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Donald Reeb, President
Mc Kownville Improvement Assoc.
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Dear Mr. Reeb:

My husband and I have lived in Mc Kownville since August of 1976. In these past three years we have watched the old Mc Kowns Grove deteriorate into such a state that we now feel that something must be done to protect the residents of this area.

We've attended several town meetings, however, this topic was not an issue at any of these meetings. Unfortunately we were not able to attend any meetings within the past year.

This area is not only an eye sore, but an extremely dangerous area where young children have been seen playing. Teenagers have been known to hang around the area on weekend nights drinking and so forth. It must also be a health hazard since it would seem likely to draw rats.

During the winter months I was walking through the area and I happened to see a young dog fall through the ice and almost drown. I stood by helplessly as I couldn't get within reach of the dog to help him. What if this was a young child or a disoriented teenager? I am actually surprised that something of this nature has not yet happened.

I do not know whether or not this land is privately owned. If so, I would assume that the town could force the owner to do something about it. At the very least it should be fenced off. If it is owned by the town, then it is an absolute disgrace that it has been left to deteriorate as it has. The residents of Guilderland pay good taxes, in some instances more than other nearby towns, yet situations like this occur. This should not be.

On this land there is an old bridge that is half rotted away. There is water still running under it, enough water so that someone could drown if they fell in.

It has only recently become an issue to me since I now have an infant son. I want to make sure that this situation is corrected before he is old enough to play with his friends without my supervision. I do not want him to become a victim, a statistic. It is appalling to think that such little importance is placed on this issue.

As a resident, I would like to know what I can do to bring this to the attention of the proper authorities. I want my tax dollars to go towards cleaning up this area and making it safe.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Linda S. Boomhower

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