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The Honorable Peter A. Hughes
Mayor of Glen Ridge Borough
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Hughes,

We are pleased to announce that your municipality has achieved Sustainable Jersey recertification at the Bronze level!

Your town is part of an elite group of municipalities that have achieved the prestigious Sustainable Jersey certification. Municipalities that earn the certification are considered by their peers, state government, experts, and civic organizations in New Jersey to be among the leading communities in the state.

Your municipality will be honored at the fifth-annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon at the New Jersey League of Municipalities (NJLM) Conference on November 19, 2013, where you will receive your certification plate. *Please remember to bring your certification plaque with you.* A complimentary luncheon ticket is enclosed. I encourage you, as well as other members of your staff and municipal Green Team, to join us. Please note that you **do not** have to be registered for the conference to attend the luncheon. Additional luncheon tickets may be purchased via mail using the enclosed form, or online at www.sustainablejersey.com on the Sustainable Jersey Annual Luncheon page.

We will also be creating a slideshow featuring our certified towns, and ask that you send five high resolution photos illustrating some of your sustainability actions to info@sustainablejersey.com no later than **Tuesday, November 12, 2013**. To help you make the most of your Sustainable Jersey certification, the enclosed CD contains digital versions of the following documents:

- Your Sustainable Jersey certified logo
- Sustainable Jersey Identity Manual
- Outreach Template and Media Release Template that you can customize and distribute to your media contacts using your community's certified report.
- Sustainable Jersey Tip Sheet
- Overview power point about Sustainable Jersey

You can also download your community's certified report from your online application.



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The majority of these documents are also available online on our [Green Team Resources and Presentations](#) page under the [Grants and Resources](#) section.

We hope your municipality will use these great resources to make the most out of your certification. We also encourage you to inform us of your Facebook and Twitter accounts so that we can tag and follow your town accordingly.

Please note that your municipality's certification will expire December 31, 2016. We encourage you to continue to gain recognition for your municipality's sustainability efforts by resubmitting prior to this date. Many communities apply for recertification annually in order to track their progress and work towards a silver level certification. If you have any questions please contact 609-771-2938 or info@sustainablejersey.com.

Congratulations again on your outstanding achievement!

Sincerely,

Donna P. Drewes

Donna Drewes, Co-Director
Sustainable Jersey

Randy Solomon

Randy Solomon, Co-Director
Sustainable Jersey

Cc: Michael Rohal
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

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**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT
DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Kip's Castle Park, 20 Crestmont Road, Verona, NJ 07044
Telephone # (973) 655-0200 / Fax # (973) 655-0982

October 25, 2013

Mayor Peter A. Hughes
Borough of Glen Ridge
825 Bloomfield Avenue
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Hughes:

The Division of Housing & Community Development is pleased to award the Borough of Glen Ridge \$39,500.00 through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program to fund the Borough's ADA street ramp improvements.

The Division of Housing & Community Development looks forward to collaborating with your municipality to successfully implement this very important project that will create a suitable living environment for low and moderate-income people.

Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to accomplishing the goals of this program.

Sincerely,



George F. Serio, Jr.
Director

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November 6, 2013

Ms. Elizabeth Soo Hoo Marnell
7 Laurel Place
Glen Ridge, New Jersey 07028

Re: Glen Ridge Board of Adjustment

Dear Ms. Marnell:

I am the attorney for the Glen Ridge Board of Adjustment (the "Board") which has asked me to respond to your October 15, 2013 letter.

Your suggestion that the Board's recent decision denying the 233 Baldwin Street application is a "similar situation" to your neighbor's expansion of his existing one-family house is completely erroneous. The Baldwin Street application involved a request for a "use variance" to allow the establishment of a second dwelling unit on property zoned for single-family use. Because the proposed use of the property was not permitted under the Borough Zoning Ordinance, the owners of the Baldwin Street property applied for a "use variance" which can only be granted if the applicant establishes certain criteria required by the New Jersey Municipal Land Use Law. The Board denied that application because it found that the applicants had failed to present sufficient evidence to justify the granting of a use variance.

The situation involving the property adjacent to your house, namely, 7 Laurel Place, is substantially different from the Baldwin Street matter. As you know, your neighbor sought to expand an existing single-family residence on his property; he did not seek to establish a second dwelling unit. The proposed expansion required several zoning variances, including a variance from the requirement that there be a 4-foot minimum setback between his house and the property boundary line. Mr. Baker proposed a setback of 3.2 feet and he

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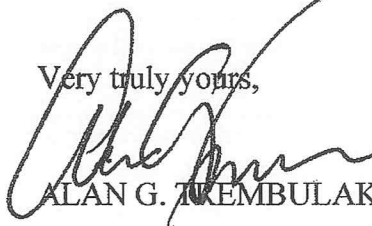
requested a variance to permit an encroachment of 9.6 inches into the required 4-foot setback. The Board of Adjustment granted that variance as well as several other variances relating to his proposed expansion.

After you filed an appeal from the Board's decision to the Superior Court, Mr. Baker decided to abandon the variances granted by the Board and he then presented a new plan for the house expansion. The new plan was reviewed and by the Borough Zoning Officer who determined that the plan complied with all zoning requirements, including the 4-foot side-yard setback, and that no variances were required. As such, there was no requirement for the Board to review the revised plan which was fully compliant with all applicable ordinance. This is a much different situation from the Baldwin Street application which required a significant use variance.

Your other concern that Mr. Baker's house could possibly "become a rental" is legally irrelevant because any house located in a residential zoning district may be rented. The zoning ordinance only regulates the use of land; it does not require owner occupancy.

Lastly, if you believe that any Board of Adjustment member or other municipal official acted improperly or in violation of their legal responsibilities, you may file a complaint with the Local Finance Board in Trenton pursuant to the New Jersey Local Government Ethics Law. The telephone number for the Local Finance Board is 609-292-4537.

Very truly yours,



ALAN G. TREMBULAK

AGT/fc
cc: Michael P. Zichelli, III (via email)

November 6, 2013



The Honorable Peter Hughes
Mayor
Glen Ridge Borough
PO Box 66
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028-0066

Dear Mayor Hughes:

The concerns expressed by many municipalities and the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) regarding road closures as a result of downed wires and fallen trees during major storm events was included as a BPU Ordered Action following its review of Hurricane Irene and the October 2011 snow storm. These concerns were also raised during Superstorm Sandy.

In response to the BPU Ordered Action, PSE&G will coordinate its roadway closure restoration efforts through the Regional Operations and Intelligence Center (ROIC) and the respective County Offices of Emergency Management (OEM). In broad terms, priority efforts will be given to federal and state highways, followed by county and municipal thoroughfares. Special emergency situations will be addressed also through the emergency management processes established at the OEMs.

This process was recommended following extensive discussions between representatives of the State's electric distribution companies and representatives of the BPU.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact your respective PSE&G Regional Public Affairs Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur S. Guida".

Arthur S. Guida
Director – Public Affairs, PSEG

ASG/ps

Cc: Everton Scott





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October 28, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Request for NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands General Permit and
Flood Hazard Area Individual Permit**

Re: Application submitted by:
The County of Essex, Attn: Luis Rodriguez, P.E.
Essex County Department of Public Works Division of Engineering
900 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

Regarding property at:
Replacement of Berkeley Avenue Bridge over Second River and Morris Canal
Township of Bloomfield
Essex County
New Jersey

Dear Interested Party:

I am sending you this letter to inform you that I am submitting an application for permits or approvals to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for the project described on the attached application form. This application is subject to the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7A and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:13. A wetlands permit will either establish the boundary of freshwater wetlands on the above property, or will authorize me to conduct regulated activities on the property. A flood hazard area permit for this project is required because some or all of the work is proposed in a flood hazard area or in a riparian zone.

I am applying for the following approvals:

- Freshwater Wetlands General Permit(s) Nos. 10A, 11, and Water Quality Certificate (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development in wetlands/water and/or transition areas);
- Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit (authorizes regulated activities in the flood hazard area and/or riparian zone).

The activities for which my application requests NJDEP approval(s) are:

- Reconstruction of the Berkeley Avenue Bridge over Second River and Morris Canal; operational and safety improvements to the approach roadway; and drainage improvements to the Morris Canal Trail.

If you would like to inspect a copy of my application, it is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office in the town in which the property is located, or you can call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see my application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

The rules governing freshwater wetlands permits and flood hazard area permits are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:13. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.

As part of the NJDEP's review of my application, NJDEP personnel may visit the property, and the portion of any neighboring property that lies within 150 feet of the property line, to perform a site inspection. This site inspection will involve only a visual inspection and possibly minor soil borings using a 4" diameter hand auger. The inspection will not result in any damage to vegetation or to property improvements.

The NJDEP welcomes any comments you may have on my application. If you wish to comment on my application, comments should be submitted to the NJDEP *in writing* within 15 days after you receive this letter. However, written comments will continue to be accepted until the NJDEP makes a decision on the application. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments you may have in writing, along with a copy of this letter and a copy of the first page of the attached application form, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation Program
Mail Code 501-02A
P.O. Box 420
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420
Attn: Essex County Section Chief

When the NJDEP has decided whether or not my application qualifies for approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules and the Flood Hazard Area Control Act Rules, NJDEP will notify the municipal clerk of the final decision on my application.

If you have questions about my application, you can contact the agent at the address below.

Sincerely,



Arif Malick, P.E.
Principal
Malick & Scherer, P.C.
Perryville III Corporate Center
53 Frontage Road, Suite 260
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For

Luis Rodriguez, P.E.
Essex County Department of Public
Works Division of Engineering
900 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044
(973) 226-8500

Applicant's Agent:
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September 14, 2012

Mayor Peter Hughes
Members of the Glen Ridge Borough Council
825 Bloomfield Avenue, PO Box 66
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

To the Mayor and Council:

The recent efforts of the GRAA to conduct an active campaign toward raising significant amounts of money for artificial turf poses serious and legitimate questions regarding its finances, and how it allocates and reports its money.

The GRAA is the official town youth athletic organization, linked on the Borough website, and characterized on that website as “Supplemented by the Borough Recreation Department.” This public private partnership was expanded when the Mayor agreed that if the GRAA raised \$700,000.00 by August 30th of this year, the Borough would have put a referendum on the November ballot asking taxpayers whether or not they supported the installation of turf at Hurrell Field. When the GRAA did not make its deadline, Councilman Theodorou extended it another year. In allowing the GRAA to raise and hold private funds which the Borough has promised to use for a public works project, the Borough has effectively encouraged the GRAA to triple the size of its budget without any increased supervision or oversight of how it manages its funds. The fees collected for participation in sports programs are not insignificant, and residents have few alternatives. There are many residents who want their children to participate in community athletics, yet would not support a campaign to underwrite the costs of artificial turf. They have no way of knowing exactly how their fees are being allocated. The Profit and Loss statement on the GRAA’s website is over two years old. The Borough is taking no steps to guarantee that the funds raised in user fees for sports activities are properly accounted for and segregated from the funds raised for turf. The Borough is taking no steps to see how the funds will be used in the event that turf is defeated in a referendum.

The expansion of the public private partnership between the GRAA and the Borough presents an opportunity for the Borough to perform due diligence and institute fiduciary oversight of what is a significant amount of money. While this letter does not make any accusations of financial impropriety on the part of the GRAA, Glen Ridge volunteer organizations (specifically the ‘90’s era Linden Home School Association and the Town Pool in years past) have lost substantial sums of money. What guarantee is there that if funds go missing, the taxpayers of the Borough will not ultimately be expected to replace the missing funds?

Recently Nutley had a financial scandal in their home school association. In the wake of that, the Glen Ridge Board of Education stepped up its oversight of our home and school associations, underwriting periodic audits and assisting with proper accounting formats. This is appropriate, and should be undertaken by the Borough with regard to the GRAA to protect the community.

The undersigned taxpayers believe the Mayor and Council could be creating liability for the taxpayers of the Borough by expanding the existing public private partnership with the GRAA without increasing fiscal oversight. The Borough must require the GRAA to follow generally accepted accounting principles, and require that the GRAA commit to conducting an annual audit before undertaking additional fundraising. This process should be fully transparent. We look forward to the answers to questions posed in this letter at the next council meeting on September 24, 2012.

Kit Schackner , 92 Carteret St.
Kelly Conklin, 92 Carteret St.
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Doug Webb, 35 Lorraine St.
V. Gene Myers, 41 Douglas Road
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Cherry Provost, 57 Douglas Road
Brian Reach, 566 Ridgewood Avenue
Mary Reach, 566 Ridgewood Ave.
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Tom Boucher, 65 Douglas Rd.
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Alexia DeFays, 38 Herman St.
Raymond Capra, 38 Herman St.
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Michael O'Connor, 18 Hamilton
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Linda Zimet, 191 Midsland Ave.
Jackie Yustein, 326 Washington St.
Mark Yustein, 326 Washington St.
Stefan des Lauriers, 21 Herman St
Luann Dragone, 5 Adams Pl.
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Richard Hartwell, 195 Midland Ave.
Sally Ellison, 52 Lincoln St.
Jerry Esposito, 52 Lincoln St.

Bernie Antonovich, 145 Carteret St.
Karen Antonovich, 145 Carteret St.
Ed Callahan, 11 Hamilton Rd.
Betty Callahan, 11 Hamilton Rd.
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Whitney Mensch, 88 Carteret St.
Peter Herrigel, 42 Glen Ridge Parkway

October 22, 2013

We, the undersigned, wish to add our names to the September 12, 2012 letter above, requesting that the Borough of Glen Ridge require the GRAA to conduct an independent audit prior to fundraising, and thereafter annually, as is done by the Glen Ridge Library, the Forest Home School Association, the Ridgewood Avenue Home School Association, The Linden Avenue Home School Association, and the High School Home School Association:

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