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To the Residents of Harding Township:

As you may have heard, Morris Township has proposed a plan to build 2 rectangular fields for the growing recreational needs of children in our area on a 15-acre site sandwiched between Route 287 and an office complex which fronts on Mount Kemble Avenue (Route 202). Because the property is located in Harding, completion of this plan will require the approval of your Township Committee. Your Planning Board has already recommended rezoning of the property for public use, and following that approval we have been working diligently with your elected officials to flesh out the details of what will or will not be permitted on the property, in order to negotiate a Memorandum of Agreement between our two towns which will govern the future uses of the land.

We hope that shortly we'll be able to present our plans at a public meeting in Harding before your Township Committee, at which time the public will be invited to attend, ask questions and offer comments. If you are interested in the project, please attend.

Meanwhile, a number of people opposed to the project have circulated information which is exaggerated and inaccurate. Please visit our website at www.morristwp.com to see a point-by-point rebuttal of the allegations posted on the recently created website entitled www.preserveharding.com. While we respect the right of all citizens to get involved in public issues, we would hope that all involved would demonstrate some respect for the truth and refrain from some of the speculations and exaggerations that have surfaced.

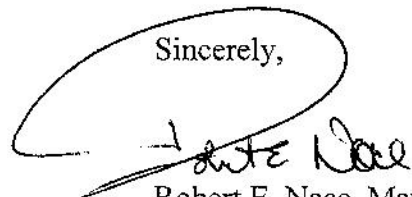
When all the facts have been fairly aired and examined, we are confident that you will see that our project is not only sound from our town's point of view, but is also a benefit to Harding's residents for at least the following reasons:

1. The alternative to this project is that the present owners of the site would build a number of new homes (probably about 12, but they might ask to build more) which would be entitled to municipal services from Harding at a location far from most of your existing residences.

2. Building these new homes would also trigger an increased obligation on Harding to provide more housing for low and moderate income people under the new State rules.
3. On the other hand, if your Township Committee approves this project, Harding's recreation association would be guaranteed blocks of time for use of the fields.
4. Harding Township children currently participate in some of the leagues that will use these fields.

We are grateful to your Township Committee and Planning Board for the attention which they have so far given to this project, and look forward to continuing to work with them to develop our plans. And we thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Nace", is written over a large, hand-drawn oval scribble.

Robert E. Nace, Mayor
Township of Morris