



# Gedney Association

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## FASNY Update... much more to come!

Dear Neighbor,

As the long winter finally melts away, allow us to give you an update on the FASNY application for a special permit to construct its multiple building project on the former Ridgeway Country Club property. As you may recall, in December the Common Council voted, 6-1, to accept the Environmental Findings in connection with the FASNY application. This vote does not mean that the project is approved. There are several more steps in the approval process that must be taken before FASNY will have permission to move ahead with its plans.

The Gedney Association Board has decided to file a lawsuit to overturn the council's decision to accept the Environmental Findings. The lawsuit was joined by various individuals. Although there were many from throughout the city who expressed an interest in joining the suit, on advice of our attorney, we deliberately did not include a large number of additional parties. In addition to Board members, only a few individuals living very close to the FASNY property were included. These individuals have the proper "standing" to sue. The suit was filed with the appropriate court on February 24. We did not take this decision lightly. The Board's very strong opinion, in conjunction with the Association's attorney, is that the Common Council did not adhere to the very clear requirements of the environmental review process as enunciated in the New York State environmental quality review statute (SEQRA). The appeal of the Council's decision is a legal action and we cannot comment on the particulars in any detail.

A copy of the legal filing can be found [here](#).

Obviously, we do not believe the City will be well served by the construction of a large, multiple building educational complex to be located in the heart of a residential area. And, we certainly don't believe that the surrounding neighborhoods can sustain the impacts of so many additional vehicles on North Street, Ridgeway, Bryant Avenue and the smaller nearby streets.

The FASNY application has entered yet another new phase. The previously

proposed entrance to the complex from Ridgeway has been proven to be untenable. The latest proposal to bring the three FASNY schools' traffic to an entrance opposite the High School's entrance on North Street has done nothing to quell opposition to the project. In fact, those opposed have been growing in number! We believe the North Street entrance is also untenable. The City's own traffic expert raised serious concerns about the North Street entrance and the associated impacts it would bring.

We ask that you continue to send emails and letters to the Mayor and Common Council Members expressing your concerns. It is important they hear from you.

Thank you for all the emails and words of support we have been receiving. They are very much appreciated! You will be hearing much more concerning the FASNY project and the lawsuit as the process moves forward.

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