



# ORCHARD PARK



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Dear Pat:

Per your request, the Economic Development Committee has investigated the merits of the proposed ECRT project from an economic development perspective. As part of this process, we interviewed both proponents and opponents of this project during two recent meetings. Based on their respective inputs, the committee voted 4-0 with one abstention to preliminarily support this proposal. There was also discussion that this is a private initiative that is consistent with federal and state programs to convert abandoned railway tracks to walking/ recreational trails. However, despite apparent limited authority regarding this project, we still recommend that the town continue to monitor the progress of this proposal, particularly in regard to privacy and safety (especially police and fire). In addition, all types of motorized vehicles should be prohibited. Finally, as stated in our previous correspondence, no tax-payer funding should be provided by either the town or village governments.

Sincerely,

John Murray- OPEDC Chairman

cc: Town Board Members  
Remy Orffeo- Town Clerk

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