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Subject: Jersey City Embankment
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Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

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

Such a decision has dire consequences for my Harsimus Cove community and for Jersey City as a whole. Such a decision could potentially lead to the demolition of the Embankment in my neighborhood. It would definitely break up a century-and-a-half-old transportation corridor that is so important to Jersey City's future. The historic status of the Sixth Street Embankment and its continued preservation is a boon to our historic neighborhood. In fact historic preservation has mobilized residents since the Embankment was put on the New Jersey State Register of Historic Places back in 2000. The historic nature of our Harsimus Cove must be respected and protected.

The public has received no information about this matter unless they happen to subscribe to an Embankment Coalition newsletter. Even still, they would not be aware of the imminence or quality of this decision.

It is my understanding that your agency was supposed to have informed and engaged the public in this process at its earliest stages. Now to learn that it is in a late stage of review without having done so is troubling to say the least..

I urge you to correct this error as soon as possible.

Please post this email as an 'Environmental Comment', because I am not familiar with your system.

Sincerely,

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