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Dear Marc McGovern,

I write to urge you to schedule an environmental hearing ref: the Silver Maple Forest at your earliest convenience in preparation to consider the upcoming climate vulnerability assessment study, the results and publication of which are due to be presented in November.  It is my understanding that a number of permits have already been issued which may put the Forest in jeopardy. These permits were granted based upon DEP guidelines using precipitation data circa 1961.

The Forest has been identified as a "small river floodplain forest" by the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. Due to recent climate changes, this matter deserves another and prompt revisitation.

Thank you for your time.

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