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Commissioner Rose Harvey  
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation  
Agency Building 1  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12238

Dear Commissioner Harvey:

This is written in furtherance of our meeting in May of this year and a recent telephone call I had with Executive Deputy Commissioner Andy Beers regarding the demolition plan for numerous vacant buildings at Nissequogue River State Park as well as the adjoining 365-acres of property transferred to the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in 2006.

While it is encouraging that Office of Parks has sought the release of funding to implement this demolition plan, it appears that further activity on this project has not advanced in recent months. As you know, the demolition plan has been in place for quite some time and was originally scheduled to begin in Fall of 2010. We have been approached by several community representatives who have expressed frustration about the postponement of this project and its status.

At a time when the economy of our state and nation is showing signs of further distress, it is imperative that government officials instill confidence in those we represent by demonstrating ongoing progress on projects that will ultimately have a net positive effect on our recovery. We would appreciate knowing the status of this project and request your assistance in facilitating final approval and release of these funds in order to allow this important project to proceed.

Thank you in advance on behalf of the Kings Park community for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Flanagan".

John J. Flanagan

