

MAY 6, 2014

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE MILLVILLE COMMISSION,

& of the STATE HOUSE COMMISSION,

MY FAMILY & I CURRENTLY RESIDE IN THE EDGEWOOD ACRES SECTION OF MILLVILLE, HAVING MOVED HERE FROM NORTH JERSEY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO. THE LOVELY MENANTICO WILDLIFE AREA IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF OUR HOME, & KNOWING THAT THIS AREA WAS PROTECTED FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN OUR CHOOSING TO LIVE IN THIS SPECIFIC NEIGHBORHOOD.

OUR LITTLE 4-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON SPENDS A LOT OF TIME WITH US, & ONE OF HIS -- & OUR -- FAVORITE ACTIVITIES IS HIKING & PICNICKING ALONG THE MENANTICO TRAILS. I WAS SHOCKED & SADDENED TO LEARN, JUST RECENTLY, THAT ALTHOUGH THE MENANTICO PONDS AREA WAS BOUGHT LESS THAN ONE YEAR AGO,

BY THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, ^{TO BE PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY.} OUR CITY OF MILLVILLE IS NOW

"TREAT THE EARTH WELL: IT WAS NOT GIVEN TO YOU (BY YOUR PARENTS, IT WAS LOANED TO YOU FROM YOUR CHILDREN. WE DO NOT INHERIT THE EARTH FROM OUR ANCESTORS, WE BORROW IT FROM OUR CHILDREN."

SUING THE STATE OF NJ TO SELL THIS PROTECTED LAND FOR PRIVATE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT! TO PROPOSE TO INJECT AN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX -- WITH ALL OF THE TRAFFIC, NOISE, & POLLUTION IT WILL BRING -- INTO THE MIDDLE OF THIS PEACEFUL PRESERVE SEEMS ABSOLUTELY SHAMEFUL TO ME. (AND, WOULD SET A VERY DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR ALL OF OUR PRESERVED LANDS, EVERYWHERE!). THE PROPOSED SALE OF THIS PROPERTY WILL ALSO NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR FAMILIES, HERE IN EDGEWOOD ACRES, NOW & FOR GENERATIONS TO COME. AGAIN, THIS LAND WAS PURCHASED TO BE PRESERVED IN PERPETUITY.

IT IS TRUE THAT OUR BELOVED CITY OF MILLVILLE IS IN DIRE NEED OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, SELLING THE MENANTICO PONDS AREA FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SEEMS SO WRONG TO ME -- ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING ALL OF THE "UNPROTECTED" PROPERTIES (DEVELOPED & NON-DEVELOPED) THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR CITY. ALSO, AS A TAX PAYER, I AM OUTRAGED TO

"WE MUST PROTECT THE FORESTS FOR OUR CHILDREN,
GRANDCHILDREN, & CHILDREN YET TO BE BORN. WE MUST
PROTECT THE FORESTS FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM-
SELVES, SUCH AS THE BIRDS, ANIMALS, FISH, & TREES."
-- Chief Qwatsin23

LEARN THAT IF THE MENANTICO PROPERTY IS, INDEED,

SOLD THAT 1) THE CITY OF MILLVILLE WILL INCUR CON-

SIDERABLE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, WHICH WE CAN NOT

AFFORD, AND 2) IT HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY THE STATE

THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE PROPOSED SALE BE USED TO

PURCHASE 900 UN-BUILDABLE ^{WETLANDS} ACRES AT THE NEARBY

HOLLY FARM -- WHICH WOULD BE A TRAGIC WASTE OF OUR

TAXPAYERS MONEY, WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY MORE

PRESSING NEEDS.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM ^{PERSONALLY} OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED

SELLING OF THE MENANTICO PONDS PROPERTY FOR

MANY REASONS, BUT, AGAIN -- THIS PRECIOUS

LAND WAS PURCHASED BY THE NJDEP'S "GREEN

ACRES" PROGRAM, FOR VALID REASONS -- LESS

THAN 1 YEAR AGO -- TO BE "PRESERVED IN

PERPETUITY". I IMPORE YOU TO HONOR THAT.

THANK YOU, COMMISSION MEMBERS, FOR YOUR

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THIS VERY IMPOR-

TANT MATTER.

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