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Dear STB Board,

I'm opposed to the illegal but inevitable sale of the embankment to developers. The pressure of highrise development is too great and we already live in one of the most densely populated counties in the entire country. We desperately need more open space and our tree canopy is below 10%. It should be at least 30%. More development creates more heat islands, fewer trees and less clean air which is important because we are situated so close to major car traffic at the Holland Tunnel, NJ Turnpike and Lincoln Tunnel. Development of the embankment will further degrade our air quality and create even more health risks including asthma and other diseases. We need more trees to clean our air and more open spaces to improve our physical and mental health in our densely populated and traffic congested neighborhood. Jersey City was given grade F for the rate of asthma by The American Lung Ass'n. Highrise buildings which is inevitably what would be built will also block sunlight and create wind tunnels in the area. Please consider the physical health and well being of residents and don't abandon US to the ramifications of corporate profit making. Please do the right thing and preserve the embankment.

Thank you,

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