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Hon. Polly Trottenberg  
Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street  
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**Fax and Mail**

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:


I am writing to follow up on my August 5<sup>th</sup> letter to you on behalf of individuals who have requested the opportunity to opt-out of having a bioswale in front of their home.

Thank you for your August 19<sup>th</sup> letter stating that bioswales are built completely within the sidewalk area and do not affect parking spaces.

With all due respect – that’s simply not true!

I have personally inspected several bioswales already installed in Maspeth. It is very difficult for a vehicle passenger to exit a vehicle when parked next to a bioswale. Ordinarily, I would ask that you revisit this matter; but it seems to be a futile exercise with this Mayor.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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