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Hello,

As a downtown Jersey City resident I received a letter raising the prospect of the green space instead of being dedicated to a park instead to be torn down for yet another high-rise.

I can not stress enough how valuable green spaces are in our urban environment and how the prospect of yet another high rise to add to the pollution, congestion, strain on electric grid, plumbing, roads and all infrastructure strain is incredibly disappointing.

There must be a way to simply preserve and improve the already existing green area to make the most of that wonderful pocket of trees that provide our neighborhood with the much-needed clean air not to mention a thirsty ground that surely helps a great deal alleviating flood risks. So many residents of Jersey City are familiar with flooded basements and ground floor apartments that this is a point that is not emphasized often enough. Traditional sidewalks and paved roads do not allow water to seep through - exacerbating puddles during any rain and risk of flooding during the severe storms and rains that have been happening so much more regularly.

Fresh air is also in short supply in our area. In the last 10-15 years the amount of car traffic has been going up regularly due to more and more people moving and, but also with so many non-residents using Waze and similar apps and cutting through Jersey Ave, Erie and nearby streets on their way to Holland tunnel instead of sitting in traffic on the approach routes.

Friday and Saturday night - there is frequently a bumper to bumper traffic heading to the Tunnel via our downtown streets

There is a dire lack of trees on most city streets. Destroying a great deal of old growth trees in the middle of the busy and densely populated neighborhood is absolutely the shortsighted thing to do. Residents of Jersey City need green space and the easiest way to help is to preserve what is already there.

Respectfully,

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