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February 27, 2015

Dear Richard Wolowicz:

Congratulations! I am pleased to advise you that after our review, the New Jersey Forest Service has concluded that Glen Ridge Borough's third 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan meets the standards set forth by the State and New Jersey Community Forestry Council and is approved for 2015 through the 2014 calendar year.

The major goal of the state's Community Forestry Program is to educate all municipalities and counties in the state about the benefits of developing their own distinctive Community Forestry Management Plan. As these plans develop, the health of the tree cover will improve, the number of trees will increase and the awareness of our state's residents will rise.

As you know, a management plan is an essential guide to successfully achieving a healthy and safe community forest. The approval of your third 5 year Community Forestry Management Plan is a great accomplishment, and a testament to the growth and sustainability to your shade tree program. We look forward to continuing this partnership with you and your community, and your continued success.

If you are a participant of the Forest Service grant program, the next step would be to submit your expenditure report and financial documentation for reimbursement within 30 days. Please find the enclosed certificate of approval and a signed certification by the State Forester within your management plan.

Sincerely,



Alexander J McCartney
Forester
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Attachment
c: file, Mayor

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*...An independent organization
advocating for better transit*

To: Mayor Hughes

Re: REPORT TO OUR COMMUNITIES

The Lackawanna Coalition has advocated for better rail service, better fare structure, and the best most cost-effective solution to aging infrastructure since its inception.

Our highest priority is to see a new tunnel constructed to New York Penn Station. We believe this project should be undertaken as soon as possible, in view of extensive repairs that must be made to the current tunnels due to flooding from Hurricane Sandy. Each of Amtrak's Hudson River tunnels will be closed down one at a time for one year and a new tunnel will make sure that service with two tunnels will be uninterrupted.

Amtrak has proposed a \$16 billion "Gateway" project that would construct 2 tunnels and a new station in New York that would be completed prior to any repairs of existing tunnels, in other words, about a decade away.

The Coalition has advocated for restoration of discounted off-peak fares, to encourage more off-peak riders which would relieve crowded peak use. We also push for more service to and from Hoboken.

Over the past year we worked with Mt. Tabor residents and Lackawanna Coalition board members, Pat Winship and her son, Don, to restore rail service to that community that had been cut back several years ago. Now, 4 additional trains stop there every weekday.

Promoting Quiet Cars, especially by Coalition board member, Steve Thorpe, has been welcomed by riders, so much so that NJT recently announced that availability of Quiet Cars will be expanded.

Our meetings take place generally on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Millburn Town Hall. They are always lively and occasionally feature a special guest speaker. This past year we welcomed newly appointed Veronique (Ronnie) Hakim as Executive Director of NJT and Tom Morgan, NJT Rail Service Planner on Schelules.

The Lackawanna Coalition has had a long and respectful working relationship with New Jersey Transit and we are pleased and proud to have received the following "Expression of Appreciation and Recognition for the Lackawanna Coalition" from NJT:

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Coalition was founded in April 1979 by The Honorable Maureen Ogden and by commuters in Millburn, New Jersey who were concerned about the quality of rail service;

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Coalition is an independent nonprofit organization that advocates for better service on the following NJ Transit rail lines: Morris & Essex, Gladstone Branch and Montclair-Boonton;

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Coalition's membership structure is unique in rider advocacy and includes counties and municipalities, concerned citizens and members who travel on various rail lines, all who care about transportation;

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Coalition advocated for many projects, a few of which are the Re-electrification Project in the early 1980's, Mid-Town Direct service to New York Penn Station as well as the Montclair Connection;

WHEREAS, The Lackawanna Coalition celebrated its 35th anniversary in April 2014 with unwavering dedication in their mission to act as a transit advocacy organization for better rail service and connecting transportation in the region;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, Executive Director and the employees of NJ TRANSIT express appreciation and recognition to The Lackawanna Coalition on the occasion of its 35th anniversary in service to the residents of, and visitors to, New Jersey.

We ask you to appoint a resident to represent your town on the Lackawanna Coalition, so that you can have firsthand information regarding issues and also that your local issues can be brought forward. A member of our Executive Committee would be pleased to come to one of your public meetings, if you so request. Annual dues are only \$150.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.



David Peter Alan
Chairman



Elaine Becker
Community Outreach