



Letter from Borough of Pine Beach to Assemblyman Christopher Connors and Brian Rumpf

January 31, 2005

Assemblyman Christopher Connors
Assemblyman Brian Rumpf
Clock Tower Building
620 W. Lacey Road
Forked River, NJ 08731

Dear Assemblyman Connors and Rumpf:

Please accept this letter and our appreciation for your meeting with fellow Pine Beach residents regarding issues related to the 'Vista' Property in the Borough of Pine Beach. Since the demise of the former Admiral Farragut Academy and throughout the Borough's redevelopment endeavors, the offices of the Ninth District Legislators have been extremely supportive in the Borough's public efforts to plan and secure funding for park land acquisition, development, site environmental studies and other assistance important to our community. Every request for funding assistance from this Borough, to date \$2.8 million, has met with your fullest cooperation and assistance for which this community remains most grateful. The Borough's efforts, and yours as well, have provided for preservation of more than five acres of riverfront park area including more than 1 acre overlooking the historic Toms River now under parkland development as 'Vista Park' At considerable expense to the residents of Pine Beach, the Academy buildings have been demolished, extensive 'voluntary' environmental site clean-up is now nearly complete. Indeed since 2002, and after a long and Public record of Notices, media announcements,(5) public hearings and numerous state regulatory proceedings and approvals with respect to a 'Contract for Sale' and the disposition of the remaining 4.9 acre portion of the Vista Properties, there remains a sentiment that a funding source may be available that would suited to both retain this remaining property and be available for settlement of the Borough's contract liability and accrued debt associated with same. This contract of sale is now near 'closing'.

To this end, and specifically, please accept this correspondence as a further request for assistance in identifying the criteria of any state or federal program which might address these Borough circumstances.

We remain, respectfully,

Russell K. Corby
Mayor

CC: Members of the Borough Council
Honorable Richard Codey, Acting Governor State of New Jersey
Honorable Jon Corzine, United States Senator
Honorable James Saxton, Representative United States Congress
Honorable John Bartlett, Freeholder, County of Ocean

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