

# =It's your opinion=

## *SIDC task force should meet again*

As you know, I serve on the 12-member Willowbrook Task Force which will be making recommendations to the governor as to the future use of the Staten Island Developmental Center grounds. I am very annoyed that our chairman has not convened a meeting since July. Had we met on a regular basis as had been intended when the task force was organized, the destruction of the trees on the Corson's Brook Woods site could have been averted. At the very least, there would have been an opportunity for a formal presentation by the state and community review.

Be assured I intend to use my best efforts to reconcile the maximum preservation of the undeveloped land within the Greenbelt area, including Corson's Brook Woods; the creation of modern, adequate facilities to serve our handicapped population; evaluation of the merits of relocating the College of Staten Island on the Willowbrook property, and the allocation and utilization of existing buildings at the SIDC and open spaces for community purposes,

including senior citizen programs, the Staten Island Civic Theater Productions and athletic activities.

I believe all of these legitimate needs and suggestions for multiple use of the property which have been presented to the task force are capable of accommodation on the SIDC site. Through our combined efforts, it is feasible to respond effectively and responsibly to the collective needs and concerns of all the people of our borough.

The November actions by the state were counterproductive to the objectives we share for the future use of the Willowbrook/Greenbelt lands.

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