



Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation

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CHORUS:

It's the Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation
It seems quite a mouthful, but it's better than our situation
We've endured a feckless phase, so better try this little phrase –
'The Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation'

VERSES:

Now a 40 year plan is thought so very visionary
But *sans* preservation, it's an orientation mercenary
Infrastructure may be grand, But New York is a Grand *Dame*
And you're better served to carefully observe preliminaries

As a citizen's committee, it calls for grassroots action
It must find the diligent from every turf and faction
For none can benefit, from a process counterfeit,
unless citizens rally to demand its restoration

It's the feeling of the founders that our quandary's budgetary
Preservation's unnerved due to neglect monetary
It's death by fountain pen, by functionaries well-spoken
But for preservation's cause it's the obituary

It's as if the Commission needs its very own protective designation
And resource allocation to support its very vital mission
With its coffers thus renewed and a restored point of view
Preservation may preserve us,

from the interests self-serving
The landmarks will land
on a footing more deserving

Sad negligence redressed,

Urgent needs can be addressed
Put aside your ennui

– it's now up to you and me(simply stated)

Through the Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation!