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To: [Tabachnick, Alan](#)
Subject: The 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. **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR TWENTY YEARS TO ENSURE THAT THE EMBANKMENT WOULD BE SAVED AS A PUBLIC SPACE.**

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.

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. **AS A DOWNTOWN JERSEY CITY RESIDENT, I PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENT ZOOM MEETING ON THE EMBANKMENT, AND REJECTION OF YOUR REPORT AND THE DEMAND FOR A PUBLIC VOICE WERE LOUD AND CLEAR.**

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

Sincerely,

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