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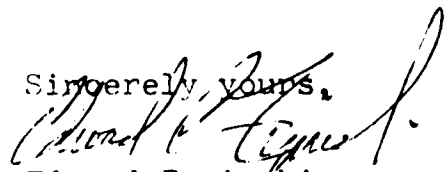
Dear Mr. McBride,

Since your proposal to extend the Urban Fisheries Program to the McKownville Reservoir was brought to my attention, I have talked with a number of local organizations and town officials. Although the proposal has generated much enthusiasm we have been met with legal roadblocks that must first be resolved. These legalities center around the fact that the McKownville Reservoir is still a public water supply and the Public Health Law maintains that no fishing or any trespassing whatever shall be allowed on these waters.

In May of 1977 the people of McKownville voted on a referendum to consolidate the McKownville Water District with that of Westmere. This referendum was defeated therefore leaving the reservoir in its present status as a public water supply, no further legal action can be taken until March 8, 1978.

Since so many people in the Town have shown interest in utilizing the reservoir as a recreational facility I will continue to pursue this matter and hopefully by summer of 1978 your Urban Fisheries Program can be initiated. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Edward Zyniecki  
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