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October 6, 2009

Department of Environmental Protection
Natural and Historic Resources
Historic Preservation Office
PO Box 404
Trenton, NJ 08625-0404

Attn: Acting Administrator and Deputy State Historic Resource Officer

Re: Benson Street train station property in Glen Ridge sold by New Jersey Transit to Moriarity on May 20, 2009

This is to make you aware that a significant number of trees and shrubs have been cut down and removed from this tract of land in the last few weeks. Part of this land is located on a steep hill next to the railroad tracks and there is concern for significant erosion and soil degradation now which will undoubtedly worsen. There is also a large amount of wildlife that inhabits this small wooded area.

I feel New Jersey Transit personnel need to re-examine why it was necessary to sell the land to private individuals and what they thought the land would be used for. I do understand that the station is in desperate need of restoration.

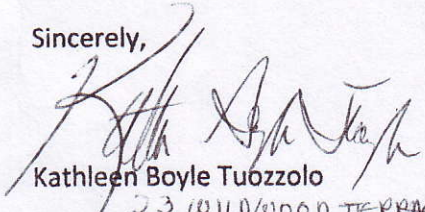
Further, the deed for this property dated June 13, 2009 states on page two that "the grantee will preserve and maintain the Property in accordance with the Standards. Grantee acknowledges that any application for any physical changes that it desires to make to the land surrounding the station, must be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office. In addition, the application must be authorized by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection."

At this juncture, approximately 100 trees will have to be replaced on the property and an environmental assessment needs to take place focusing on erosion in particular as well as impact on wildlife.

Also, would you please indicate who will be monitoring future changes and enforcing the rules as written in the deed for this property.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


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CC: Michael Rihal - Town Administrator