

Buffer- If the North Lot is to be utilized a natural buffer must be incorporated into that planning: A buffer that would keep the Park in Belmont Park and not just Park-ing. Many suggest a 300' buffer, a football field running from Mayfair Avenue to the LIRR fence maintaining a circuitous yet parallel line with the FPBS fence line and fields. This buffer must include planting and irrigation for its entire length. This buffer must also include the already agreed upon earthen berm of approximately 15' in height and that berm located on the inside edge of this new 300' buffer.

I suggest that the ESD refrain from any third Party leases on these State lands at Belmont Park. NYRA, the Islanders and the NYAP are simply tenants. And as tenants, they understand the obligations and the limitations of their Leases and if mitigation is not agreed to early there is no chance of receiving mitigation later.

Mitigation- Therefore, if the North Lot is to be utilized, the FOB should solicit a separate RFP for the North Lot Parking Franchise. This establishes a separate and clear line of responsibility and authority between the landlord (the State) and the Tenant. Or, the ESD and the FOB could provide the Solomon-like solution and offer the Village of Floral Park and the TOH the management and responsibility of the North Lot. The mutual benefits are obvious: I am confident Commission McAllister and the FPPD would maintain safety, patrol and order, as deputized law enforcement officers of the State of New York and not just the rent a cops as suggested by the NYAP; thereby assuring the safety and security for the Tenants' many customers..

All revenue generated by event parking, sale of permits on the State's North Lot would be shared between VFP and the TOH. This revenue would help offset some of the financial burdens and help recoup some of the expenses the new Tenants' developments would burden the local communities.

This transfer agreement would also allow the continuation of an imperative intermunicipal agreement with and among NYRA, VFP, VSM, VB, VNHP for snow storage during winter storms. These intermunicipal agreements are a hallmark of Gov. Cuomo's 2% tax cap cost savings plan. His push for shared services, if interrupted, would severely impact local villages' with untold additional costs and inconveniences. Sadly, the DEIS does not speak to these community impacts as the overarching continuous narrative read in the document seems to be: What's good for us is good for us and the rest of you – you're on your own.

I do not believe this is the sentiment the Governor expected for this project, but it is what we feel.

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