



NORTH HILLS RESIDENT ACTION IS NEEDED TODAY to HELP SAVE OUR TREASURE - INISFADA

July 22, 2013

Dear Village of North Hills Resident:

The majestic and breathtaking Manhasset mansion, INISFADA (St. Ignatius Retreat House on Searingtown Rd.), is threatened with imminent destruction. A foreign developer is purchasing Inisfada from the Catholic Church within days, and many believe they will **demolish this glorious and beautiful community jewel**. The rich cultural history of the North Hills area will be affected if this unique 87 room, sixth largest home in the United States, historic icon is torn down. **Inisfada MUST NOT be lost forever!**

This oasis, which filters precious drinking water on its 33 acres and provides a sense of country living with its hundreds of feet of green frontage on Searingtown Road, should not be paved over for a new gated housing development!

Demolition of our Manhasset and Long Island Gold Coast historic home will permanently lose our jewel, just to make way for yet another multi-unit housing development that will:

- Increase our traffic congestion
- Heighten our air pollution
- Threaten our aquifer groundwater supply
- Strain our school system
- Put more pressure on the police, fire and emergency service units in our community,

and most importantly...

- Give the Village of North Hills a tainted permanent reputation that we let our own national icon of prestige, dignified living and very generous philanthropy be lost forever.

Mayor Nattis is reported to have met with the developer but has provided no public or community awareness. The Village Board could soon approve a new development of thirty or more new houses or condos on Inisfada's 33 acre rolling hills and open fields; The Village Building Dept could imminently issue a demolition permit unless YOU act swiftly.

We urge residents of North Hills to take a stand to prevent Inisfada (the Brady family's country home) and the St. Ignatius Retreat House (the spiritual home of thousands) history from falling victim to a wrecking ball! This irreplaceable, architecturally and aesthetically unique home in the heart of North Hills must stand for future generations.

YOU HAVE A VOICE in YOUR Village and you can STOP THIS monumental mistake! TODAY- Ask the Mayor and Trustees to take a public stand FOR landmarking and preservation of Inisfada. Please contact Mayor Natiss and Village Trustees:

- Call your Village at (516) 627-4832 or fax (516) 627-3451.
- eMail the mayor: [mnatiss@natisslaw.com](mailto:mnatiss@natisslaw.com)
- Please learn more and if you have not already done so, sign the petitions at [www.inisfada.org](http://www.inisfada.org)
- Tell us what you have done – [info@manhassetcivic.org](mailto:info@manhassetcivic.org)

Thank you.

Yours truly,  
Supporters working to landmark and save this historic treasure.\*

\* includes more than a thousand petition (several underway) supporters from all over, the Society for Preservation of Long Island Antiquities, the Manhasset Preservation Society, Council of Greater Manhasset Civic Associations ([info@manhassetcivic.org](mailto:info@manhassetcivic.org)), St Ignatius Retreat House program participants over decades, North Hills neighbors, and growing!