

**Subject:** Little Tinicum Island "recreational trail"--Athos Oil Spill remediation project  
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Dear Linda,

We were wondering if you or any of the Trustees had actually stepped foot on Little Tinicum Island. It appears from the proposal that you have not. If you had, you would have seen the trash that accumulates on the shoreline with every high tide (and even more so with the occasional high moon tides we get four times a year.) In addition, you would have observed the fact that at low tide the mudflats prohibit all traffic but small vessels with people prepared to traverse the mudflats. And let's go a little further with the fact that this plan is desirous of encouraging people and hazardous wildlife to be within less than 2000 feet of the end of the proposed CEP runway. (Not a great idea--how does the TSA feel about it?)

I know that the Tinicum Coastline Partnership has generously volunteered to provide patrol and trash removal. They do not have the backing to provide such services. The task is far too expansive for any volunteer organization to handle.

We have reviewed the FAA Advisory Circular 150/5200-33B, *Hazardous Wildlife Attractions on or Near Airports*, and believe that this project is conflict with the circulars recommendations. We want to access to the report that reviews the FAA Advisory Circular and the TSA's review of the plans for Little Tinicum Island.

An aside:

The majority of the people accessing the island are people from the local marinas. We are on the island to enjoy what our ancestors did. We hunt (not only water fowl,. but also the wonderful herd of deer and divine flock of wild turkey--it's over 20 birds now), we camp, we fish, and we watch everything from the eagles nesting on the island to the barge, tug, and airline traffic.

We have all lived through the effects of the Athos spill--we still see it. We have to watch our boots, there might be crude on them from the driftwood. (There are still two trash bags on the island containing Tyvek suits, gloves, and boots all covered in crude.) If we drop a tool off the dock and retrieve it, the tool is covered with crude.

It's sad that these dollars are not being spent on cleaning up the remains of the spill.

We have other issues with this trail and the one proposed at the old Westinghouse property

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Regards,  
Michelle Jonovic