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Hon. Mitchell Silver  
Commissioner  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Arsenal, Central Park  
830 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10065

Hon. Mary Travis Bassett, M.D.  
Commissioner  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
125 Worth Street  
New York, NY 10013

Hon. Vincent Sapienza  
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Department of Environmental Protection  
59-17 Junction Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11373

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**Immediate Attention Required**

Dear Commissioners Silver and Bassett, and Acting Commissioner Sapienza:

I am writing to you regarding an unsanitary condition at MacNeil Park that was brought to my attention over the weekend.

Residents reported a large pool of what has been confirmed to be raw sewage in MacNeil Park emanating from the ground. My staff contacted the Department of Environmental Protection on Saturday and Sunday, alerting the agency to the condition.

Given this information, I would appreciate your jointly inspecting this location as soon as possible and letting me know how you intend on addressing this serious health issue.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Avella  
State Senator  
11<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

