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Re: New York and Greenwood Lake Railway
City of Passaic – Passaic County
City of Garfield – Bergen County

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I write on behalf of the City of Garfield in support of the application to abandon the former New York and Greenwood Lake Railway Spur running down Monroe Street in the City of Garfield. This railroad siding leading from the main line in Bergen County into the City of Passaic has long been a public safety hazard in the City of Garfield.

In recent years the railroad siding has been largely unused. Various officials representing the City of Passaic have also written on behalf of the City of Passaic supporting the abandonment of this line since it is no longer necessary.

Abandonment will ultimately allow removal of the tracks from the middle of Monroe Street running through the City of Garfield. It will also allow the planned Garfield Riverwalk Project and the planned park by the City of Passaic along the Passaic River to be connected by converting the railroad bridge between the two Cities into a pedestrian walkway. Recreational opportunities will be greatly enhanced for residents of both Cities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Very truly yours,

Richard Rigoglioso
Mayor

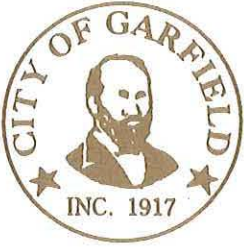
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cc: Mayor and Council
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June 14, 2018

Surface Transportation Board
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Re: New York and Greenwood Lake Railway
City of Passaic – Passaic County
City of Garfield – Bergen County

Dear Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

The long unused, underutilized New York and Greenwood Lake Railway Spur running through the City of Garfield into the City of Passaic was recently sold through the US Bankruptcy Court to Passaic Street Properties LLC. We have been approached by Counsel for Passaic Street Properties LLC and discussed the use of this former railroad siding going forward.

In the City of Garfield, the Dundee Spur of this railway comes off the Bergen County main line and travels down the middle of Monroe Street. It has long been an extraordinary safety hazard. A copy of an ordinance passed by the City of Garfield many years ago to govern railroad use is attached for your ready reference.

The railroad tracks in question are in a state of disrepair. They create a hazard to all vehicles and members of the public who travel the roadway. We write to urge the decommissioning of the railroad which will allow the removal of the tracks and be a tremendous enhancement to public safety and well-being in the City of Garfield going forward.

The City of Garfield is continuing a Riverwalk on the Garfield side of the property on River Drive running between the Passaic Street Bridge and the Monroe Street Bridge. The decommissioning of this railroad will allow the former railroad bridge going into the City of Passaic to become part of a pedestrian walkway which would link the Garfield Riverwalk to the proposed development of a new park at Dundee Island and long the riverbank of the City of Passaic.

I stand ready and willing to provide any and all details concerning the Garfield Riverwalk Project at any time. Thank you in advance for your support in abandoning the use of the railroad siding.

Very truly yours,

Thomas J. Duch, Esq.
City Manager

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cc: Mayor and Council
R. Fernandez, Administrator, City of Passaic
J. Pasternack, Esq.
All Parties of Record



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