Robert Dobruskin
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Dear Mr. Dobruskin,

My name is Ellen Rand. I live at 101 Grand Street, between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue.

My concern is with the shadows that will be cast by the towers planned by the Community Preservation Corporation.

I wish to be sure that the study considers the full length of any shadows cast by the proposed towers and particularly the lengthening of afternoon shadows. From September through April, when the sun is lower in the sky and farther south, I fear that the afternoon shadows will completely engulf Grand Ferry Park, which is small and the only bit of park available to the community 24 hours a day. One of the proposed towers will dwarf the little park, leaving it shadowed for most of the afternoon. It will be dark and uninviting and there will not be enough light for the trees and shrubs to grow.

The William Sheridan playground, the schoolyard and the basketball court will be affected during the afternoons all through the fall and winter and early spring. These are the only places that resident children can play and that older citizens can sit on benches and take the sun. The shadows would make these areas dark; there will not be any afternoon sun for people and this would also have an adverse effect on the trees and bushes and flowers.

I am also concerned about the gardens in front of the buildings on Grand Street and the trees that we have worked hard to plant and care for. If there is no afternoon sun in the fall, winter, and early spring, the roses and other flowers, the shrubs, and the deciduous trees will not flourish.

Also, if neighborhood buildings are in shadows for a good part of the fall, winter, and spring afternoons, the use of solar panels will be impossible and buildings will not have the able to become more energy-efficient.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very Truly Yours,

Ellen E. Rand