

**McKownville Improvement Association
Ad Hoc Planning Group, Holt-Harris Parcel
August 4, 2011**

First—stop the purchase by the University—that might best be accomplished by getting the Governor to intervene. It should help if Mayor Jennings permitted the University to expand onto the Harriman campus.

Then either find a conservation group (PineBush Commission, Nature Conservancy, Hudson-Mohawk, etc) willing to buy it; or, a responsible developer willing to buy it and keep as many of the trees and character of land as possible; or find a person willing to buy it and grant development rights to the Land Conservancy etc; or, a foundation willing to give money to buy it; or a state/federal grant to buy it; or form a special district and have the Town buy it with McKownville residents paying for it.

The latter cost would be about \$100 per year per homeowner for ten years if the purchase price were \$1,000,000. If grants were found, which might be unlikely in this economy, the price could be less. If the purchase price were lower than \$1,000,000 then the costs to the homeowners would be lower. If only half of McKownville was willing to buy it then the cost per property would be higher, etc. (This needs to be checked and double-checked, neighbors asked about their views and so forth.)

Additional work efforts:—(1) check deed for use-restrictions---(2) write up and check history of house—(3) get more publicity via letters to the editor etc---(4) contact foundations, locate federal-state grants that would aid the purchase—(5)organize block parties to promote letter writing and support (yard sales and contributions to the Town for buying property)---(6) create a Face Book page for the Holt-Harris planning efforts—(7) FOIL the University for all documents relating to the Holt-Harris property.