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Dear Mr. Geraci,

This is response for information regarding the proposed project concerning the railroad abandonment in Watertown, New York as described in docket no. AB-55 (Sub. No. 663X).

The proposed project would **not** cause any negative impact to prime or important farmland. This land was previously disturbed for the construction of the railroad line.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) has responsibility to make official comment on any project, which may impact, prime or important farmland. **Once an area has been converted to urban, industrial or residential use this determination is no longer relevant.**

If you require further information, please feel free to call me at (315) 782-7289, ext. 114.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Moffett
District Conservationist