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Thank you for connecting us, Charles. Looking forward to speaking with you, Ms. Kitay. Just as background, I am the Corporation Counsel for the City of Jersey City and we are working toward a mutually agreeable settlement between the various parties in the matter of the Harsimus Branch, and wish to discuss the STB's role.

Please let me know your availability for next week. Wednesday and Thursday are good on my end. I'm adding my assistant Xiomara Roche, my colleague Tom Slattery in the Jersey City Law Department, and Stephen Gucciardo and Maureen Crowley from the Embankment Preservation Coalition to this email.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration, have a good weekend.

Regards,

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Hello Evelyn. Nice to receive your email note. I also am still kicking around (check the STB filings generally), but am happily headed off next month to the solar eclipse just west of the Kimberley Coast of Australia. I beseech the agency not to do anything mischievous to me and mine while I am away.

As to a call from you on Harsimus, I would not say there is no need, for you will have a different perspective on what I might have to say, but I did speak to Alan. I might add that if STB wishes to discuss the matter (implementing a settlement between the developer parties and City et al in coordination with STB as to the eight blocks Conrail sold Mr. Hyman in 2005 without any abandonment filing much less authorization), my client is willing to arrange a conference call (i.e., they wish to make a case to you for why STB should try to be helpful in the public interest) and suggests next week.