

Holt Reeb

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Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 1:33 PM  
Subject: Holt-Harris property

Hi neighbors:

About two dozen neighbors have asked me for addresses, emails, and/or telephone numbers of elected officials who might be able to help us stop the University from buying and developing the Holt-Harris property.

The attachment contains contact information for Governor Cuomo, Senator Breslin, Assemblyman McEneny, University President Philip, Supervisor Runion, and Mayor Jennings.

The reason for the inclusion of the latter is that I have no doubt that the University would prefer to expand onto the Harriman campus if it could get permission to do so. The Harriman campus is in the City of Albany but is owned by the State.

As far as I can tell it is the Mayor and/or the Governor who are preventing the University from using the Harriman campus----though neither the State nor the City has found any significant new use for the Harriman property.

The Governor and the Mayor may have a great new use for the Harriman property all lined up--but I do not think so--if they do everyone should be told about it--if not--the Governor and the Mayor should permit the University to expand onto the Harriman campus.

It is grossly unfair that our McKownville neighborhood is about to become less of a quality residential neighborhood-----and only because the Governor and the Mayor have not been able to face up to the fact that there is no better use for the Harriman campus than for the expansion of the University. The decade old dream that the Harriman campus will become a "corporate woods" type campus is, obviously, just a dream---the University needs the space---the University has waited long enough.

So contact some or all of these elected officials--and do ask them--politely but firmly--to help us.

I have again attached the earlier email that described the University meeting concerning the Holt-Harris property--it might help you compose your thoughts about what you want to say.

It is your neighborhood----if you care--say something--now!

Don Reeb