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**To:** [Tabachnick, Alan](#)  
**Subject:** Harsimus Branch & 6th Street Embankment  
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Dear Mr. Tabachnick,

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

Such a decision leads potentially - even likely - to demolition of the Embankment. It would be catastrophic to 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. I understand that 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 engaged the public and the community that would be impacted by this change.

Please correct this situation as soon as possible.

I would appreciate you posting this email as an Environmental Comment.

Sincerely,  
Gail Kutac  
Jersey City resident