



December 2, 2024

Judith Piccinini Yeany, Esq.
Senior Regulatory Officer
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Re: Braddock Park, North Bergen

SCH File # 0900005

Dear Ms. Yeany,

RSC Architects has been working with the Township of North Bergen and the North Bergen Board of Education in a supporting role to assist in the resolution of the location for the existing North Bergen Pre-K program. Over the past two years we have been working with the assembled parties to provide additional professional assistance in reviewing the viability of alternative options for the existing Pre-K. This work has been previously documented and submitted to your agency.

After an exhaustive review of available options, none of the alternative solutions for the Pre-K program offered a viable or optimal outcome. It is our professional opinion that the best path forward is to divert 1.339 acres of the James J. Braddock North Hudson County Park located at Bergenline Avenue in North Bergen to allow the North Bergen Pre-K to remain in place as it currently exists.

The colocation of park and school is an ideal adjacency in this urban environment. The proposed option is the least disruptive to local families who rely on this program. It is also a positive location from a safety and security point of view, making it possible for families to walk their children to school in a safe and comfortable environment.

We strongly support the proposal of diversion offered by the North Bergen Board of Education and believe it is the best option for the Board of Education, Township, and County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ralph Walker".

Ralph Walker AIA, NCARB, LEED AP

Principal

RSC Architects