Rally to Save The Klein Farm called by Councilman David Weprin

Queens Civic Congress supported and many officers and members of civic associations and preservation groups attended a Sunday, March 9 rally called by City Councilman David Weprin to save the Klein Farm on 73rd Avenue and 196th Street in Fresh Meadows from development. Also speaking at the rally were State Senator Toby Stavisky, Member of the Assembly Mark Weprin, City Councilman James Gennaro and QCC President Corey Bearak.

Thank you for Christina Wilkinson, Juniper Park Civic Association and Newtown Historical

Society for the picture below:



[Left to right: Corey Bearak, James Trent, Henry Euler (Auburndale Improvement Association), Councilman Weprin (holding application to Landmark the Klein Farm) and Harbachan Singh]

QCC Officers attending included Treasurer James Trent who also is President of the Queens County Farm Museum, Vice President and Zoning co-chair Harbachan Singh, and Founder Robert Harris. Fred Kress represented the Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces.

Below is QCC President Corey Bearak's intended statement"

"Queens Civic Congress and Queens Coalition for Parks & Green Spaces collaborated on a *Green statement* that spoke to the need to preserve historic natural areas such as the Klein Farm. These historic settings must receive much the same treatment as historical landmarks. The destruction or loss of any natural areas negatively impacts the quality of life for the surrounding communities bordering these green spaces. The Queens Civic Congress support all reasonable efforts, including Councilman Weprin's past and current advocacy on behalf of the community to save the Klein Farm. The Queens Civic Congress and our Historical Preservation and Landmarking Committee will continue to work with Councilman Weprin and our member civics in this regard. This is the reason we held our February 26 workshop."

More media and photos will be posted soon.