, PFOA, PFOS, and tire particulates will go into the drinking water aquifer*
- *All hell will break loose when intense rain events overwhelm the limits of the runoff system*
- *Flood prone homes downstream will be worse off during 200, 500, and 1000 year rain events*
- *Shrub road property values will decline*
- *Per Bristol law adjacent property owners must maintain the side walk in good condition*
- *Per Bristol law adjacent property owners must keep the side walk clear of vegetation and snow*
- *Per Bristol law adjacent property owners are liable for injuries due to poor sidewalk condition*

**DO NOT SQUABBLE OR BICKER OVER THIS OR THAT PART OF THE PLAN. OVERALL THIS IS A HORRIBLE PLAN. LETS STAND UP AND STOP IT ALL.**

**DO NOT OVERLOOK THE REAL CONCERNS THAT PIGEON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD HAS:**

- *Automobiles drive too fast*
- *Too many drivers are passing through that do not live here*

**DEMAND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES TO KEEP PIGEON HILL SAFE:**

- **25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT**
- **3 WAY STOP SIGN AT OAK HILL DRIVE**
- **ADD TRAFFIC CALMING LANE CHOKERS IN 2 OR 3 LOCATIONS**

**JOIN THE STOP IT ALL EMAIL LIST BY WRITING TO [STOPITALL66@GMAIL.COM](mailto:STOPITALL66@GMAIL.COM)**

## Shrub RD Construction

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### ***What is the purpose of this project of road widening and sidewalk construction?***

- Is it to spend 2 Million dollars?
- Is it to increase the speed of traffic?
- Is it to increase Automobile noise?
- Is it to lower property values?
- Is it to create more direct runoff in the streams and brooks?
- Is it to create jobs or business for construction companies?
- Is it to follow through on a consultant's recommendation in a 100 page report?
- Is it to protect pedestrians from the dump truck traffic from the gravel mining at Pigeon Hill that never happened?
- Is it to destroy one acre of natural habitat?
- Is it to cause basement flooding in homes down stream?
- Is it to cut down the historic 150 year old white oak in front of the nature center that preexisted the creation of Shrub RD?
- Is it to cut down the evergreens along the nature center field planted as seedlings by George Libby the Trail Manager of the Southern Tunxis Trail Crew?
- Is it to cut down dozens of trees that draw up ground water, create shade, create oxygen we breath, consume Carbon Dioxide, and that lessen noise pollution?
- Is it to have more and faster traffic euthanize the wildlife conserved in the nature center, park, and open space?
- Is it to do this project because once you said you are going to do it you cannot stop?

### ***The disadvantages of road widening and sidewalk construction outweigh the advantages:***

- 2 Million dollars is an enormous amount of tax payer money that could be better spent on something else. \$1,000 per linear 3 feet seems too expensive.
- Road widening will cause automobiles to drive faster, thus more accidents and noise.
- Cutting back trees will open up the road corridor and will cause automobiles to drive faster, thus more accidents and noise.
- The sidewalk is on the wrong side of the street! The majority of homes are on the South side. Most people will have to cross Shrub RD twice to use the sidewalk to get to their neighbors house. The increased pedestrian crossing of Shrub RD will mean increased pedestrian automobile accidents.
- The road improvements will draw more automobiles that currently prefer other routes thus creating more traffic, thus more accidents and noise.
- The increased traffic will overwhelm the intersections of Shrub RD and Stevens ST with Jerome AVE.
- Pedestrians trying to get from the sidewalk on Shrub RD to the one on the corner of Stevens ST will have to cross Shrub RD as the sidewalk is on the wrong side of the street. This is very dangerous as north bound traffic turning onto Shrub RD does not stop. If a stop sign is added to Jerome AVE to address this then the nearby intersection at Stevens ST will be backed up and not function.
- More automobiles will overshoot the bottom of Shrub RD and go into Copper Mine Brook.
- The improvements will create an additional one acre of impervious surface water that must be retained from direct runoff into Polkville Brook, Freeman Brook, and Copper Mine Brook up to a 100 year flood.
- There is no place in the existing road corridor to impound this much water unless it is buried beneath the roadway or beneath Seymour Park parking lot.
- More and faster traffic along Shrub RD will decrease property values in the Pigeon Hill Neighborhood.
- Per Bristol ordinance property owners adjacent to the sidewalk must repair the concrete when worn or damaged, clear it of brush, leaves, and snow, and shoulder liability for neglect of maintenance. The city can further impose fines, property liens, or excessively bill for repairs.
- Runoff due to poor engineering or exceeding the 100 year flood calculation will worsen home flooding experience

by home owners down stream.

- This project will consume one acre of natural environmental habitat thus decreasing the effective size of a nature center, park, and open space area.

**Better alternatives to this construction project:**

- Do nothing. Do not do the project.

- Make a bike and pedestrian lane in the roadway along the south side of Shrub RD.

- Put the sidewalk on the south side of Shrub RD where it is safer and makes more sense, and use a permeable material for the sidewalk.

- Calm traffic on Shrub RD by adding stop signs.

- Calm traffic on Shrub RD by adding 3 or 4 Chokers blocking alternate road lanes completely.

- Calm traffic on Shrub RD by making the road narrower.