

Let's compromise at Corson's Brook

The following was sent to Gov. Mario Cuomo:

"I urge you to effect a compromise in the ongoing Corson's Brook Woods controversy.

"This is one of those unique opportunities, with a total of 382 acres of the Staten Island Developmental Center available, where both the need for modern group home facilities for severely disabled adult clients and the preservation of our precious and fragile Greenbelt can be met.

"The Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities is the first agency, private or public, to assault the newly-created Greenbelt, a totally unnecessary assault at that. Staten Island and metropolitan area residents have been working for over 20 years to preserve the city's largest urban preserve. Their efforts finally culminated last June in the official opening of the Staten Island Greenbelt Park.

"If the voices of the people, the City Planning Commission, and city Parks Department are

to mean anything, this unnecessary destruction must not take place.

"The SIDC Task Force has yet to make its recommendations for the final disposition of SIDC lands. Certainly a more thorough look at alternate sites would bring forth a compromise to benefit all needs."

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