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Weber Tract Fully Preserved

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To all:

Since 2002 PRC has fought to see the 170-acre “Weber Tract” in Kinnelon preserved as open space. At that time Kinnelon was rezoning the tract for high-density housing, despite the steep slopes and wetlands that compose much of the property, and its position adjacent to the Pequannock River. We were told it was a done deal and we were wasting our time in opposing it. But we have heard that before.

Today I am delighted to report that the tract is now fully preserved, in part as municipal property, and in part through the Morris County parks system. Yeah!!!!!!

PRC was joined in this effort by outstanding local officials like Kinnelon Mayor Robert Collins, and hard-working citizens such as Carol Vreeland. We had the stream

on the property evaluated by the state in 2006 and upgraded to Category 1 status, and made sure the Highlands Act gave full due to the sensitivity of this land. By refining our position and remaining focused we were able to assist in an achievement that few thought possible. While many had a hand in making this happen, PRC’s role was substantial.

We thank all the folks that helped to see this through, especially the generous members of PRC. Congratulations!

Sincerely,
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