

From: [gary](#)
To: [Tabachnick, Alan](#)
Subject: Harsimus Branch & Embankment
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Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

I learned this week that the STB is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch without historic preservation conditions.

Such a decision leads potentially -- even likely -- to the demolition of the Embankment. It certainly breaks up a century-and-a-half old transportation corridor that is important to our city's future. On a personal note, **that demolition would have a serious impact on our daily life as well as our property values, as the embankment forms the outside perimeter of our back yard.**

The public has had no information about the matter unless they happen to subscribe to an Embankment Coalition newsletter, and, even then, they would not be aware of the imminence or quality of the decision.

I understand your agency was supposed to have informed and engaged the public in this process at its earliest stages, and that it is now in a late stage of review without having done so.

Please correct this situation as soon as possible.

I would appreciate your posting this email as an Environmental Comment, as I am not familiar with your system.

Sincerely,

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