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**To:** Bhardwaj, Priti S.  
**Subject:** Bridge Street Bridge

Pritti Bhardwai , my name is Malcolm Watson and I was born here in Westport. I have strong ties to the Saugatuck River and enjoyed it's bounty all my life. (and continue to due so) Over time I have watched the Saugatuck become less and less accessible. Many reasons, not the least being the poor maintenance and design of repairs to the bridges spanning the river. I kept a boat above the bridges during the last major overhaul . We were promised increased vertical clearance and got less. The correction only netted a partial solution!

It looks like the people of Westport have another chance to improve the river use. I think it's important to get this 'right' this time. I believe the work ( if it is to happen) must take this proposed use seriously. I would like to think that this thought process must include meaningful consideration of necessary repairs and upgrades to the Metro North RR span. We have a chance to get it right this time, we can do it.

Sincerely,  
Malcolm