Klein Farm eviction concerns community

An eviction notice — which may be questionable — served by notorious developer Tommy Huang again raises community concerns about attempts to develop the former Klein Farm in Fresh Meadows. Back on November 12, 2007, Queens Civic Congress and Queens Coalition for Parks and Green Spaces issued a joint statement, including "City Hall needs to take a hard look and re-evaluate what needs to be done to preserve natural areas before they cease to exist." Queens Civic Congress stands by that statement which also noted that City Hall's advocacy of PlaNYC requires it to step up and do more.

Treasurer James A. Trent, represented Queens Civic Congress at the community rally that included Councilman Tony Avella and Assemblyman Mark Weprin on Saturday, May 23 outside the Klein Farm where Jim also issued this statement as President of the Colonial Farmhouse Restoration Society of Bellerose, Inc. which operates the Queens County Farm Museum: Queens County Farm Museum is committed to saving all the remaining natural farmland left in Queens. The Klein Farm represents 2.2 of those remaining acres. We call on the City to acquire the property as parkland and the Farm Museum will restore the buildings and resuming farming. We will then sell the fresh vegetables for the benefit of the public, just as was done when the Klein Family operated the farm." Queens Civic Congress also endorses the above statement.

This is not the first such rally. There have been more than a few, including a year ago in <u>March</u>.

See the <u>post</u> on Queens Crap and the story, <u>Huang evicts</u> <u>day care from Klein Farm site</u>, from the Fresh Meadows Times reported by Ivan Pereira.