



May 19, 2008

Hon. Linda D. Puglisi, Supervisor
& Members of the Town Board
Town of Cortlandt - 1 Heady Street
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567

RE: Aviation Themed Playground – Steamboat Park
Letter of Support for CDBG Funding

Dear Supervisor Puglisi & Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter as a strong indication of the community's support of the proposed CDBG project known as "Martin Playground at Steamboat Park".

As the Board is aware Steamboat Riverfront Park began with an approximate 1 acre site and has expanded over the years to include the Overlook site and now more recently for former Martin mobile home site. Back in 1993, the Cortlandt Town Board commissioned a Recreational Master Plan for the area by Cavendish Partnership. In that plan, it calls for an aviation themed playground to honor the history of the old Peekskill Sea Plan base which was located on the site of the proposed playground.

The adjacent area of Steamboat Park is the Overlook and "great lawn" which is restricted from any further active recreation. We would like to see the playground placed in the former Martin area so that we can honor the decisions made by the community back in 1993 to remember the sea plane base.

The VRA wholeheartedly supports the Town of Cortlandt in their efforts to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for this project.

We appreciate sincerely all the Town of Cortlandt and the County of Westchester has done to improve Verplanck and we look forward to working with you closely on the design of this unique playground.

Sincerely,

Laurie DeCicco
President