



# Gedney Association

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## **FASNY Public Hearing a Success!**

Dear Neighbors-

### **Congratulations!**

The October 17 public hearing on the FASNY DEIS (Draft Environmental Impact Statement) was a tremendous success! More than 30 speakers spoke in opposition to the FASNY's plans, expertly critiquing FASNY's DEIS. The Council chambers and the hallways of City Hall were overflowing with concerned residents from White Plains and members of the FASNY community. And, I can proudly state that the residents of White Plains were very well represented!

If you were unable to attend and wish to get a sense of the effectiveness of our speakers, please watch the replay on the government access channel or view the hearing on the city's website, [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com).

The speakers in opposition to the plans were very well prepared and gave professional presentations on various DEIS topics including traffic safety and congestion, legal issues, socio-economic and fiscal issues, noise and air pollution, construction concerns, development alternatives, storm/waste water and hydrology among others. The comments were substantive and well illustrated by facts, figures and photos. It was very impressive!

The speakers were too numerous to be named here; they all did a wonderful job. Some speakers were quite powerful and all were very effective. "Thank You Very Much!" to all of them.

Many members of the White Plains community spoke in opposition to the FASNY project. Three speakers from EcoNeighbors stated a clear case for opposing the plans and the Mayor of the Village of Mamaroneck expressed his concerns about the water issues. It was also very comforting to hear from neighborhood associations from throughout White Plains. As of this writing, 10 neighborhood associations have joined the Gedney Association in opposing the FASNY application! We are grateful for this incredibly widespread support.

And, more than 2,000 original hand-signed petition signatures were presented to the Council. A map illustrating the location of the homes of the petition signers was also presented. It clearly demonstrated that the opposition to the FASNY project exists throughout White Plains.

**Experts.** Also, the Gedney Association hired experts in Traffic Planning, Hydrology and Air and Noise Pollution to review the appropriate areas of the DEIS and prepare reports to be presented and submitted to the Council. Mary Manning, John Ciallella and Nancy Neumann each did an excellent job. Their reports were very effective in identifying the shortcomings of FASNY's DEIS. Their analyses demonstrated to the Council that many parts of the DEIS are inadequate and misleading.

Copies of the experts' reports will be sent to you in the near future and will be posted on our website. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Gedney Association to help pay for these experts. **If you haven't yet made a contribution, please consider doing so - it will be very much appreciated.** Checks can be sent to the "Gedney Association", PO Box 134, Gedney Station, White Plains, NY 10605. Or, you can contribute online at [www.GedneyFarms.net/dues.html](http://www.GedneyFarms.net/dues.html).

## **What's Next?**

A last minute maneuver by FASNY's attorney has resulted in a third, restricted session of the public hearing. The third session will be held on Tuesday, October 30 at 7PM. Only those who had signed up to speak previously and have not spoken will be allowed to speak. If you are one of those who qualify, we encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you know someone who qualifies, please encourage them to speak on the 30th.

**Written Comments.** As a result of the additional session, the deadline for written comments has been extended to Friday, November 9. Please consider writing a letter to the Council expressing your views on any aspect of the FASNY plans. If you were one of the speakers, and you haven't already done so, please submit a written version of your comments including any visuals you may have used as part of your presentation. Written comments should be submitted to Anne McPherson, City Clerk, 255 Main Street, White Plains, NY 10601 or to [cityclerk@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:cityclerk@whiteplainsny.gov) and to the members of the Council. Council members' email addresses are available on the city's and Gedney Association websites.

**After the Hearings.** Following the deadline for written public comment, the next step in the process is for the applicant (FASNY) to address all of the issues raised in the public comment period and formulate the FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement). In addition to the public comments, comments from the city staff (planning department, planning board, traffic commission, etc.) and the Council members also must be addressed in the FEIS. It is the FEIS that the Council will consider when it determines if the project will have an adverse environmental effect. A negative declaration (that is, a determination that the project will have a adverse environmental effect) will effectively defeat the project. It is difficult to predict but it is reasonable to expect a vote in early spring (March, April, May). Stay tuned...

**More...**

**Halloween Party!** Don't forget to come to our annual **Halloween Party on Sunday afternoon, October 28 from 3PM to 5PM.** The party will be a block party on **Gedney Park Drive** (between Gedney Esplanade and Heatherbloom Road).

**Annual Meeting.** Gedney's Annual Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, November 14 at Ridgeway Elementary School** in the auditorium. The meeting **will begin at 7:30.**

Thanks again to everyone who has worked so hard. It is very much appreciated!

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