I have discussed with many neighbors the proposed New York State legislation that directly threatens one-family zoning, and that would mandate an extreme increase in housing density within a one-half mile radius of a train station.  **The proposal would mean a 600% increase in density for the entire Westmoreland community.**  The legislation would also authorize "accessory dwelling units" in all one-family zoned areas (this would allow a second unit in a basement, attic, garage, or backyard structure); and legalize  all illegal multi-family conversions throughout New York City, regardless of safety concerns.

The Westmoreland Association Board of Directors and the Douglaston Civic Association recently discussed these legislative proposals, and voted unanimously to oppose them.  Our letter to Governor Hochul, with copies to many other officials, has details about the proposals, and explains why we oppose them.

**Time is of the essence.**  Legislative decisions in the State Assembly and Senate, and in the Governor's office, will be made in the next several weeks.  If you share our concern, you can let our elected officials know of your opposition to the New York State Assembly and Senate bills in which these dangerous housing proposals are included.

      To oppose the Assembly Bill (A1075) click here: **https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/a1075**

            To oppose the Senate Bill (S2276) clicck here: **https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/s2276**

On on the right side of both websites is a box where you can indicate whether or not you support the legislation.  We recommend you click on **"NAY"** to record your opposition.

You can also express your opposition by signing the online petition here: **https://www.change.org/p/stop-gov-hochul-nys-senate-and-nys-assembly-from-upzoning-and-destroying-nyc-communities?utm\_source=share\_petition&utm\_medium=custom\_url&recruited\_by\_id=ef516c30-d29e-012f-9dd4-4040d2fbfbbf**

On February 24 we attended a press conference, along with more than 150 other people representing literally dozens of civic associations and municipalities from across Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Staten Island. On behalf of their organizations, all the participants expressed unified, strong, bi-partisan opposition to these housing proposals. We agree that there is a genuine need for more affordable housing, but we also agree that these proposals are absolutely the wrong way to go about addressing that need.