

Dear Friend of Liberty Park,

I am writing to you because we are now at the cross-roads of the future development of Liberty Park. We are faced with the prospect of having a beautiful, open space green park, described in Ada Louise Huxtable's New York Times article, "LIBERTY PARK COULD BE THE MOST DRAMATIC OPEN SPACE IN THE METROPOLITAN REGION IN THE NEXT CENTURY." Or, if we do not fight, this last final battle with all our might, we could see Liberty Park become the commercial (or even industrial) nightmare of the next century. THE DECISION IS OURS TO MAKE, AND I AM COUNTING ON YOU, AS A CONCERNED FRIEND OF YOUR LIBERTY PARK TO HELP. How can you help? The most crucial public hearing will be held on next Monday evening on December 5, at 7:30 P.M. in the Pope Lecture Hall, in St. Peter's College. This will be the LAST PUBLIC HEARING HELD BY THE LIBERTY STATE PARK STUDY AND PLANNING COMMISSION AND WILL BE THE LAST TIME THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE A VOICE IN LIBERTY PARK'S FUTURE. PLEASE COME PREPARED TO SPEAK OUT FOR THE PARK'S LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE.

A large majority of the Liberty Park Study and Planning Commission are recommending that Liberty Park be planned, managed, developed and operated by an autonomous agency, this agency they refer to as the "LIBERTY PARK COMMISSION". This agency would be similar to the autonomous Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission. I was the only Commissioner who voted against this proposal. I have faith in the Department of Environmental Protection which runs 58,000 acres of state parkland. I trust them with Liberty Park and I believe the power to run Liberty Park should remain in their capable hands.

The super-agency, as proposed would super-cede the Department of Environmental Protection's powers to plan for the park and develop the park. The powers, invested in the Commission, as proposed, by the proponents of the autonomous "Liberty Park Commission", as they refer to their new agency, are as follows:

1. Power to prepare, adopt and implement a master plan for the physical development of Liberty Park. According to the model legislation for the proposal, the D.E.P. would have absolutely no power to make "any improvements for the health

and comfort of the public unless the plans have been submitted to and approved by the autonomous Liberty Park Commission; as proposed. (This could mean that the Geddes's Master Plan, as adopted by the D.R.P., could be scrapped. This plan cost more than half a million dollars and is designed to "KEEP LIBERTY PARK GREEN FOREVER." This is the plan of the D.R.P. and this is the very reason why private interests do not want this plan to be adopted and the D.R.P. have control over the park. This is one of the "snake creeps" for creating an autonomous authority that could do most anything they want.

2. The proposed autonomous authority, will have the power to hire secretaries, consultants, engineers, architects, employees and staff an office (All duplicating the services already provided by the D.R.P. using tax payers monies) See name clipping. This would be a "pork barrel", since they could hire politically favored people who would carry out the "orders" of the special interest groups and commercial interests who would, if allowed, exploit the parkland and destroy the people's desire to keep it green forever.

3. The autonomous commission, as proposed, would have the power to float bonds and have the power to hire, rent or lease any portion of the parkland to private enterprises or developers. You will note that this is exactly what Warner Le Roy wanted, see Letter enclosed. His letter also mentioned an authority to control Green Point, this is contained within the proposal made by Commissioners Haggue and English. They have asked that Green Point be placed under the jurisdiction of such an autonomous agency. They would have the power to also expand the land to Greenville Yards. You will note Le Roy's letter is very specific about this land. Another Le Roy request.

In conclusion, the present Liberty Park Study and Planning Commission, on which I serve, already has recommended an \$8 million Conference Center/150 room hotel, complete with swimming pool, \$50 a night fees be built in the park and a Trade Mart similar to the large complex in Chicago, where industries rent space, etc. be built in Liberty Park. These proposals are included in the first draft. This is an attempt to use cheap parkland and pay no taxes for private gain of special interest developers.

All this on the most valuable real estate in the World, Liberty Park.

WARNER LE ROY IS NOT DEAD, HE IS WAITING IN THE WINGS FOR THIS AUTONOMOUS COMMISSION. PLEASE PROTEST THIS... COME TO THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BE HEARD ON THE ATTEMPT TO STEAL OUR