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CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST CROSSGATES

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Dear Neighbor:

We need your help.

As you have probably heard, the State Department of Environmental Conservation is going to resume hearings on the Crossgates Mall proposal in February.

There is overwhelming agreement in Guilderland that the Crossgates Mall would be very bad for McKownville and Westmere. Both the Guilderland Democratic Party and the Guilderland Republican Party oppose Crossgates. The Republicans stated (on December 13, 1979) that "...the current traffic plans for this project would overwhelm its neighborhood, forever changing its residential character... and the quality of life in the McKownville and Westmere areas of the Town of Guilderland stand to be seriously and permanently damaged as a result of the construction of Crossgates as it is now proposed."

The only legal obstacles to Crossgates are the State Hearings and the Town Zoning Board of Appeals.

CCAC will try to mount the best case we can against Crossgates at those hearings.

In order to adequately safeguard the public's interest, and in particular, the interests of the residents of McKownville and Westmere, we have hired a lawyer and are actively seeking expert witnesses for the Hearings. To have full-time expert legal representation during the Hearings the cost to CCAC will be at least \$10,000 and there will most probably be need for subsequent appeals.

You and your neighbors can make a big difference in this process. If you and every other family in McKownville and Westmere alone will donate or pledge a donation of \$10 or more, we will be able to adequately defend our neighborhoods - your neighborhood - at the State Hearings.

Please help us with your donation. If it helps CCAC win, you win.

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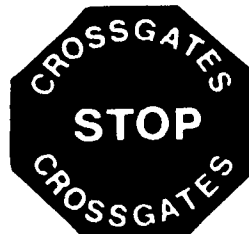
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The fight to preserve our unique quality of life here in Guilderland is still being waged. CONCERNED CITIZENS AGAINST CROSSGATES once again is asking you to continue your vigilance by attending any and all of the following meetings.

Tuesday January 8, 1980 TOWN BOARD - Both John Smircich and Virginia Horan will be introducing resolutions regarding the revamping of the Master Plan, calling for a thorough study of land use in Guilderland and specifically in the Pine Bush. Your input at this meeting will be useful to Town officials. 8:00p.m. at Town Hall

Tuesday January 22, 1980 GUILDERLAND SCHOOL BOARD will accept comments with regards to the repeal of 485b of the Real Property Tax Law in order to aid them in making their decision on February 5. 485b is the 50% tax abatement Pyramid-Crossgates will receive from the School Board if not repealed. 7:30 Middle S. Admin. Build.

February 1980 is the new proposed starting date of the State Environmental Conservation Hearings under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Specific date and place will be noticed in the Legal Notices of the local newspapers.

Your support at these meetings is essential in allowing the elected and appointed officials know how you feel about these issues that affect all of us here in Guilderland and the Capital District. Please take the time to attend and have your thoughts heard.