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Mayor Sarah Compo Pierce  
245 Washington Street  
Watertown, NY 13601

Re: Environmental Easement – 229 California Avenue, PIN 6-15-119.100

Dear Mayor Pierce:

The City of Watertown entered into a Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on June 12, 2012 related to the remediation of the environmental contamination at the former Ogilvie Foods property at 148 North Pleasant Street.

As part of the remediation process, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) required that the City of Watertown place an Environmental Easement on Parcel 6-15-119.000 prior to moving forward with redevelopment plans for the site.

This is to notify you that the Environmental Easement was approved by the DEC and has been recorded with the City Clerk for the above property. The easement will run with the land in perpetuity and will only allow for development that meets the Site Management Plan that was prepared during the remediation project. The property may only be used for commercial purposes or industrial purposes, as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8 (g)(2)(iii) and 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8 (g)(2)(iv).

The Comprehensive Plan envisions this parcel as a neighborhood park with a natural playground. The parcel is zoned Parks and Open Space, consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

This is the last step in the remediation process. We will now begin steps to close out the project with the DEC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime at (315) 785-7724.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Voss  
Senior Planner

CC: Ann Saunders, City Clerk