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Remington Woods could be Bridgeport's future

If life on this planet lasts, it will be because biology and an environment suitably complementary to biology's actual qualities have become the wave of the future.

I've long been of the conviction that, given accessibility to New York, Boston and Long Island, Bridgeport's possession of the stunning old Remington Arms properties — Remington Woods and GE on the Yellow Mill River — means the city should be in the vanguard of this wave.

Other Connecticut cities are recognizing the value of establishing a scientific community, while Bridgeport's longstanding inability to think outside the "gimme" frame of reference has inspired a gaping hole where the potentially huge citizen concern for the *quality* of an East Coast

port community would otherwise be. Such as:

Welcome to Bridgeport
The Park City

Home to Two Parks
By Frederick Law Olmsted

Coming Attractions:
The Environmental Center of Connecticut

Considering the two ideal Remington Arms and GE properties for such a purpose, Bridgeport's blindness could leave the city waiting at the altar of visionary — or, even, appropriate — urban planning.

And considering the status of the air in Fairfield County, reducing forest and adding vehicles could, by reasonable citizens, be seen as a menace to a community in such straits when other ways and means of economic development exist.

If ax-less environmentalists want a spot where their best could thrive, they might study the potential of the charms of the GE property and its contiguous 100-year-old wildlife preserve with a 23-acre lake — Remington Woods.

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