



BOROUGH OF CARTERET

Daniel J. Reiman, Mayor

October 13, 2010

Mr. Scott Brubaker
NJDEP, One Stop Permitting
401 E. State Street
P.O. Box 422
Trenton, NJ 08625-0422

Re: Rahway Arch/Soil Safe Project Carteret NJ

Dear Mr. Brubaker:

I am writing to you as the Mayor of the Borough of Carteret to express my support for the project contemplated by the Rahway Arch/Soil Safe on property formerly owned by Cytec Industries. As you know, this property was used by Cytec to dispose of alum sludge used in its manufacturing process. The alum ponds were abandoned many years ago and despite having received a No Further Action Letter (NFA) some years ago, the site is essentially unusable due to geotechnical challenges. Over time, a solution must be found for the stabilization of the ponds and berms that contain the ponds, otherwise, serious consequences could result if there was a breach into the Rahway River. After having listened to the current owner's plans at several meetings, which included the Borough's engineering professional, I am satisfied that the Rahway Arch/Soil proposal accomplishes several needed goals. First, the stabilization of the ponds and berms, the creation of a habitat enhancement proposed by both The Baykeeper and Rutgers University in their reports, "Brownfields to Greenfields" and "Rahway River Greenway Plan." The creation of a commercial component representing potential jobs and a rationale for the community that would allow for the potential repository for the amended dredged material from our Marina Project. The owners have agreed to take this material at no cost to the Borough if it otherwise meets NJDEP requirements for the filling of such material. The utilization of all or some of this material would have a great positive benefit to our community. Additionally, Borough lands adjacent to the project site may be used as mitigation for our Marina and possibly incorporated into deed restrictions for the larger site later on.

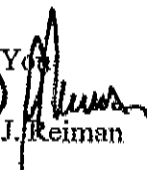
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I recognize that some of these benefits are still subject to regulatory review and may or may not materialize. Regardless, however the project is a good one and will be a vast improvement over the current property condition. Uses for the property have been tossed

around for many years without any progress or realization of an achievable plan. Prior to Rahway Arch, the property had been in review or under contract several times in the past number of years most recent as Phase II of IPORT 12 but all have been unable to deal with the geotechnical stabilization challenge that render the site unusable. For all the reasons cited, I urge NJDEP to act favorable on this project as I believe it is in the best interest of the Borough of Carteret and our State. Thank you for your kind attention to the above. Should you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to conat me.

Thank You
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Daniel J. Reiman
Mayor



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