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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 an auction initiated by the Internal Revenue Service 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 an imminent hazard by virtue of their location within the roadway traversed by motor vehicles. 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.



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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Duch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

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