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MAYOR HEALY: “THE DEBATE IS OVER!” Future of Historic Reservoir Site to be Revealed

JERSEY CITY- Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy and State DEP Commissioner **Lisa Jackson** will announce the future of Jersey City’s former Reservoir 3 that is located in the Heights section of the city during a 1 p.m. news conference Thursday, February 15, 2007, at The Pershing Field Clubhouse, Summit and Carlton avenues.

Healy’s announcement brings an end to the long debated issue regarding the future of Reservoir 3, which some envisioned as a school, housing, a baseball field, a parking garage, a mini-mall, and a host of other options. The debate has galvanized many on all fronts of the issue since Reservoir 3 ended its functions as one of the city’s water sources in 1992.

“This thing has been debated for a long time, an issue that has endured through many administrations. But now the time is right to decide its future,” Healy said.

Distinguished by its massive stone walls built in the formidable Egyptian Revival style, the Reservoir has become a contained lake of sorts and a sanctuary for fish and fowl. Many believed the area could be used for both housing and a mini-park. Healy’s statement will decide the Reservoir’s fate.

A tour of the Reservoir located just across the street from the field house will be allowed following the news conference. ///