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## **State Treasurer: State is Working With Morris County on a Collaborative Path for Greystone's Future**

TRENTON -- State Treasurer David Rousseau today answered politically charged, false claims concerning the State's approach and intentions with the 130 acres of property formerly occupied by the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Parsippany.

In a letter to the editor sent to the Daily Record, the Treasurer responded to allegations made in a letter to the editor submitted by a member of the Morris Plains Borough Council.

"It is...extremely distressing..to read what can only be described as a deceitfully false and inflammatory letter" regarding the state's activities and interests in the Greystone property, the Treasurer wrote. "The State has been working exclusively with the county government to find a collaborative path for the future of the Greystone property. Distorting and outright misrepresenting these ongoing good faith efforts by both the county and the state for obvious political reasons is a shameful disservice to all taxpayers."

A copy of the Treasurer's complete letter to the editor is attached.



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Letters to the Editor  
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To the Editor:

It is unfortunate, but not totally unexpected given this time of year, that the state's activities and interests in association with the recently-surplused Greystone Park property would be grossly misrepresented in various media channels. It is, however, extremely distressing for the Treasury Department, which has been working closely and in good faith with local officials on the future use of the property, to read what can only be described as a deceitfully false and inflammatory letter to the editor on this topic penned by a locally-elected official. (Morris Daily Record, 10/19/09, Morris Plains Councilwoman Suzanne B. McCluskey).

The State – unequivocally – is not surveying the site and has no “eye toward selling the property to developers” as the councilwoman falsely claims in her letter. Observers may take notice of some surveying and excavation activities at this time on Greystone property. This work is being performed by Morris County on the Greystone tract already owned by the county. More specifically, the county is in the process of reworking electrical lines and recently awarded a contract for new water lines to service the recreational purposes of the county-owned property. This activity and information was communicated in a presentation by the County Administrator at an October 14 public meeting of the County Freeholder Board.

The State has been in active discussions with the County Administrator on the future of the remaining State-owned property at Greystone and the parties are working cooperatively to reach agreement on its future use. The State expects that the county, which has been communicating progress with interested mayors and other parties, will continue to do so.

The State has been working exclusively with the county government to find a collaborative path for the future of the Greystone property. Distorting and outright misrepresenting these ongoing good faith efforts by both the county and the state for obvious political reasons is a shameful disservice to all taxpayers.

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