



**IT'S SIMPLY
NOT TRUE
THAT IF THE
EAST HAMPTON
AIRPORT WERE
SHUT DOWN
APOCALYPSE NOW
WOULD DESCEND
ON MONTAUK.**

**THE AIR IS FULL OF MISINFORMATION
CONCERNING THE EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT.
WE THINK THAT YOU DESERVE TO KNOW
THE PLAIN AND SIMPLE TRUTH.**

FACT: THE TINY AIRPORT IN MONTAUK, WITH ITS SHORT RUNWAYS, IFFY WEATHER, AND LACK OF ANY FACILITIES AT ALL (NO FUEL, NO PARKING, NOT EVEN A PORTA POTTY) HAS, BY FORMAL FAA AGREEMENT, BEEN DESIGNATED A PRIOR-PERMISSION AIRPORT – AN UNUSUALLY POWERFUL CATEGORY.

Which simply means that before jets and helicopters – the worst offenders of all – can land in Montauk they must radio ahead for permission. Which means that the Montauk Airport has the absolute unqualified power to say no. Unambiguous, plain and simple. Could the owners of the airport choose to do otherwise? Only if they'd like to become the least popular people in Montauk.

Furthermore, for those travelers whose ultimate destination is not Montauk, the trip west could take an hour just to get back to East Hampton, to say nothing of Wainscott, Sagaponack, or Bridgehampton. For the first time in two decades, the Town of East Hampton has the power to take back control of the 610 acres it handed over to The East Hampton Airport with embarrassingly little return to show for it. Don't be fooled by incorrect information or frightened by fear-mongering. Consider instead the many exciting alternative uses that 610 acres could be put to that would benefit the whole community rather than just the selfish 1%.

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