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Ms. Judith Enck, Deputy Secretary for the Environment  
Office of the Secretary of the Governor  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Deputy Secretary Enck:

I write on behalf of Linda Henninger, a Kings Park constituent and civic leader, who recently sought public disclosure of various pieces of correspondence from the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) concerning the portion of Nissequogue River State Park formerly known as the Kings Park Psychiatric Center.

Enclosed are two of the documents produced by ESDC that were authored by you. In each, there are references made to "additional housing" and/or "appropriately-scaled workforce housing" as it relates to the park property. In addition, it appears from the memoranda that specific recommendations were offered to the Governor's Office as to the future use or redevelopment of this property. However, as you can see such recommendations were intentionally omitted from disclosure. An appeal by Ms. Henninger to seek the full disclosure of this information was denied.

Given the contents of these documents, it is clear that the former Administration had contemplated using this property for purposes other than parkland or recreational use. Moreover, it is reasonable to believe that the current Administration is still considering developing this property with some type of housing component since no statement has been released to the contrary.

As you know, my office has been working closely with you and the Office of Parks on this matter for the past 2½ years. While there have been some steps made to advance positive action on this property, the Administration still remains silent on the basic question of whether it will remain parkland into the future.

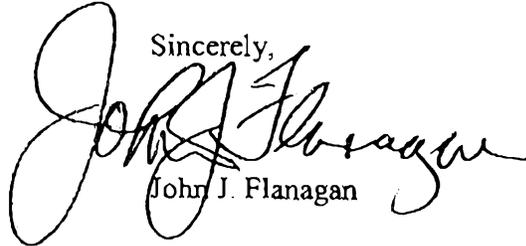
Based upon the foregoing, we respectfully request a copy of the full text of these documents with no deletions. Releasing this information is not only critical to ascertaining the



past and potential future plans for the Nissequogue River State Park, but would also demonstrate the Administration's strong commitment to openness and transparency.

I look forward to your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Flanagan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being particularly prominent and stylized.

John J. Flanagan

Enclosures

cc: Carol Ash, Commissioner NYS OPRHP  
Linda Henninger