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My family moved into the General Warren Village in June 1978 and have remained residents until the present.

The township's decision to approve a plan to develop single family houses on a highly contaminated site must be reversed. Both current and even past supervisors have openly admitted that this toxic site should have never been approved for residential development. A lawyer working with one of the former owners who asked to remain anonymous confided that this was one of the most polluted sites he had ever litigated and residential housing should never be built there.

I have attended many if not all of the meetings that were held with township supervisors, with DEP and our East White land community, the Delaware Riverkeeper legal team and neighbors from the General Warren Village.

I am not a scientist and have had to rely on the testimony and reports of experts in the field. I have observed the actions of the developer who wishes to build family homes on contaminated soil. And I question the integrity of that person who brought a **SLAP SUIT**, against my neighbors, when they spoke out publicly to object to his plan. His actions exposed a truth, he was more concerned about getting his project approved than in allowing a full and independent investigation of the real cost of remediation. No matter what new information has been yielded upon further analysis, this developer has never backed off from pursuing residential development. How concerned is he about the impact of developing residential housing on a highly contaminated site? What about the children who may one day be playing in the dirt surrounding their parents' home?

I am also aware of DEP's history with this developer and some of the errors made in his favor due to a lack of information as to the extent of the contamination and best methods for remediation.

A more accurate picture has begun to emerge over time due to the persistence of the Bishop

Tube Opposition Group's objections to the development of residential housing. With the legal assistance of the Delaware Riverkeeper our position has been strengthened and the ball is now in your court DEP. You have received a document that was produced by an independent group of consultants hired by our East Whitland township supervisors and it is clearly stated that this land will never be completely safe for residential housing even after DEP completes the costly and years long task of remediation. The DEP is responsible for the wellbeing of present and future subjects who will be affected by the decisions you make and actions you take on behalf of clean air, water and soil in the environs of Bishop Tube. There are many recommendations in this report can we depend upon the DEP to follow their lead and ensure that this land will preserved not developed?

This issue of building on contaminated land which may only be partially remediated is an object lesson for all the townships in Chester County where the zoning laws have not been commensurate with decades of unregulated industrial disposal of toxic waste materials. We have heard it spoken on record that had our supervisors known the extent of the contamination of the Bishop Tube site they would not have approved it for residential development. Let us work with you to educate those in power about the true worth of protecting our natural resources for the sake of our children's children. I would ask that you invite the residents of the General Warren Village, the township supervisors , the Delaware Riverkeeper, members of the BTOG, any interested members of the community and the developer to an open forum where questions can be raised with regard to the specifics of remediation including costs and time frame. Where we can discuss a clean and green alternative by opting for passive remediation and open space in the only sector of East Whitland township that does not have open space.

Thank you for your consideration,

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