On behalf of the Glen Ridge Golden Circle seniors, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the services you provide for these seniors. We especially enjoyed the two trips allowing us to explore different surroundings.

In the spring, we enjoyed a delightful comedy, "Blithe Spirit," by Noel Coward, and a delicious lunch at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse in Hampton, N.J.

When the fall came around, we visited beautiful Jake Wallacepark in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. We took a scenic train ride around the area, saw a one-man comedy show, and had another fine lunch.

We always look forward to these outings and appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely yours,
Phyllis C. Reiley
Trip Coordinator
Dear Municipal Officials/Solid Waste Directors/Essex County Haulers:

Each year at this time the Essex County Utilities Authority is required by law to establish the tipping fees for processible and non-processible solid waste for the coming year.

As a result, the ECUA, after public hearing has set the following tipping fees for 2012, commencing as of January 1, 2012.

**Municipal/Commercial Processible Waste – Resource Recovery Facility**

2012 TIPPING FEE RATE..................$86.45 per ton

**Non-Processible Waste – New Jersey Meadowlands Commission – Keegan Landfill**

2012 TIPPING FEE RATE..................$82.39 per ton

**Commercial Processible Waste – Waste Management Facility (Julia Street)**

2012 TIPPING FEE RATE ..................$94.25 per ton

The ECUA is pleased to indicate that the tipping fee for processible (Type10) waste has only a modest increase from $84.97 to $86.45 ($1.48) based primarily on the contractual service fee to the Port Authority for the R.R.F. It is noted next year’s tipping fee is lower than the tipping fee paid by our municipalities back in 2009 ($88.86) and looking forward we are projecting that the tipping fee for 2013 will also be lower than 2009.

There is an increase in the tipping fee for non-processible (Type13) waste at the New Jersey Meadowlands Keegan landfill facility, which is based on the contractual change in the
facility charge. However the tipping fee of $82.39 compares very favorably to the tipping fee municipalities paid back in 2009 ($82.52)

The ECUA is pledged to strive to maintain the lowest possible rates for our twenty-two Essex County municipalities in these difficult economic times. The Essex County Tipping fees are the lowest of the northern New Jersey Counties.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, kindly contact us at the Authority.

Very truly yours,

Bethany J. O'Toole,
Fiscal Officer

BOT/ns
October 7, 2011

Dara Callender, P.E.
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Dear Ms. Callender:

This letter is in response to your submission of an Application for Project Authorization (Application) for the Glen Ridge Railroad Station Platform Stair Replacement Project. The Glen Ridge Railroad Station, Borough of Glen Ridge, Essex County, was listed in the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places on 3/17/1984 and 6/22/1984, respectively.

Thank you for your email to my staff dated 9/29/2011, clarifying that the drawings submitted as part of the Application were from a proposed 1995 iteration of the project and do not entirely reflect the current scope of work which is detailed in the text and annotated photographs submitted as part of the Application.

The project proposes the replacement of the stairs leading from the street to the westbound platform of the station, essentially in-kind, with steel stringers, treads and lower column sections. The stairs currently exhibit significant deterioration, resulting in an inadequate structural capacity, and therefore pose a safety concern. I note that Ms. Patty Chrisman of my staff viewed the condition of the stairs during a site visit on September 20, 2011. The existing wood treads are not original. The stair canopy will be removed during construction and re-installed, and the railings and lower column sections will be replaced in-kind. The stairs are presently supported by a steel framework (installed 15-20 years ago) that will be removed.

The Application has been determined to be technically and professionally complete and sufficient on October 7, 2011, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:4 - 7.2 (a). Because, as described in the submitted application, the project appears to conform to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Standards); the
project does not constitute an encroachment upon the Glen Ridge Railroad Station and may proceed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:4 – 7.2 (d). The Historic Preservation Office would appreciate receiving, for the project review files, photographs of the completed project. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Chrisman of my staff at (609) 984-0850 or at Patty.Chrisman@dep.state.nj.us. Please refer to project number 11-1319 in any future emails, telephone calls or written correspondence in order to help expedite our review and response.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Daniel D. Saunders
Administrator

C:    Michael J. Rohal, Administrator
      Dan Murphy, Chair, GRHPC
      Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs
October 20, 2011

Dear Trails Partner:

Thanks to a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration funds are available from the Department of Environmental Protection’s Green Acres Program to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail facilities. I am pleased to extend an invitation to federal, state, county and local governments, and nonprofit organizations to apply for these funds.

Attached you will find a two-page grant application and a six-page summary of permissible uses and projects, program requirements, and factors used to evaluate and select the projects for funding. The deadline for submitting applications to the Green Acres Program is February 15, 2012. Applications postmarked after February 15 will be disqualified.

We anticipate that this program, known as the Recreational Trails Program, will receive approximately $1 million that we will distribute Statewide for trail related projects. Due to the limited funding, we anticipate that competition for these grants will be intense. We encourage you to review the guidance documents while considering your proposed projects.

Any questions should be directed to John Flynn of the Green Acres Program at 609-984-0628 or john.flynn@dep.state.nj.us. Additional information can be found at: www.trails.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

[original signed]

Amy Cradic
Assistant Commissioner
Natural and Historic Resources