



**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION**

66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

**Date of Issuance:** May 5, 2020

**Case Number:** 2020-1

**Mr. Michael Schneider**  
1 Revere Drive  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

**Location of Probable Violation(s):** Peaceable Refuge Open Space (at rear of property boundary of 1 Revere Drive)

**Issued to:** Michael Schneider

**Authority:** This notification is issued in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 7, and the Ridgefield Town Code Ordinance, Chapter 262 *Open Space Use*, and Chapter 24 *Citations*. The Ridgefield Conservation Commission may enforce compliance by means of citation issued pursuant to the citation provisions of Chapter 24 of the Ridgefield Town Code. A citation may be issued for any violation of the Open Space Use Ordinance and/or Regulations of the Town of Ridgefield.

The Conservation Enforcement Officer (CEO) is the Conservation Commission's agent for the issuance of violations of the Open Space Use Ordinance and/or Regulations of the Town of Ridgefield.

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**Description of Violation(s)**

You are being cited for probable violation(s) of Chapter 262-12 of the Open Space Use Ordinance of the Town of Ridgefield. The violation(s) are as follows:

- **Violation 1:** Placement of dumping of waste materials, including cut trees.

**Please cease and desist immediately if you or your contractors are currently conducting or have plans to continue these activities.**

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## Next Steps

Please contact the Commission Enforcement Officer to set up a meeting to resolve the alleged violation(s) via email at [wetlands@ridgefieldct.org](mailto:wetlands@ridgefieldct.org). Please reference three dates/times of availability for a teleconference call within two weeks of the date of issuance of this NOPV. We will schedule an initial teleconference discussion with Ridgefield Conservation Commission members that are actively involved in conservation enforcement.

The Commission will review the findings from site inspections, information provided by you, and information provided at the meeting and determine the nature of the remedies required to mitigate the identified violation(s). If the Commission determines that violation(s) have been resolved, then you will receive a letter to that effect. If you fail to respond to this notice, the Conservation Commission may nevertheless determine whether a violation has occurred.

If the Commission determines that violation(s) have occurred, you will receive a formal *Notice of Violation* identifying measures you must take to remedy the violation(s), date for compliance, and potential civil penalties.

Failure to remedy the violation(s) within the prescribed time will result in the issuance of a citation and you may be subject to the following:

- Daily civil penalty of \$250 per violation.
- Reparable damages award - restoration costs for damaged property.
- Irreparable damages award – this would include restoration costs as well as a settlement amount based on the value of the property damaged.

In addition, violators will be responsible for all costs and expenses associated with enforcement and collection of penalties, including attorneys' fees, court costs, mailing costs, and filing fees.

If the violator fails to remove or remedy the violation(s) the Town may at its option pursue such remedies as may be available in law or in equity, including implementation of the remedy, placement of lien on property, court action, etc.

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A copy of this NOPV will be sent both First Class and Certified Mail to assure delivery.

Sincerely

Beth Peyser  
Conservation Enforcement Officer

cc: Rudy Marconi, First Selectman

Sent Certified Mail: XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX XXXX