

From: [Annie Kessler](#)
To: [Tabachnick, Alan](#)
Subject: STB and the Harsimus Branch Embankment URGENT
Date: Friday, July 7, 2023 5:36:54 PM

Dear Mr. Tabachnick:

I just now found out that the STB is considering authorizing the abandonment of the Harsimus Branch without historic preservation conditions. As the owner and an occupant of a four-unit 1885 building in Harsimus Cove since 1983, I've been following the ins and out of the fate of the Embankment since the issue first came up. Decades!

Such a decision will likely lead 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. It would be tragic. Please, please, please do not let this happen!

The public has had no information about this 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 this 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 am not familiar with your system, so I would appreciate your posting this email as an Environmental Comment.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Kessler
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