

COALITION TO STOP THE TRAIN

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February 5, 2010

To: Mayor Kathi Fiamingo & Council Members of Kenilworth
Mayor Joseph DeLorio & Council Members of Roselle Park
Mayor David Robinson & Council Members of Cranford
Mayor Garrett Smith & Council Members of Roselle
Mayor Jordon Glatt & Council Members of Summit
Mayor Ziad Andrew Shehady & Council Members of Springfield

Subject: Adoption and Approval of a Rails to Trails Resolution

Once again we are asking for your continued support and cooperation in passing a resolution within your municipality supporting the conversion of the right of way of the Rahway Valley and Staten Island railroad property to Green Acres for "Rails to Trails."

We hope you have had sufficient time to review and discuss this matter with your governing body since our letter of October 19, 2009. We feel now is the time for us to take advantage of the M& E's project delay. We feel strongly that if public funds become available, this reactivation will again become an active project, after eight years of a wasteful subsidy of M & E, a privately owned company. The Morristown and Erie Railway has NOT, to date, provided a detailed written Business and Operating Plan as required by their contractual agreement with the Union County Freeholders. This contract also stipulates that a clear illustration of M&E's proposed objectives and procedures be given in the following areas of concern: Corporate Structure, Capitalization, Marketing Plan, Operating Plan, Safety & Emergency Management Plan, Maintenance Plan, Landscape Plan, and Capital Spending.

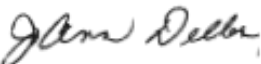
Our hopes are to have a resolution that includes a strong statement encouraging the county not to renew M & E's contract for another 10 years, and supporting the conversion of the right of way of the Rahway Valley and Staten Island railroad property to Green Acres for "Rails to Trails." We hope to have these resolutions approved within the towns from Roselle through Summit. We have included Cranford in our mailing for the first time, and hope Cranford officials will be interested in joining our efforts. The reason we all should be concerned about this M & E reactivation is because of the safety, welfare and quality of life of your constituents. We hope you show support of our Green Acres proposal, a choice that would not only benefit towns adjacent to these rail lines but all New Jersey residents. Since the signing of this 2002 contract between the Union County Freeholders and the Morristown and Erie Railway millions of dollars have already been spent with no sign of any economic benefit.

We therefore ask that you please consider passing a supporting resolution. If a resolution is approved by your governing body, please send a copy to our address as listed above.

As always, we thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter and your continued support.

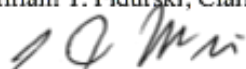
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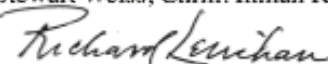
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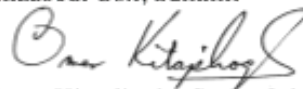

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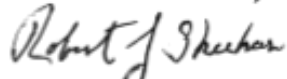

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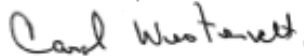

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