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"The greatest Oak was once a little nut who held its ground!"





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## Haverstraw village loses eminent domain case, will likely take out multimillion dollar bond to meet obligations

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BY MICHAEL RICONDA

HAVERSTRAW – The Village of Haverstraw might be on the hook for over \$6.2 million in eminent domain refunds if it cannot compel the developer of the waterfront Haverstraw Harbors condos to provide at least a partial payout to the plot's previous owner.

The State Supreme Court ruled in 2009 that the village owes AAA Electricians-the former owners of 18.9 acres of what is now the 25-acre

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## NATION'S LARGEST EMINENT DOMAIN LAND GRAB DEFEATED

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Monday evening, after months of living with the uncertainty that they wouldn't have a home for Christmas, the residents of Pleasant Ridge scored a major victory against a mayor who sought to bulldoze 354 homes in Charlestown, Indiana. At a city council meeting that went late into the night, the council voted unanimously to reject the mayor's plan to raze the neighborhood and sell it to private developers.

"Christmas has come early to Charlestown," said Pleasant Ridge resident Tina Barnes. "Finally, we can celebrate the holidays without fear of losing our homes and livelihoods."

Tina Barnes is like many Pleasant Ridge residents—honest, hardworking and scrambling to make ends meet. She's a medical receptionist who is raising her two granddaughters on her own. Her home in Pleasant Ridge is a duplex, which allows her grown handicapped daughter to live in an independent environment on one side while Ms. Barnes and her granddaughters live on the other.

Ms. Barnes's family is not alone. There are dozens of veterans electricians—the former owners of 180 acres of what is now the 25-acre



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