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Ms. Adena Long
Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Parks & Recreation
1150 Clove Road
Staten Island, New York 10301

Dear Commissioner Long:

We hope this letter finds you well.

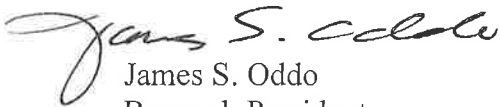
We write with respect to the softball field under the jurisdiction of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation on Cedar Grove Avenue in New Dorp Beach between Cedar Grove Court and Neutral Avenue.


As you know, the abundance of trees that used to exist on the beach side of the field are now, for the most part, gone. In fact, the area has become in many ways an unattractive swamp. While we know there are long-term plans that will change the way the area looks, those plans will not come to fruition in the near future.

We are writing to ask whether there are any short term and mid-term ideas, such as plantings, that are planned to bring back some vegetation and improve the appearance of the area.

We thank you for your time, courtesy, and consideration.

Very truly yours,


James S. Oddo
Borough President


Steven Matteo
Council Member, 50th District

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