

April 3, 2019

Mr. Carlton Smith
Planning and Zoning Commission
295 Meridian Street
Groton, CT. 06340

Dear Carlton,

I am requesting that the following be presented at the April 9, 2019 meeting with regards to EB's development plan in their south yard. EB's addition of their new assembly building has been discussed and families living in the vicinity have accepted that their view of the river will be substantially lost but they thought that south of the new facility they would have at least a partial view of the river and New London. Then at a separate neighborhood meeting with EB and the architectural firm on March 26, 2019 we learned that the new floating dry dock is going to be 75 feet high thus ending any view south of the new facility for most of the houses in this area. What we hope the zoning board will do is to strongly suggest that EB consider some type of relief for the benefit of this housing area. Things that EB should consider is as follows:

1. Possibly moving the floating dry dock to the west side of the new assembly building such that there is still access to the north end of this new facility. This would open up the remaining view that houses in the area thought they would have.
2. If not moving the floating dry dock to the west side of the new building on a permanent basis then maybe they would be willing to do it during the summer months when people tend to be outside and enjoy their property and the view they thought they would have.
3. Possibly think of storing the floating dry dock somewhere else while not expected to be used for an extended period of time.
4. If either option above is rejected by EB then what about flooding the dry dock during the summer months to lower so it is only about 40 feet high which only blocks the river view to the channel markers. New London would still be visible along with some of boat activity on the river.

I have included a concept of moving the floating dry dock from its currently planned position to the west side of the assembly building showing that it can be placed there, even as a temporary position, without interfering with access to the north end of the assembly building and not being in the way of the river channel.

Sincerely,

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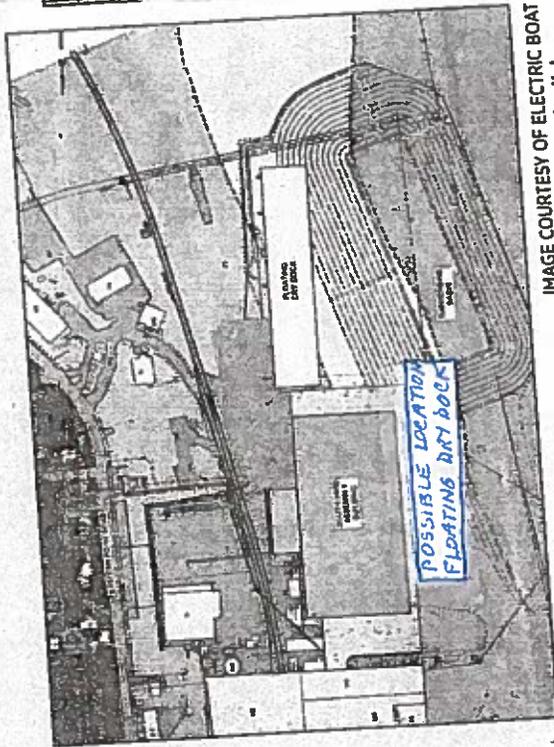


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A rendering of the new facilities Electric Boat plans to build in its south yard to accommodate the construction of a new class of ballistic missile submarines, part of the \$850 million in capital improvements Electric Boat plans to make at its Groton headquarters.

EB floats \$850 million plan to upgrade yard

By JULIA BERGMAN
Staff Writer

Electric Boat held a meeting

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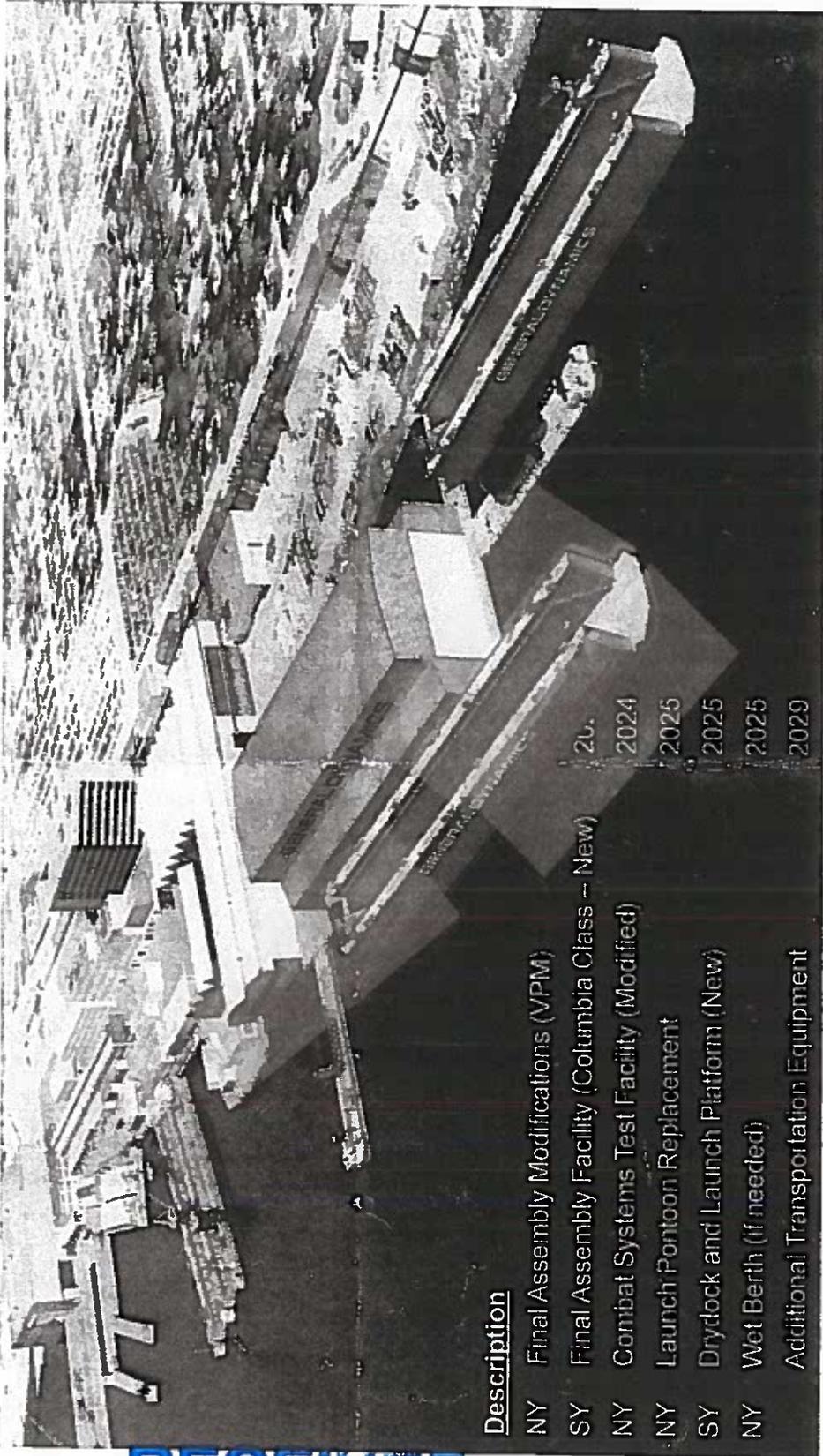
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