



August 2, 2013

Ms. Andrea Lohneiss, Regional Director LI
Empire State Development
150 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788-5176

Re: Support for CFA Funding for the Glen Cove Waterfront Connector Project

Dear Ms. Lohneiss,

The Tri-State Transportation Campaign is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating a more balanced, environmentally friendly and equitable transportation system in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. I write to convey our strong support for the Glen Cove Waterfront Connector project, and to urge you to provide CFA funding for this important transportation project and sustainable revitalization initiative. The Waterfront Connector project will embrace Complete Streets design principles, and will encourage increased transportation choice for the residents of Glen Cove. These walkable and bikeable streets, linked to numerous transit modes, will improve the City's environment, strengthen its economy and increase the region's quality of life.

The City of Glen Cove has partnered with public, private, and community organizations to reclaim a 52 acre waterfront parcel affected by blight, industrial contamination, and disuse, and return it to public use and benefit. This parcel is entirely composed of remediated National Priority List sites, USEPA brownfield sites, and New York State Superfund and hazardous waste sites. Glen Cove's efforts have resulted in a landmark brownfield redevelopment project known as "Garvies Point" (formally known as RXR Glen Isle). The Garvies Point project has been designated by the Long Island Economic Development Council and Long Island Regional Planning Council as a Project of Regional Significance and will provide major intermodal transportation connectivity, job creation, environmental and community restoration, improved public access to the waterfront, and other benefits to Glen Cove and to the New York Metropolitan Region. The success of this project relies heavily on the completion of a critical transportation corridor, the Glen Cove Waterfront Connector. The Connector is comprised of an elevated roadway reconstruction, complete street and associated utilities, linking the Long Island Rail Road train system between Long Island and New York City, the future Glen Cove Ferry into Manhattan/LaGuardia Airport, the Nassau Inter-County Express public bus system, and the City of Glen Cove Bus Circulator, all within a walk or shuttle of the Garvies Point redevelopment.

Without the construction of the Glen Cove Waterfront Connector, the Garvies Point mixed-use redevelopment will be unable to commence. I encourage you to give Glen Cove's application the highest consideration for CFA funding. Thank you for your consideration of this project, and please contact me at 212.268.7474 or vanterpool@tstc.org if you wish to confirm our support for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Veronica Vanterpool". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Veronica Vanterpool
Executive Director