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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:53 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents

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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents

Good afternoon.

I am following up to see if there has been any progress in addressing the issues. It has been another three weeks, and we are not aware that anything is being worked on to address any of the issues that were presented. Please advise if there is an email that was sent that I may have not received.

We continue to have unsafe trucks speeding on Route 543, they continue to engine brake (again in violation of a township ordinance), and now purposely causing noise issues beyond

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the sound/ground vibrations by blowing their horns at all hours of the day and night. (As my previous email indicated, after all the posts on a website a few weeks ago, we learned that there are some serious hateful truckers who purposely were telling other truckers to use Route 543 and not care about violating traffic laws. They also put some personal information on the site about me and my family. Then came the threats to destroy property or visit our home. We then added more cameras around our property and took other precautionary measures to ensure our family's safety. The site eventually removed some of the posts that contained personal information and threats about visiting our home.)

The resource recovery vehicles continue to use Route 543 and 628 which they are not supposed to use (there are more now than before which clearly indicates that they are willfully violating safety and supposedly the county telling Waste Management to stop the practice and have trucks use I295.)

Please let me know what is currently occurring with all the suggestions, ideas and solutions that have been presented to address the issues.

Thank you.

James A. Kolpack

From: Jim K <[redacted]>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 2:20 PM

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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents

Good afternoon,

I am following up on what the county agreed to do with reference to the dynamic speeding signs, the continued violation of resource recovery trucks using Route 543 instead of I295 and the rest of the issues addressing safety and damage.

After meeting with Mr. Brickley in February, Mr. Brickley committed the county to installing dynamic speeding signs on both sides of the road before the bridge and change in speed limit sign from 45 to 35. Mr. Brickley indicated that the township would have to request them, and that the municipality would be responsible for a cost share of the installation, police traffic control for installation and maintenance and electricity. The County would be responsible for operation and maintenance. It would be covered in a Shared Services Agreement between the county and municipality. Mr. Brickley indicated that he preferred that they would be signs that were directly connected to electrical power as opposed to the solar ones. Mr. Brickley had already verified that the electrical source and access were available at the location.

I have been made aware that the township and the county are having discussions about the installation of the signs, but that the township would like to add an additional sign before the historic town of Columbus on Route 543 where the speed limit changes. This additional sign would be very beneficial to the safety and speed deterrence of all those that live in this area. **Since the county had previously committed to the two signs being placed prior to the bridge, any costs for adding a third sign would reduce the overall costs for the work. Since this commitment came from Mr. Brickley who is the Director of Public Works (and County Engineer), we have no doubt that the signs could and would be installed.**

The county committee members indicated that they would investigate the issues with trucks using Route 543 to get to the resource recovery center or when leaving the center, making a right at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656. The County needs to carry out the one way in and out requirement. We were glad to hear that the vehicles going to and from the landfill have been given formal direction on their route and are subject to citation. Over a month after we were advised that this took place, trucks are still not complying with it. How many citations have been issued? Has Waste Management been advised that they are violating their contract with the county? See attached pictures. There is no doubt that trucks are paying no attention to the county or Waste Management. After seeing the social media posts this weekend from truckers, they are going to purposely violate the requirement. We all know that these are not local pick-ups. (Since the local pick up is performed by one company.) Again, we are not requesting a new law or regulation, we are asking for the county to enforce the requirements that are already in place.

We are also learning that truckers are using Route 543 in order to avoid I295 and the NJ State Police. The town and county should work with the NJ State Police to coordinate with their truck enforcement team to address the speeding and unsafe trucks using Route 543 and that resource recovery trucks should not be using Route 543 going to and through the historic town of Columbus.

How long will it be before something like what occurred in Philadelphia happens on Route 543? We already had a resource recovery truck explode at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 528. Trucks speeding on Route 543 whether they are carrying fuel or other potentially hazardous items can lead to the same serious death and damage that occurred in Philadelphia.

We are also looking for updates on the other bullet point items.

Thank you so much.

James A. Kolpack

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Good afternoon,

I had an opportunity to speak with Mayor Mojena last night. I greatly appreciated the call. The Mayor forwarded an email message that was supposedly sent to me on May 16, 2023. I checked all of my email folders and the email sent by Mr. Levinsky does not appear in any folder. I have attached the email. It is very surprising with all the individuals involved with these complaints over the last ten months that Mr. Levinsky, a staffer in the county's public information office would send me an email. Also, Mr. Levinsky was never copied on any of the emails that have been exchanged with the township and county. Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Brickley, always following professional protocols, copied their chain of command and others that needed to be included on emails sent to me. I spoke with Mr. Levinsky once on February 16, 2023 with reference to an OPRA request. Mr. Levinsky was not very helpful and in an unprofessional manner indicated that all I wanted was to have no trucks use Route 543. When I asked to speak to his supervisor, he refused to provide the information and then indicated that Joe Brickley was out sick.

In response to Mr. Levinsky's email:

- The "truck stop" wayfinding signs have been up for years, prior to the warehouses being built and to the changes required to the roadway and signage by the county when the proposals to build the warehouses occurred. Since the trucks can't turn around at any point on Route 543, they have no choice but to continue to speed down Route 543 and destroy the historic town of Columbus every day, twenty-four hours a day.

- As far as the signal in rest during the overnight hours of 10 pm and 6 am, the purpose of this move was to slow down the speeding trucks (and cars). Since the township has an ordinance of no engine braking, this should not be a problem. The failure to try it making assumptions continues to show the lack of cooperation by the county to attempt in any manner to resolve any of the issues.

- Mr. Brickley had suggested the dynamic speeding signs being placed on both sides of the roadway before the bridge. The deployment of these signs would alert trucks and other motorists that they are exceeding the posted speed limit on the road. This was an excellent idea (which we greatly appreciated Mr. Brickley and the county offering to do) and when we met, he confirmed that the county would agree to cover their share of the cost and time if the township covered their cost and time. I immediately advised the township of this offer the next day after meeting with Mr. Brickley. As Mr. Levinsky indicates, the township is required to request these signs and would be responsible for a cost share of the installation, police traffic control for the installation, and maintenance and electricity. To date, the County has received no request from Mansfield Township for this action.

- We agree that speeding on the road can be addressed with enforcement. This is the problem. No one wants to enforce any of the laws, regulations or requirements that are already in place. I would ask that the County please share with me their recently obtained traffic data for the road. If that can't be done, please advise and I will use OPRA to obtain that data. I will compare it to the data that I received from the township and the traffic studies performed when the warehouses were proposed.

- The data from the township's study is listed below, but in summary: A total of over **25,000** vehicles were speeding, with **6200** doing over 5 mph over 45 mph. This includes **1021** going over 56 mph and 48 going over 66 mph.

- We are glad to hear that the vehicles going to and from the landfill have been given formal direction on their route and are subject to citation. As of today, this is not being enforced by anyone at any level. This morning, there were still resource recovery trucks using Route 543 and they were not local pick-ups. (Since the local pick up is performed by one company.) **No one seems to want to address the resource recovery truck that exploded outside our house a couple months ago and continued to drive with blue and white smoke coming out of it.**

- There is still no response on putting up additional no resource recovery truck signs at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 or in the historic downtown area of Columbus stopping these vehicles from using the road with historic houses less than ten feet from the road.

- The County has not supported infrastructure improvements taking into consideration the truck traffic and speeding that is now being caused by the warehouse trucks. The increase in volume on Route 543 in the last six months went up at least 20,000 to 30,000 vehicles based on township data. What is going to occur when the last warehouse on Route 543 is completed in the next six months. We agree on the zoning issue and fully understand the home rule State, but as Mr. Brickley clearly indicated, everything to do with signs, routes, traffic, and safety is the county's responsibility because the warehouses were being built on county roads.

- Did anyone meet or discuss all of these issues with the NJ Department of Transportation? To discuss how to reduce the trucks usage of the road, especially through the historic town that was built in the 1600's? There are many areas in the township and county where there are restrictions on trucks using roads, including limits of no more than

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four tons. As I indicated in many of my emails, using I295 at the exit 56 where the truck stop is located does not in any manner greatly increase the mileage, time or overall cost instead of using Route 543. The amounts are deminimis and it is why the county required one of the warehouses that was built at that exit to expand the roadway to allow for trucks to safely enter the roadway, the truck stop and to easily access Route 206, I295 and the turnpike.

- I was asked to provide bullet points on how these issues could be addressed taking into consideration all the factors already mentioned and including time and costs to the taxpayers. I did this and as of today, there has been nothing done to address any of the bullet points.

- The **NJ State Troopers** have a great truck enforcement unit, and they are always in this area of I295. This would be another reason that trucks would not take or use I295.

- Our house and sleep (and many neighbors houses and sleep based on their feedback) continues to be affected by the sound and vibrations of the trucks. The county has yet to determine if it is ground or sound that is causing the vibrations that are damaging homes and waking residents up a night.

The idea that we voiced our concerns following all of the processes and chain of command over the last ten months and that nothing has occurred is not only disappointing but reflects how poorly government agencies at various levels work together. Responding to emails and talking to those inside your respective agencies is not considered helping resolve the issues if nothing comes from them. We are hoping that the township, county and State will not wait until someone is severely injured or killed and then do something about.

If anyone believes that we wanted any of this when we moved here a little over a year ago, they would be sadly mistaken. In the last twelve months, we had to deal with the road in front of our house widened to address warehouse traffic, our taxes going up within six months of moving in (only applied to houses sold) and dealing with trucks, speeding, and related noise that has greatly lessened the quality of life we sought.

The actions you perform to improve the quality of life for those that you serve will long be remembered more than the quality of life words that you use.

Thank you.

James A. Kolpack

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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents

Michael, (and others)

I am following up on this email to see if any of the items have been addressed either by the township, the township and the county or the county.

We realize that there are many other things that are going on, but these issues have been occurring for months. We have followed all the protocols that were asked of us and nothing has been done.

We also, with the exception of your email sent on May 19, have not received any emails from other township or county officials. We spoke to the County Commissioners at the Public meeting who indicated that they would review the information and get back to us.

The county's offer on one of the suggestions/proposals related to the dynamic speed signs is waiting for the township to respond.

The county could put up the no resource recovery truck signs along route 543, but has not completed it yet. This was a safety requirement of the contract and compliance with the county's requirement in order for the company to operate the facility.

Please provide us with an update as to the steps that are being taken to address the issues. Each day gets worse and performing the actions would greatly reduce the issues that are occurring. The numerous actions were presented based on discussions with both the township and county and were viewed in a manner as to not incur a substantial amount of costs to the taxpayer in both funds and resources.

Thank you so much.

James A. Kolpack

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Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 1:17 PM

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Michael,

I just want to be on the record as stating that you and Mayor Mojena do not understand our plight and that you are not working within your resources to handle anything related to the truck issues destroying the quality of life for those that live on Route 543.

- **Speeding is not the only aspect of the situation that lies on the Township.** We would believe that safety, truck traffic volume and any township ordinance related to trucks and vehicles (such as engine braking) along with speeding are under the Township's areas to enforce.
- It would be great for the Township and Chief of Police to describe **what is an immense speeding issue is?**
 1. A total of over **25,000** vehicles were speeding, with almost **6200** doing over 5 mph over **45 mph**. This includes **1021** going over **56 mph** and **48** going over **66 mph**.
 2. The number of vehicles using the road has increased over **30,000** in less than two years. A majority of those vehicles are trucks.
 3. Based on the Township records, **no vehicle was pulled over for any violation on Route 543 since September 2022.**
 4. Only two vehicles throughout the Township have been pulled over for any violation for over two years between 12 am and 6 am. Do we have anyone actually checking for speeding and safety on any roads in the township during those hours?
 5. Based on the number of speeding tickets issued over the last year, **it is clear that 6200 vehicles doing over 51 mph would be an immense speeding issue.**
 6. **No trucks** have been pulled over on Route 543/Columbus Rd. for any motor vehicle violation in the past two years.
 7. Three officers on May 5, 2023, at 10:49 pm assisted a vehicle that broke down on Route 543 and ended up pushing the vehicle into the driveway of our neighbor blocking the driveway for over three hours. This was a good use of resources.
 8. Is the township and county going to wait until someone is seriously injured or killed before they do something? Having the trash truck explode shaking all the houses in the area and two accidents at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 should be enough to get someone's attention besides all the speeding.
 9. We are also beginning to wonder who is financially benefiting from nothing being done about all the truck issues and speeding occurring on Route 543?
 10. The issue of the township raising our taxes within eight months of moving to the township and after we began complaining is very suspicious. Along with the facts that only new residents to the township are having their taxes raised when others have had the same land and building values for over ten years. Is this retaliation for the complaints?
- See attached email from you **"requesting a bullet point list, not a paragraph, of what you are specifically looking for from the Township as well as the County?"** In doing such, **"I'll have a better picture of what you're looking for us to accomplish."** Look forward to the Bullet Point List discussed.

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- When we spoke on April 28, 2023, for 19 minutes, during that call you indicated that **you wanted to work with me to go after the County for the truck issues that are occurring on Route 543, through the town of Columbus and the issues with all types of trucks using Route 543 to and from the Resource Recovery Center.** You indicated that the truck issues have been going on for years and that the County would not listen or do anything about it. My partner and I were surprised by the conversation and the turn around by the Township but agreed to work with you to work with the County to address the truck issues on Route 543. This is why I went to speak to the County Commissioners.
- The Township has done nothing to address the issues presented over the last nine months. The Township approved the warehouses to be built and, in the recordings, and documents, agreed to ensure that the truck traffic would not affect the quality of life for the residents of the Township. The Township (and County) is failing to do so.
- You can't continue to monitor the issue when no one is actually doing anything about the situation. It is even more difficult to do what you can in curbing speeding if not one officer ever patrols the road to see if vehicles are speeding. Our offer still stands on placing an unoccupied marked police vehicle on our property any time or anywhere near our property. This one step alone would cause all vehicles to slow down, but especially trucks.

Thank you.

James

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Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:58 PM

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James,

As you and I continue to have dialog, I just want to be on record as stating, as per the speeding study provided by the Township of Mansfield, we understand your plight, but the study is not showing an immense speeding issue. We are working within our resources to handle the only aspect of this situation that lies on the Township and that is the speeding issue. We will continue to monitor the issue and do what we can in curbing speeding.

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Good afternoon.

I am looking for an update on all the issues and potential solutions. I am still offering anyone to come to our home to experience what we are experiencing any time of the day or night. Every day is getting worse and the county camera at the intersection will prove it.

Today at about 9:43 or 9:44 am, an 18-wheeler truck went through a red light. He was assuming that it was going to turn green is all I can assume. The lack of enforcement of any of the traffic laws is becoming a serious problem.

Even something as simple of enforcing the requirements of the Resource Recover Center and the trucks using I295 should be something simple. Since the County can make the signs both quickly and economically, placing No Resource Recovery truck signs along Route 543, especially at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 and at the intersection of Route 206 and Route 543/Columbus Road in and around the town of Columbus would be quick fix to greatly reduce truck traffic on Route 543, Route 628 and through the town of Columbus.

This is also applicable to the no engine braking ordinance. Signs indicating this are up at the intersection of Route 656 and Route 130. The same signs need to be placed at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628.

Both the Township and County continue to use the term "Quality of Life" in everything that is said and done. It should no longer be used with reference to the issues of trucks on Route 543 and for the town of Columbus.

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We are pleading with you to do something. We (includes all the people that reside on Route 543, Route 628 and those that live in Columbus) should not have to live like this and we know you would not want to live like this.

We have found no law or regulation that prevents you from carrying out the solutions to resolve this problem. It has occurred in surrounding townships and counties. That includes full restrictions of trucks using roads and weight limits on roads. You also committed to trucks not using Route 543 and them affecting the quality of life when you approved the warehouses built on and around Route 543. The recorded meetings from the approval process supports this stance. The warehouses also committed to this position. Meetings and emails with our State representatives have confirmed this information. They are also still waiting to hear from the County on our complaints.

What this means is that either you really do not care or that there is something going on behind the scenes that would then require further investigation by the NJ Attorney General's office and other state and federal agencies. The township not enforcing speeding and truck safety on the road and that the county is not complying with their own set requirements, rules, ordinances, and laws, having resource recovery trucks explode and not stopping that risk on the lives of the community and not doing anything about the complaints about the trucks and speeding on Route 543 and through the town of Columbus for years is astonishing.

Thank you.

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I wanted to update you. I went to the County Commissioners meeting on Wednesday. I spoke for the four minutes I was allotted. (A very strange rule) Since I was presenting information and data, the board kindly allowed me to go over my four minutes. The full board indicated that they had not received any of my emails and did not know of my complaints. I thought that this was very odd since I was asked to meet with their Head/Lead Engineer and that I have complained about the issues for over six months. (I also brought up the issue that the Township has complained about the truck issues for years.)

The commissioners asked questions and seemed shocked by some of the data. At the end of the meeting, each Commissioner commented on my issue. I was surprised by their comments - all good and one indicated that their father lived down the street from me. They were all very respectful and understanding. I also let them know that it was my State Representatives that advised me to attend before they get involved. They also complained about the County failing to respond to their inquiries.

The NJ.com coverage has been good, and the photographer posted all the pictures. I have been receiving emails and calls from other areas of NJ seeking and willing to provide support. This includes a lot of local residents.

Hopefully both the Township and the County can address all the issues within a few weeks, but we know that things take time with local governments. The problem is, even as I write this email, the sound of the barreling trucks and engine braking is getting worse.

I also found some interesting documents pertaining to the Recovery Resource Center. The documents reference that Waste Management was contracted to operate the facility and they provided safety standards. Along with those standards is a document from the County on what they required as far as safety and traffic from Waste Management and the Center. That document specifically addresses one of the issues I have complained about. All types of trash and recycling trucks using Route 543 - Columbus road and Route 628 to get to the Recovery Resource Center. The documents require all trucks using the facility when going or leaving to use I295 - not any other route. It also needs to be enforced either by the Mansfield Police Department, the County Sheriffs and the NJ State Police. More signs need to be posted at the Route 206 interchange heading into the town of Columbus, along Route 543 and along Route 628. This could happen immediately since the County makes their own signs at their County shop. This step alone would cause a dramatic reduction in trucks using Columbus Road. Knowing that the number of trash/recycling trucks continue to increase each day and one of the trash trucks exploded (at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 and in front of homes including ours) and kept driving with smoke coming out of it is a very scary situation. It is also calls for the NJ State Police to step in and perform a truck enforcement strike force to immediately stop the trucks from using those roads.

Although I say this in each email, the traffic, noise and damage by the trucks is getting worse each day. I have no doubt that the road is being used by approximately 20 to 30 additional trucks each day on top of the hundreds of trucks already using it each day. The nights are also becoming burdensome. We are becoming very frustrated with them and the poor response in getting it addressed.

This is not the quality of life that both the Township and County rave about and the one we sought when we moved here.

Have a nice weekend.

Thank you.

Jim

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From: Jim I'

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 12:22 PM

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Good afternoon Mike.

Per our conversation and your request is the bullet point list to what the Township, the Township and the County and the County should accomplish in order to address all the issues that I have previously included in my emails.

You have been very clear that the Township can only focus on issues related to speeding. The first items are directly related to what the Township should accomplish on behalf of the residents that reside on Route 543 and on the road through the town of Columbus. Although you have no authority over what the County should do, but since you inquired, I have included the items that the Township working with the County and the County should accomplish to address the excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to the road and property, speeding on Route 543 and the growing impact the trucks are having on the quality of life for those that live on Route 543. Per our discussion, we will work with the Township to hopefully have County finally address the Township's complaints that have occurred for years about the trucks using Route 543 from the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656 to Route 206.

Township:

- Work with the County to install "dynamic speed signs" on both sides of the road where the previous digital sign was placed in December.[1]
- Request the Chief of Police to have patrols at various times patrolling Route 543 from the Turnpike overpass to Route 206.[2]
- Having officers patrolling for speeding vehicles, especially trucks would be beneficial, especially between the hours of 11 pm and 4 am. [3]
- Township contact all the owners of the warehouses on Route 543 and Amazon and request the owners of the warehouse to have their trucks and trucks that use their warehouses be required to follow GPS routes that direct them onto I295, not onto Route 543. [4]
- Township should reach out to the NJ State Police and request their assistance. The NJ State Police has an excellent Truck Safety unit and has the ability and jurisdiction to assist with controlling the speeding and unsafe trucks using Route 543. [5]

Township and County:

- The Township works with the County to perform the required studies that would have NJ DOT/DOT remove Route 543 as a truck thoroughfare/route. (County Committee members should be working towards adjusting designation of county

Route 543 from the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656 (intersection of Florence Columbus Road and Burlington Columbus Road and Route 206) as a non-truck route or a non-truck route over a certain weight which would prevent 18 wheelers, resource recovery trucks, dump trucks, hauling trucks, etc. from using the road. There could be exemptions for farming equipment and local deliveries/picking up trash/recycle) These already exist in other parts of the County and Township.

- The Township to work with the County to remove signs that direct trucks down Route 543 towards Route 206 to the truck stop. [6]
- The Township to work with the County to place signs on Route 206 heading into the town of Columbus that trucks cannot use Route 543 through the town of Columbus to Route 656, the Resource Recovery Center and the warehouses. The signs should also be placed at the intersection of Route 628 and Route 670.
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- Post signs along Route 543 from the Turnpike overpass to Route 206 and along Route 628 with the same information – resource recovery trucks are not to use these routes.[7]
- The prior item is also applicable to dump trucks. There has been a dramatic increase in dump trucks using Route 543 and Route 656 that go past our home to go to either the warehouses and/or the resource recovery center.
- Place no engine braking on all four corners at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628. This complies with the Mansfield Township ordinance.
- The Township should work with the County to reduce the 45-mph limit on Route 543 to 30 to 35 mph.

County:

- Setting the programming at the light at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 to rest in "red" versus "green" so that the trucks cannot at night just barrel through intersection.
- Remove conflicting signs that direct trucks to use Route 543 through the Town of Columbus to get to the truck stop on Route 206.

I was pleased to hear and read that the Township has complained to the County about the truck traffic for years and based on many discussions with those that live on the road, complaints about the truck traffic have also occurred for many years and have fallen on deaf ears. Now with two more exceptionally large warehouses being completed to go along with the other two already on Route 543, the time to address trucks using this road is now.

This list may have to be amended as I continually learn new things about how the Township, County and State oversee the road and trucks.

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Thank you again for indicating the Township's cooperation to address the excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to the road and property, speeding on Route 543 and the growing impact the trucks are having that is dramatically affecting the quality of life for those that live on the road.

James A. Kolpack

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Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:10 PM

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Elizabeth MacLennan

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From: Michael Fitzpatrick
Sent: Saturday, May 20, 2023 1:36 PM
To: Eric Campbell; Tim Prime; Marcial Mojena; Brian Sisz
Subject: Fwd: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents
Attachments: RE: Follow-up from previous emails and OPRA requests - Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road, Mansfield Township; RE: Traffic Study; Fitzpatrick voicemail

Tim and Eric,
I copied you on James response as I usually do as he does not include the two of you.

_____ b. This is a County problem.

Thank you,
Michael Fitzpatrick
Township Administrator
Township Superintendent
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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road (Route 543), Mansfield Township - greatly impacting the quality of life for residents

Michael,

I just want to be on the record as stating that you and Mayor Mojena do not understand our plight and that you are not working within your resources to handle anything related to the truck issues destroying the quality of life for those that live on Route 543.

- **Speeding is not the only aspect of the situation that lies on the Township.** We would believe that safety, truck traffic volume and any township ordinance related to trucks and vehicles (such as engine braking) along with speeding are under the Township's areas to enforce.
- It would be great for the Township and Chief of Police to describe **what is an immense speeding issue is?**
 1. A total of over **25,000** vehicles were speeding, with almost **6200** doing over 5 mph over **45 mph**. This includes **1021** going over **56 mph** and **48** going over **66 mph**.
 2. The number of vehicles using the road has increased over **30,000** in less than two years. A majority of those vehicles are trucks.
 3. Based on the Township records, **no vehicle was pulled over for any violation on Route 543 since September 2022.**
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 9. We are also beginning to wonder who is financially benefiting from nothing being done about all the truck issues and speeding occurring on Route 543?
 10. The issue of the township raising our taxes within eight months of moving to the township and after we began complaining is very suspicious. Along with the facts

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- See attached email from you **“requesting a bullet point list, not a paragraph, of what you are specifically looking for from the Township as well as the County?”** In doing such, **“I’ll have a better picture of what you’re looking for us to accomplish.”** Look forward to the Bullet Point List discussed.
- When we spoke on April 28, 2023, for 19 minutes, during that call you indicated that **you wanted to work with me to go after the County for the truck issues that are occurring on Route 543, through the town of Columbus**

and the issues with all types of trucks using Route 543 to and from the Resource Recovery Center. You indicated that the truck issues have been going on for years and that the County would not listen or do anything about it. My partner and I were surprised by the conversation and the turn around by the Township but agreed to work with you to work with the County to address the truck issues on Route 543. This is why I went to speak to the County Commissioners.

- The Township has done nothing to address the issues presented over the last nine months. The Township approved the warehouses to be built and, in the recordings, and documents, agreed to ensure that the truck traffic would not affect the quality of life for the residents of the Township. The Township (and County) is failing to do so.
- You can’t continue to monitor the issue when no one is actually doing anything about the situation. It is even more difficult to do what you can in curbing speeding if not one officer ever patrols the road to see if vehicles are speeding. Our offer still stands on placing an unoccupied marked police vehicle on our property any time or anywhere near our property. This one step alone would cause all vehicles to slow down, but especially trucks.

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James

From: Michael Fitzpatrick <administrator@mansfieldtwp.com>

Sent: Friday, May 19, 2023 12:58 PM

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Subject: RE: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road, Mansfield Township

James,

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As you and I continue to have dialog, I just want to be on record as stating, as per the speeding study provided by the Township of Mansfield, we understand your plight, but the study is not showing an immense speeding issue. We are working within our resources to handle the only aspect of this situation that lies on the Township and that is the speeding issue. We will continue to monitor the issue and do what we can in curbing speeding.

Thank You,
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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road, Mansfield Township

Good afternoon.

I am looking for an update on all the issues and potential solutions. I am still offering anyone to come to our home to experience what we are experiencing any time of the day or night. Every day is getting worse and the county camera at the intersection will prove it.

Today at about 9:43 or 9:44 am, an 18-wheeler truck went through a red light. He was assuming that it was going to turn green is all I can assume. The lack of enforcement of any of the traffic laws is becoming a serious problem.

Even something as simple of enforcing the requirements of the Resource Recover Center and the trucks using I295 should be something simple. Since the County can make the signs both

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quickly and economically, placing No Resource Recovery truck signs along Route 543, especially at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 and at the intersection of Route 206 and Route 543/Columbus Road in and around the town of Columbus would be quick fix to greatly reduce truck traffic on Route 543, Route 628 and through the town of Columbus.

This is also applicable to the no engine braking ordinance. Signs indicating this are up at the intersection of Route 656 and Route 130. The same signs need to be placed at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628.

Both the Township and County continue to use the term "Quality of Life" in everything that is said and done. It should no longer be used with reference to the issues of trucks on Route 543 and for the town of Columbus.

We are pleading with you to do something. We (includes all the people that reside on Route 543, Route 628 and those that live in Columbus) should not have to live like this and we know you would not want to live like this.

We have found no law or regulation that prevents you from carrying out the solutions to resolve this problem. It has occurred in surrounding townships and counties. That includes full restrictions of trucks using roads and weight limits on roads. You also committed to trucks not using Route 543 and them affecting the quality of life when you approved the warehouses built on and around Route 543. The recorded meetings from the approval process supports this stance. The warehouses also committed to this position. Meetings and emails with our State representatives have confirmed this information. They are also still waiting to hear from the County on our complaints.

What this means is that either you really do not care or that there is something going on behind the scenes that would then require further investigation by the NJ Attorney General's office and other state and federal agencies. The township not enforcing speeding and truck safety on the road and that the county is not complying with their own set requirements, rules, ordinances, and laws, having resource recovery trucks explode and not stopping that risk on the lives of the community and not doing anything about the complaints about the trucks and speeding on Route 543 and through the town of Columbus for years is astonishing.

Thank you.

James A. Kolpack

From: Jim K [redacted]

Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 12:17 PM

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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road, Mansfield Township

Good afternoon.

I wanted to update you. I went to the County Commissioners meeting on Wednesday. I spoke for the four minutes I was allotted. (A very strange rule) Since I was presenting information and data, the board kindly allowed me to go over my four minutes. The full board indicated that they had not received any of my emails and did not know of my complaints. I thought that this was very odd since I was asked to meet with their Head/Lead Engineer and that I have complained about the issues for over six months. (I also brought up the issue that the Township has complained about the truck issues for years.)

The commissioners asked questions and seemed shocked by some of the data. At the end of the meeting, each Commissioner commented on my issue. I was surprised by their comments - all good and one indicated that their father lived down the street from me. They were all very respectful and understanding. I also let them know that it was my State Representatives that advised me to attend before they get involved. They also complained about the County failing to respond to their inquiries.

The NJ.com coverage has been good, and the photographer posted all the pictures. I have been receiving emails and calls from other areas of NJ seeking and willing to provide support. This includes a lot of local residents.

Hopefully both the Township and the County can address all the issues within a few weeks, but we know that things take time with local governments. The problem is, even as I write this email, the sound of the barreling trucks and engine braking is getting worse.

I also found some interesting documents pertaining to the Recovery Resource Center. The documents reference that Waste Management was contracted to operate the facility and they provided safety standards. Along with those standards is a document from the County on what they required as far as safety and traffic from Waste Management and the Center. That document specifically addresses one of the issues I have complained about. All types of trash and recycling trucks using Route 543 - Columbus road and Route 628 to get to the Recovery Resource Center. The documents require all trucks using the facility when going or leaving to use I295 - not any other route. It also needs to be enforced either by the Mansfield Police Department, the County Sheriffs and the NJ State Police. More signs need to be posted at the Route 206 interchange heading into the town of Columbus, along Route 543 and along Route 628. This could happen immediately since the County makes their own signs at their County shop. This step alone would cause a dramatic reduction in trucks using Columbus Road. Knowing that the number of trash/recycling trucks continue to increase each day and one of the trash trucks exploded (at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 and in front of homes including ours) and kept driving with smoke coming out of it is a very scary situation. It is also calls for the NJ State Police to step in and perform a truck enforcement strike force to immediately stop the trucks from using those roads.

Although I say this in each email, the traffic, noise and damage by the trucks is getting worse each day. I have no doubt that the road is being used by approximately 20 to 30 additional

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trucks each day on top of the hundreds of trucks already using it each day. The nights are also becoming burdensome. We are becoming very frustrated with them and the poor response in getting it addressed.

This is not the quality of life that both the Township and County rave about and the one we sought when we moved here.

Have a nice weekend.

Thank you.

Jim

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Subject: Re: Complaint about excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to road and property and speeding on Columbus Road, Mansfield Township

Good afternoon Mike.

Per our conversation and your request is the bullet point list to what the Township, the Township and the County and the County should accomplish in order to address all the issues that I have previously included in my emails.

You have been very clear that the Township can only focus on issues related to speeding. The first items are directly related to what the Township should accomplish on behalf of the residents that reside on Route 543 and on the road through the town of Columbus. Although you have no authority over what the County should do, but since you inquired, I have included the items that the Township working with the County and the County should accomplish to address the excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to the road and property, speeding on Route 543 and the growing impact the trucks are having on the quality of life for those that live on Route 543. Per our discussion, we will work with the Township to hopefully have County finally address the Township's complaints that have occurred for years about the trucks using Route 543 from the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656 to Route 206.

Township:

- Work with the County to install "dynamic speed signs" on both sides of the road where the previous digital sign was placed in December.[1]
- Request the Chief of Police to have patrols at various times patrolling Route 543 from the Turnpike overpass to Route 206.[2]

- Having officers patrolling for speeding vehicles, especially trucks would be beneficial, especially between the hours of 11 pm and 4 am. [3]
- Township contact all the owners of the warehouses on Route 543 and Amazon and request the owners of the warehouse to have their trucks and trucks that use their warehouses be required to follow GPS routes that direct them onto I295, not onto Route 543. [4]
- Township should reach out to the NJ State Police and request their assistance. The NJ State Police has an excellent Truck Safety unit and has the ability and jurisdiction to assist with controlling the speeding and unsafe trucks using Route 543. [5]

Township and County:

- The Township works with the County to perform the required studies that would have NJ DOT/DOT remove Route 543 as a truck thoroughfare/route. *(County Committee members should be working towards adjusting designation of county Route 543 from the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656 (intersection of Florence Columbus Road and Burlington Columbus Road and Route 206) as a non-truck route or a non-truck route over a certain weight which would prevent 18 wheelers, resource recovery trucks, dump trucks, hauling trucks, etc. from using the road. There could be exemptions for farming equipment and local deliveries/picking up trash/recycle)* These already exist in other parts of the County and Township.
- The Township to work with the County to remove signs that direct trucks down Route 543 towards Route 206 to the truck stop. [6]
- The Township to work with the County to place signs on Route 206 heading into the town of Columbus that trucks cannot use Route 543 through the town of Columbus to Route 656, the Resource Recovery Center and the warehouses. The signs should also be placed at the intersection of Route 628 and Route 670.
- The Township to work with the County to install both ground and sound devices to monitor the vibrations caused by the trucks. These should be installed along Route 543. These vibrations are no doubt impacting the integrity of the homes, the land, the roads and the quality of life for all that live on Route 543. The vibrations may also be causing issues with the supply of water to homes through their wells.
- The Township to work with the County to stop resource recovery trucks from using Route 543 from the intersection of Route 543 and Route 656. There are posted signs that resource recover trucks are not supposed to turn right onto Route 543. They are supposed to turn left and use I295. This should be enforced.
- Post signs along Route 543 from the Turnpike overpass to Route 206 and along Route 628 with the same information – resource recovery trucks are not to use these routes.[7]
- The prior item is also applicable to dump trucks. There has been a dramatic increase in dump trucks using Route 543 and Route 656 that go past our home to go to either the warehouses and/or the resource recovery center.
- Place no engine braking on all four corners at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628. This complies with the Mansfield Township ordinance.
- The Township should work with the County to reduce the 45-mph limit on Route 543 to 30 to 35 mph.

County:

- Setting the programming at the light at the intersection of Route 543 and Route 628 to rest in "red" versus "green" so that the trucks cannot at night just barrel through intersection.
- Remove conflicting signs that direct trucks to use Route 543 through the Town of Columbus to get to the truck stop on Route 206.

I was pleased to hear and read that the Township has complained to the County about the truck traffic for years and based on many discussions with those that live on the road, complaints about the truck traffic have also occurred for many years and have fallen on deaf ears. Now with two more exceptionally large warehouses being completed to go along with the other two already on Route 543, the time to address trucks using this road is now.

This list may have to be amended as I continually learn new things about how the Township, County and State oversee the road and trucks.

Thank you again for indicating the Township's cooperation to address the excessive truck traffic, safety issues, damage to the road and property, speeding on Route 543 and the growing impact the trucks are having that is dramatically affecting the quality of life for those that live on the road.

James A. Kolpack

[1]This step at least can be a start to working towards reducing the speeding by all vehicles, but especially the trucks. It is my understanding that the municipality would be responsible for a cost share of the installation, police traffic control for installation, maintenance, and electricity. I am also under the understanding that the County is responsible for operation and maintenance. The purchasing and installation of the signs is covered in a Shared Services Agreement between the County and municipality. The County has already agreed to cover their cost per the Agreement.

[2]The lack of speeding enforcement on the road over the last two years is astonishing. It is clear from the data that speeding is occurring and that it includes all types of trucks. From time to time, even placing a marked or unmarked police vehicle along Route 543, especially near our home, will deter speeding and reckless driving.

[3]We fully understand the resource issues, but there have been many times where we have witnessed three Mansfield patrol cars patrolling Route 206 at one time. Knowing know that on average 84,000 vehicles pass our house in a week with over six thousand of them speeding beyond five miles over the speed limit is scary. How long before someone dies doing over 65 on Route 543?

[4]Since the Township knows them well after all the meetings that took place to have the warehouses approved and built, those contacts should be seamless. In many situations, the owners of the warehouses and businesses can program required routes for their drivers that send them to I295, not down Columbus Road and through the historic town of Columbus. This was a suggestion by a NJ Assembly representative.

[5]This was a suggestion by a NJ Assembly representative.

[6]The signs are old and were placed there long before the warehouses were even a thought. One of the signs is directly across the street from the front of our home. It has been documented that using I295 to go to the truck stop is less in both mileage and time.

Elizabeth MacLennan

From: Michael Fitzpatrick
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 1:29 PM
To: Marcial Mojena; Rudy Ocello; Robert Tallon; Daniel Golenda; Brian Sisz
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Subject: Trash Service
Attachments: Waste Hauler Costs.pptx

Please see attached in anticipation of Wednesday's Executive Session....

Thank You,
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Elizabeth MacLennan

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To: Rudy Ocello; Brian Sis; Robert Tallon; Daniel Golenda
Cc: Michael Fitzpatrick
Subject: Fw: Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendments 22-1 and 22-2
Attachments: memo SWAC adoption of amendments 03.30.22.pdf; Report and Recs Amendment 22-1 Plan Update 2021 03.18.22.pdf; Resolution 2022-00148 adopted 03.23.22.pdf; Report and Recommendations Amendment 22-2 Allied 03.18.22.pdf; Final Amendment 22-2 Allied Recycling Inc 03.23.22.pdf; Resolution 2022-00149 adopted 03.23.22.pdf; Agenda 02.10.22 Public Information Meeting.pdf; Agenda 02.10.22 SWAC Meeting.pdf; SWAC Membership 2022.pdf

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Members of the Committee,

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The Burlington County Board of Commissioners has adopted an update to its District Solid Waste Management Plan. As one of two host municipalities of the Solid Waste Eco Complex this is important to us, & Florence. These two amendments have been on the table for several years and it includes the planned expansion of the Eco Complex for the 3rd, and I believe final phase of this facility. ~~_____~~

For more information, please refer to the County's website at <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/907/District-Solid-Waste-Management-Plan>

Best regards,

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Subject: Burlington County District Solid Waste Management Plan Amendments 22-1 and 22-2

Good afternoon,

This transmission is to let you know that the Commissioners adopted both amendments at their meeting on March 23, 2022. The required documentation has been submitted to NJDEP for certification. Thanks to all of you for your participation in the process.

Laurie

Laurie E. van Genderen
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From: Marcial Mojena
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Cc: Michael Fitzpatrick
Subject: Fw: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

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Subject: Re: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Hello Emily,

Thank you for the update. This is good news.

Best regards,

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Subject: Re: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Good Afternoon Mayor,

I realize that it's been a while but I believe there was one more loose end that needed to be tied up related to our compliance and enforcement office. Please note that as of 2/18/22 all issues with Notice of Violation (NOV) for non-compliance with several MS4 program requirements in NJEMS from 2021 were resolved. The NOV is or will be closed, shortly. Compliance and enforcement has no issue in Mansfield.

If you have any questions or need assistance please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best,

Emily Nanneman (she/her/hers)

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Subject: Re: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Mayor,

In response to your previous question, they ship it off-site via tank truck to an approved facility that is authorized to accept such wastewater.

Below is some information I received from our Watershed and Land Management (WLM) program and our Site Remediation and Waste Management (SRWMP) programs. I'm also waiting to hear back from our Compliance and Enforcement program on some potential issues but do not have the details yet.

WLM:

We have 3 Water Quality Management Planning (WQMP) site-specific amendments pending in Mansfield:

- 2020 Industrial at Mansfield aka Segme Mansfield, Jones Farm Redevelopment
- Elion Partners
- Vanco Site Proposed Commercial Development (NFI Real Estate)

Also, though I haven't heard anything about it in a bit, we've had an ongoing issue with one resident in Mansfield. He owns a home that was approved by Mansfield in the 90s and it has a stormwater management basin on the property. Mansfield hasn't been able to produce any maintenance plans or specific information about the basin, but the approved plan of the basin does say that the homeowner is responsible for the maintenance (this violates our rules now and would violate our model ordinance back in the 90s as well. However, Mansfield has not been able to produce their ordinance from the time so we do not know if it followed the model.) He has been arguing with Mansfield and trying to get us involved to prevent him from having to do the maintenance. Last year, Mansfield agreed they would do the required maintenance but would leave the aesthetic tasks (like grass cutting, weeding, etc.) to him since those are not specifically required. We felt that met the minimum requirements of the program, but the resident was not satisfied and his lawyer has contacted us a few times since Mansfield agreed to do those tasks.

SRWMP:

No projects where we are working directly with the township, but 2 FYIs in case there is interest from the town:

1. Burlington County Landfill is located in both Mansfield and Florence Townships. We presently have a permit renewal application pending for the landfill and expect the County will be submitting an application to expand the landfill in the near future.
2. There are 4 cases in Direct DEP oversight in this town. Screenshot below.

4	PI Number	PI Name	County	Municipality	Activity Number
5					
109	020595	DELAWARE VALLEY SERVICE ASSOCIATES INC	Burlington	Mansfield Twp	LSR150001
02	595664	STA SEAL INDUSTRIES INC FORMER NAMSCO -	Burlington	Mansfield Twp	LSR130001
70	712869	SOUTHERN PARCEL	Burlington	Mansfield Twp	LSR150001
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Thank you Emily. Question, just to clarify regarding discharge of landfill leachate at the Recovery Complex, they pump that fluid out so it can be treated right? It doesn't get discharged into the ground without treatment?

Thanks,

Marcial Mojena

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Subject: Re: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Mayor Mojena,

We look forward to working with you and the township in the future.

Below is a response from our Water Resource Management program on any issues related to Mansfield. It appears that you are in the all-clear.

Surface water response:

Only issue that comes to mind is the Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex. They have a valid NJPDES discharge to surface water permit with us for the discharge of landfill leachate and stormwater; however, the landfill leachate component has not occurred since 1996 where they have been hauling off-site due to issues with meeting the NJPDES permit limits.

Groundwater/Residuals response:

No issues to note on the GW side, but the Burlington Co. sewage sludge composting facility (Burlco) is located there.

Nothing from Water Supply.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: New Mayor Meeting Follow-Up Mansfield Township (Burlington)

Emily,

Thanks to you and Kerry for your time. We appreciate the information you shared and we look forward to working with your office.

Yesterday I provided an update to our committee and informed them of your willingness to meet with both our environmental commission as well as present before our committee when necessary.

Again, thanks for you help and we'll be in touch soon.

Best regards,

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Mayor Mojena and Mr. Fitzpatrick,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us today to go over DEP's major initiatives and discuss your environmental questions.

Regarding Mansfield's past involvement with DEP, there was one recent interaction our office had with Councilperson Bob Tallon. He reached out to our office in early January to request that Kerry join a meeting on 1/13/22 with Lisa Avichal, from NJ's Office of Planning Advocacy, to discuss land use questions that he had. Kerry was unable to attend the meeting, but Mr. Tallon did send our office follow-up questions (attached) that he was hoping DEP could answer. We highlighted the questions that we believe fall under DEP's purview and shared them with our Watershed Land Management and Water Resource Management Programs to answer. The Water Resource Management Program is going to request a meeting with Mr. Tallon to better understand his questions. Please let us know if you would like to join that call once it is scheduled and we can add you to the invitation. Our office is planning to attend the meeting.

Other than that recent interaction with the councilperson, I don't have anything notable in our records about recent projects or interactions that Mansfield has had with DEP. I will follow up with the various DEP programs to see if they have anything in their records and will update you as I hear back.

A few other loose ends that we discussed:

- You can find the list of known contaminated sites in New Jersey [here](#).
- Below you can find resources for your resilience planning, including updating your master plan to include a climate hazard vulnerability assessment.
- [Local Climate Resilience Toolkit](#)
 - Page on funding
 - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/9daab51c2f5542969d50437522e012c4/page/FUNDING-AND-FINANCE-OPTIONS/>
- We were not able to find you in our records for the Master Plan Survey and were wondering if you could resubmit it. A pdf version is attached. I apologize for any inconvenience.
- You can find a link to DEP's stormwater infrastructure toolkit [here](#). I've also linked the recording of our recent climate mayor's session on stormwater management [here](#) and have attached the PowerPoint presentation.

If you ever have questions related to the master plan update or any other environmental matter, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office and we will be happy to connect you to the correct technical experts to assist you.

Best,

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