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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Boisvert and the opening statement was read by the Board Secretary.

<u>ROLL CALL</u>: Showed the following members were present: Brian Greenfield, Nicholas Huszar, John Leggio, Robert Seaman, Brian Tannenhaus, Councilman Fred Gasior, Christopher Mercer, Jackie Pike and Chairman Paul Boisvert. Joseph Cristiano was excused.

Also in attendance were Ron Cucchiaro, Board Attorney, Laura Neumann, Board Engineer, Jennifer Beahm, Board Planner, Shari Spero, Board Licensed Tree Expert, Kevin Chen, Board Traffic Expert and Eileen Rubano, Board Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: There were no minutes to approve.

VOUCHERS: None

<u>CORRESPONDENCE</u>: The Board Secretary had a letter from Kenneth Pape, Attorney for Lowes which was on tonight's agenda. Mr. Pape asked that this application be rescheduled to another date with notice as they are revising the site plans.

RESOLUTIONS:

a. Case No. SD-3010 / Samuel Neiger

Mr. Huszar made a motion to memorialize the resolution granting submission waivers to Samuel Neiger. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer and carried with Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Huszar, Mr. Leggio, Mr. Seaman, Councilman Gasior, Mr. Mercer and Chairman Boisvert voting to memorialize.

b. Case No. SP-1046A / Bank of America

Mr. Seaman made a motion to memorialize the resolution granting submission waivers to Bank of America. Motion was seconded by Mr. Leggio and carried with Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Huszar, Mr. Leggio, Mr. Seaman, Councilman Gasior, Mr. Mercer and Chairman Boisvert voting to memorialize.

c. Case No. SP-1115 / JABE Howell, LLC

Mr. Leggio made a motion to memorialize the resolution granting submission waivers to JABE Howell LLC. Motion was seconded by Mr. Greenfield and carried with Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Huszar, Mr. Leggio, Mr. Seaman, Councilman Gasior, Mr. Mercer and Chairman Boisvert voting for the motion.

SUBMISSION WAIVERS BEFORE THE BOARD: There were no submission waivers.

a. Case No. SD-2997A / Larrabee Realty, LLC

Jared Pape, Attorney for the Applicant, appeared and said this application was for an amendment to the conditions of the resolution adopted by this Board on January 6, 2022. The approval granted the minor subdivision of one lot into two lots with the property containing one single family dwelling which would be removed as a result of the application. There was a temporary variance also granted for the side yard setback for the existing residence conditioned in the resolution. The condition was that the dwelling be removed within twelve months which was January 6, 2023. Mr. Pape explained that they are requesting an extension of that condition as the house is still there due to economic conditions. They made this application in March to have the condition extended to January 6, 2024 but they would like to extend that for an additional six months to July 2024.

Board Attorney Cucchiaro asked what their time line was and Mr. Pape said they had no hard time line. Ms. Beahm, Board Planner, stated that what they were looking for was an 18 month extension on the condition of the removal of the single family dwelling. Neither Ms. Neumann, Board Engineer, nor Ms. Beahm, Board Planner took any exception to the granting of the extension.

Chairman Boisvert opened the hearing up to members of the public but since no one appeared the public portion was closed.

Mr. Tannenhaus made a motion to approve the Amended Preliminary and Final Major Subdivision application for Larrabee Realty, LLC. Motion was seconded by Mr. Seaman and carried with Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Huszar, Mr. Leggio, Mr. Seaman, Mr. Tannenhaus, Councilman Gasior, Mr. Mercer, Ms. Pike and Chairman Boisvert voting to approve the application.

b. Case No. SP-1105 / AAVRHW Property, LLC – Victory Road

SEE TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING ATTACHED.

<u>MASTER PLAN STATUS REPORT:</u> There will be a public hearing for the Reexamination Report at the next meeting.

Mr. Seaman made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mercer and carried with all members voting to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thubens

Eileen Rubano Recording Secretary

NOTE: A CD or DVD of this meeting is available on request.

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2	COUNTY OF MONMOUTH - STATE OF NEW JERSEY		
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5	REGULAR MEETING FOR:		
6	AAVRHW PROPERTY, LLC BLOCK 41, LOT 17		
7	VICTORY ROAD		
8	PRELIMINARY AND FINAL MAJOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL WITH DESIGN WAIVER RELIEF		
9	APPLICATION NO. SP-1105		
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    JEROMIE LANGE, Active Acquisitions
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2	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PAGE
3	A-44	Victory Road Widening Plan consisting of one (1) sheet prepared by Langan Engineering and Environmental	*
5		Services, Inc., dated 6/13/23	
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9	A-46	(1) sheet prepared by Bohler Engineering, LLC, dated 6/12/23	
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11	71 1,	(1) sheet prepared by Bohler Engineering, LLC, dated 8/9/23	
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13 14		of one (1) sheet prepared by Bohler Engineering, LLC, dated 6/12/23	
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		revised 8/14/23	
17 18	A-50	Architectural Floor Plans and Building Elevations consisting of two (2) sheets prepared by Mitchell and	*
		Hugeback Architects, Inc., dated	
19		3/4/22, last revised 8/17/23	
20	A-51	Architectural Rendering consisting of one (1) sheet prepared by Mitchell &	*
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22	A-52	Letter from Bohler Engineering with	*
23	A JZ	key points for Stormwater Rebuttal Testimony dated 9/22/23	
24	A-53	Proposed Topsoil Exhibit prepared by	*
25		Bohler Engineering dated 6/12/23 (*) Exhibits marked prior to commencemen	

SECRETARY RUBANO: Planning Board meeting, October 5, 2023. I hereby declare this meeting of the Howell Township Planning Board to be open. Adequate notice having been given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner:

First, on March 31st, 2023, a copy of said notice was mailed to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger;

Second, on March 31st, 2023, a copy of said notice was hand-delivered to the clerk of the Township of Howell;

Third, on March 31st, 2023, said notice was posted in the office of the Planning Board and on the bulletin board in the Howell Township

Municipal Building, 4567 Route 9, Howell Township,

New Jersey.

In accordance with the Fire Prevention Code and your safety, please be advised that this facility is designed with two emergency exits which are on the right at the front and rear of the meeting room.

Furthermore, smoking is not permitted in the municipal building.

Please take note that this meeting is

8 being videotaped for possible future broadcast on 1 2 Howell Township TV-77. 3 Thank you. CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Roll call, please. 4 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Cristiano has 5 6 been excused. 7 Mr. Greenfield? MEMBER GREENFIELD: Here. 8 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Huszar? 9 10 VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Here. SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Leggio? 11 MEMBER LEGGIO: Here. 12 13 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Seaman? 14 MEMBER SEAMAN: Here. 15 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Tannenhaus? 16 MEMBER TANNENHAUS: Here. SECRETARY RUBANO: Councilman Gasior? 17 18 COUNCILMAN GASIOR: Here. 19 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer? 20 MEMBER MERCER: Here. SECRETARY RUBANO: Ms. Pike? 21 22 MEMBER PIKE: Yes. 23 SECRETARY RUBANO: And Chairman 24 Boisvert? 25 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Here.

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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: You have a quorum.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Thank you.
    So right now we're going to stand for the Pledge of
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    Allegiance and a moment of silence for the troops
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    serving here and abroad.
                   (Pledge of Allegiance.)
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                   (Whereupon, the board continues with
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           the posted agenda.)
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                   (Application commences at 7:14 p.m.)
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Case Number
    SP-1105, AAVRHW Property, LLC, Victory Road.
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just before we
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    get started, Mr. Chair, I know we have some
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    recusals. Is that correct?
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: That's correct.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes, Mr. Tannenhaus
    and Councilman Gasior.
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So let's just
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    mark the recusals in the minutes and if those
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    recusing could step off the dais.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: And Ms. Pike has
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ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. That was going to be my next question. So everybody sitting tonight is able to vote?

5 SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes. And, Ms.

6 Pike, I left the form there, just sign it and give 7 it back.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So just, you know, by way of housekeeping we're going to start most of these hearings, I know that we have multiple attorneys. If all of the attorneys could just enter their appearances and identify the clients that they're representing.

14 ATTORNEY SIMON: Sure. Is it okay if

15 | I sit here?

SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes. That's microphone right in the middle.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Right here, right?

SECRETARY RUBANO: Yes.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen of the board, board professionals.

Rob Simon on behalf of Herold Law, here on behalf of

the applicant, AAVRHW Property, LLC, Block 41, Lot

24 | 17, Howell.

25 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel?

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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Good evening. My
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    name is Brittany DeBord. I'm with Lieberman --
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just, is she
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    close enough to the mike?
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: No. You have to
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    sit; there's a mike there.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Here is good?
                  My name is Brittany DeBord. I'm with
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    Lieberman, Blecher & Sinkevich. I represent the
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    objector neighbors.
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Can you just list
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    them?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Oh, gosh. Can I say
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    Betty Velez, et al.?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: No. Hold on, I
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    just want to make sure that the list we have is
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    accurate.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Do you all have a
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    list?
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                  MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE: Can I call it
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    out to you?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: No, you have to give
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    her the list and she has to enter it into the
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    record.
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: You know what,
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Laura, can you bring up 0-2 I think is the one 1 2 list... That might be easier. (Whereupon, a discussion is held off 3 the record.) 4 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I think we're 5 6 going to be able to get it up on the screen. 7 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Perfect. ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: If you could just 8 9 read it off the screen, and then tell me if you have 10 anybody else. 11 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. Can we zoom 12 in a little bit? 13 SECRETARY RUBANO: There's multiple 14 emails and lists so. 15 ATTORNEY DeBORD: All right. 16 clients are Mirjana Scarselli, Chris Bates, Justin 17 Gumley, Diane Lindstrom, Frances Santore, Betty 18 Velez, Edwin Woolley and Marie Woolley, as well as 19 Marianne and Robert Wagner. 20 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: We have some more 21 on another exhibit. As well as Marianne and Robert 22 Wagner. 23 Thank you. 24 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: And that's still 25 accurate as of today?

1 ATTORNEY DeBORD: To my knowledge,
2 yes.

we get into the substance of tonight, since the last time we had a public hearing we did receive several letter briefs both from the objector's attorney and the applicant's attorney. The objectors's attorney has raised an issue as to jurisdiction, which I think the board needs to resolve before moving forward.

Counsel, if you want to place your objection on the record?

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes, please. So we have a jurisdictional issue here with this application and it precipitated from an off-site improvement that was proposed at the last hearing. My understanding is that the improvement is necessary for the warehouse to operate as proposed before this board, and it is an improvement and accessway proposed on a private property at the corner of Victory Road and Route 547.

And it's not just an accessway or an improvement to the public right-of-way; it's an improvement on the private property that, I believe, is an auto body shop.

This accessway is an accessory to the warehouse and case law which I won't belabor the point, but I'm happy to answer any questions. The case law --

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, you can feel free to cite the case law. I want to make sure we have a complete record.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Right, and I will.

But the case law indicates that such an improvement should be considered part and parcel to the application even if it's off-site. And it's considered to have the same use as the application, which is a warehouse.

So what we're dealing with is an off-site improvement, it's considered part of the warehouse on private property in a different zone than the primary property is zoned, and that is in an ARE-6 zone.

None of the neighbors surrounding this property were noticed. This will cause a significant change for these neighbors. As I understand, it will facilitate truck traffic. That, in and of itself, I believe, causes a jurisdictional stopgap for this application.

In addition to that, by virtue of the

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fact that this is a different zone, the rural zone,
warehousing is not permitted in this zone, which
causes this application to need a use variance
before the zoning board. So I would respectfully
submit that we're in front of the wrong board now.
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And my final issue, and this is an issue that I was just made aware of, my understanding is that the developer intends this space to be more of a flex space; the developer has added a number of office spaces to this warehouse development and it has discussed this development as a flex space. That is not a permitted use in this zone, in this SED zone. Flex space is permitted in other zones, such as SED-2, not in this zone.

So yet another jurisdictional issue where I would submit we're before the wrong board.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Counsel, do you have a response to that?

ATTORNEY SIMON: Mr. Cucchiaro, thank you.

So as this board is aware, all these contentions began via counsel's correspondence to this board on or about August 10th.

BOARD TREE EXPERT: We don't hear you.

BOARD PLANNER: I can't even hear you.

SECRETARY RUBANO: You can pull that closer to you.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Can you hear me? I will speak up. I apologize, I will go right in front.

So as this board is aware and professionals are aware, that these issues that counsel has brought up tonight were initiated via correspondence on or about August 10th, 2023. Our office provided a written response dated August 16th, 2023, that we rely on in opposition to these so-called contentions.

There was then a response dated -- to my letter of August 16th. And my recollection is that other counsel, Mr. Gasiorowski, in particular, I believe, submitted his own letter in opposition to these contentions, I believe also dated August 16th, 2023. And I believe that counsel provided a follow-up letter on August 17th of 2023.

Now, their contention that this right-of-way improvement a half a mile away constitutes a driveway for a warehouse that is part of this application as an -- and I believe the quote was, an integral part of the ingress and egress of the warehouse, and that the applicant is proposing a

warehouse use on what will become a public
right-of-way widening is -- and I don't use this
word lightly -- ridiculous. And it's, also -- and I
don't, definitely, use this word lightly -frivolous, as a matter of fact and as a matter of

6 law.

First of all, this board is aware, well aware, that it has no authority to deny a site plan for permitted use because of any anticipated detrimental impact on off-tract traffic conditions.

That's the Dunkin' Donuts case, and I believe we actually cited to that early on with regard to these proceedings.

This easement would become part of a public right-of-way improvement once offered by an applicant in this case, our client, but it needs to be accepted as such by the township and the county and it needs to be required by this board.

And even if all those things happen, what do we have? We have nothing more than an off-tract improvement that is contemplated in the Municipal Land Use Law. In Section 42, by definition, an off-tract improvement means not located on the property which is the subject of a development application, nor on the closest half of

the abutting street or the right-of-way. And that's based on the Municipal Land Use Law definitions in Section V of the MLUL.

They then double down, "they" being the objectors, and they say, oh, well we have case law to support this. We have the Brower case and we have the Nuckel case. Well, in the Brower case the issue was whether notice was needed to be provided to property owners within 200 feet of property that was to be used by the applicant as a secondary access road to that development in question, that went through multiple private properties. And, in fact, in that case, and I am well aware of for reasons I don't need to get into, it comprised approximately 20 percent of the actual traffic to that site.

That is the Brower case. And the court in Brower characterized that second adjacent roadway not as an off-tract improvement but rather an off-site improvement, which was located outside the lot lines but within the property of which the lot is a part which is the subject of the development application.

So in Brower the secondary access road to the site was determined to be part of the

1 | property and, therefore, required public notice.

And in Nuckel, the issue was whether a developer who proposed to place a private driveway on a lot to service a hotel on an adjacent lot was required to obtain a variance since that adjacent driveway was

6 | to provide the hotel with highway access.

Neither one of those cases is remotely close to the facts of this case. We're not building a new road as part of this project. We're not building a new driveway a half a mile away as part of this project.

We're not connecting either a new road or a new driveway, let alone one a half mile away directly to our development. All we're doing here is just proposing, if required by the board, to widen a very small portion of an existing public right-of-way contained within an intersection located, again, a half a mile away as a public safety benefit that will be usable, not just exclusively by this development or those who are accessing this development, but by the general public.

The need for public road right-of-way widening improvements, sometimes, of course, in more than one location, frequently arises during the

course of a development application. Those public improvements are never part of the application notice; they're never considered for part of jurisdiction purposes.

And here, instead of criticizing, there should be an accommodation because what the applicant did here was proactively and voluntarily respond to concerns raised by the board members during this application proceeding by securing those off-tract rights under an easement to widen and enable improvements to the existing intersection of Victory Road and Lakewood Farmingdale Road.

We testified and we provided evidence that we do not believe that any of the trucks in the development will be making that right-hand turn in the first place, and it's actually not necessary to provide the easement for approval of the application.

However, if the board determines that the easement is necessary and it's accepted by the township, accepted by the county, under those circumstance the applicant is, then, willing to pay the full course -- full cost, excuse me, of the contemplated improvement.

So regardless of whether the board

requires the intersection improvements a half a mile 1 away from the property as contemplated by the 2 easement, regardless of that, those easement rights 3 were not required to be secured prior to any vote on 5 this application. And the easement has nothing to do with direct access to or from the property or 7 with providing utility or other services to the property. It was secured in advance on a purely 8 voluntary basis to benefit not only the applicant, 9 10 but the entire community. 11 And we do contend that it is not only 12 unprecedented, not only ridiculous, but, yes, 13 frivolous, with no legal support whatsoever to make 14 these claims. 15 I also am forced to respond, there was 16 another letter that was submitted two days ago --17 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, let's deal 18 with the first two issues. ATTORNEY SIMON: Go ahead, yes. 19 20 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: The second issue 21 that counsel raised had to do with, perhaps, the 22 evolution of the use that is being proposed. 23 Do you have a response to that? 24 ATTORNEY SIMON: So there was a,

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notice, they're making a claim that this is an application for flex space and that flex space is not permitted in the zone.

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application is what was submitted by this board.

There has been no comment about the fact that

warehouse use is a permitted use in the zone. This

is an application that does not require any form of

use variance. It doesn't even require any form of

bulk variance.

This is a warehouse application.

And to say that, oh, well, I heard things, and that now we believe this is a flex application and, therefore, it is not permitted in the zone, is not a --

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, just a question. Is there -- a plan has been submitted that increased the number of office spaces as asserted by the objector?

ATTORNEY SIMON: Any plan that was submitted, that plan, actually, we're not going to be relying on that plan.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I don't understand that.

ATTORNEY SIMON: So we submitted in advance, as a courtesy to this board, exhibits that

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    application. We're not relying on that plan.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: What am I talking
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: The objector
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    claims that the number of office spaces has
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    increased since you filed the application.
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    same in terms of the number of office spaces?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: My apologies, I
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    misunderstood your question. Yes, it's the same.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. We'll get
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    to the most recent letter after we deal with these
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                  Counsel, do you have anything more you
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25 ATTORNEY DEBORD: With regard to the

accessway, I guess my question is who is benefiting from this accessway?

I strongly, strongly doubt that the developer is doing this solely out of the goodness of their heart. And, in fact, why would they include this accessway as a component of their application if that were the case?

The Brower Development Corp. case is, in my opinion, spot on. It addresses an access road that serves the development, an off-site access road. And the question isn't are we parsing out the size of the access road or what it does; the question that the court was asking was this: With respect to notice, will the people around this off-site property be significantly affected by its construction?

That was the question in the Brower case. The court decided that it was, and that the people around the other lot needed to be noticed because this was an important component that would significantly impact them, that was part of the primary development.

This is the same case here. The people around this intersection area should be noticed.

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    complying with the Land Use Regulations. It just
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    doesn't; they still need a variance.
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    finish.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: So, in short, that's
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    my conclusion, the developer cannot get around the
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    Land Use Code and propose a component of its
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    application and simply say that these people
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    shouldn't have been noticed and that they don't need
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And I will say if the board decides to continue with this application, I would ask that we

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                  BOARD PLANNER: I'm sorry, what zone?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Respectfully, it's a
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    is very different. It's governed by Section 42 of
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It has nothing to do with this

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purposes of permitted uses, for purposes of notice.

read all of the various letter briefs, looked at the case law, I have listened to the arguments today.

I would, first, counsel the board to not consider the characterization of the arguments, you know, words like "ridiculous" and "frivolous," that's not anything this board needs to concern itself with; it's reviewing merits of the arguments. They have both been well argued.

I did take a look at the Brower case.

I was familiar with it. And the Nuckel case. We also looked at the cases where these cases have been cited, like the J. Star case, Conte v. Smith,

Lakewood Realty Associates, the Angel case. And what these cases have in common is that they involved access drives that were very direct; they were on adjoining properties and they were direct to the property that was the subject of the application. And the purpose of it was to provide access solely to that property.

Here the improvement is not the same, or the proposed improvement is not the same; it's not on an adjacent property providing an access drive simply to this property to facilitate ingress

and egress through this property. It's a traffic improvement some distance away, and everyone that drives the road is going to be able to use it. It's not anything that is necessary to ingress and egress of the property where it would become part of the application.

So I find that, and my counsel to the board, and my recommendation to the board, is that Brower and Nuckel are distinguishable and do not require a 200-foot notice from that property.

Ancillary to that argument is whether there needs to be a land use approval on that property. That is not before this board. So, I mean, you know, there may be a time when permits are being sought, and there are changes to that property and there may be the need for a land use approval; we'll see if and when that happens.

So that's my recommendation; my recommendation is that those cases do not deprive the board of jurisdiction.

On the secondary issue, I don't know what the banter is about in the community; I don't know what goes over on websites or what people say to each other or what may be contemplated in the future. What I do know is what is being applied

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counsel is talking about, a flex use with the extra

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That's why I asked the question,
whether the application had changed. I don't know
what the applicant wants to do in the future, and,
quite frankly, it's none of this board's business at
this juncture. There's an application that's before
the board; that's the application that we consider,
not an application that might be, hypothetically,
coming sometime in the future.

So I feel on both of those issues that the board has jurisdiction.

Mr. Chair, if the board wants to take a straw vote on whether it believes it has jurisdiction or not?

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yeah, we certainly can do that.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So having heard the arguments of both counsel, we'll take a formal motion.

Is there a formal motion that the board determines that it still retains jurisdiction?

MEMBER PIKE: I'll make a motion.

SECRETARY RUBANO: Can you turn on

your mikes. 1 MEMBER PIKE: I'll make a motion. 2 SECRETARY RUBANO: Thank you. 3 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: I need a second. 4 VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: 5 Second. SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Greenfield? 6 7 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes. SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Huszar? 8 9 VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Yes. 10 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Leggio? MEMBER LEGGIO: Yes. 11 12 SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Seaman? 13 MEMBER SEAMAN: Yes. SECRETARY RUBANO: Mr. Mercer? 14 15 MEMBER MERCER: Yes. 16 SECRETARY RUBANO: And Chairman Boisvert? 17 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes. 19 SECRETARY RUBANO: Motion carries. 20 MEMBER LEGGIO: Mr. Simon, could I 21 just ask you? If you remember the testimony from 22 your traffic professional, I don't remember her 23 name, this whole issue with that intersection, okay, 24 was brought up for me. Okay? 25 And at first there was never, ever

going to make -- a truck going to make a right-hand turn onto 547 heading towards the warehouse into Lakewood, okay. We argued. Me and her argued a little bit; went back and forth, okay. It was never -- she never, ever agreed to that; no way, they'll never make a right-hand turn. And then a couple meetings later she came back and had this whole new deal; we're going to widen the road for you, move the telephone pole, because, you know what, maybe the trucks will make the right-hand turn, okay.

So, you know, I disagree with what you said that, you know, you're doing this, you know, as a favor to the town or a favor to the residents.

That's not true because you guys have testimony saying that if that's what needs to be done, that's what will be done. You know, go back in the minutes and look at it, you know, your traffic expert said that.

So, you know, I disagree with some of your testimony. And I disagree wholeheartedly that this -- at the end of the road doesn't, you know, require maybe some other look at from our zoning board or something, but that's, you know, I'm not an attorney or one of our paid professionals.

All, right, sir. That's all.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So,

Mr. Simon, then, you wanted to address the most recent letter?

5 ATTORNEY SIMON: Yes. Thank you,

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Mr. Cucchiaro. And, just very briefly, just because it was only submitted two days ago and I didn't have a chance to provide a written response, but I would like to briefly respond right now.

So there was a letter dated, I believe, October 3rd from counsel. And they talk about the issue of the applicability of a new inland flood protection rules that are part of regulations promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. And the argument goes that under section -- I think the argument goes, under Section 10.5 of the Municipal Land Use Law, while there's a provision that states there that any development regulations that are in effect from the date of submission of an application for development shall govern, but that if there is an ordinance that relates to health and public safety that is adopted subsequently, then that ordinance potentially could be applicable to any application after it is being deemed complete.

And I believe that counsel's argument is that the new inland flood protection rules that were adopted I think around July -- was it July 13 of 2023, thereabouts -- apply to this development, to this application because it affects health and public safety. That is not correct.

So, first of all, the new inland flood protection rules are not an ordinance. Section 10.5 only talks about ordinances. And, in fact, in the what is called the "Cox book," now the Cox and Drill and Lisa John-Basta book --

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: The Cox and Koenig book.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Yes. And Koenig, of course, Stuart Koenig.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: It states that
Section 10.5 only applies to municipal ordinances.
So the flood protection rule cannot be considered as
an exception to the Time of Application Rule for
health and public safety reasons, end of story.
There is no case law to the contrary. There is no
statute to the contrary. There is no regulation to
the contrary.

Furthermore, the Inland Flood
Protection rules modified two sections, two

regulations: The flood hazard control act, which is Section 7:13; as well as the Stormwater Management Rules, that's N.J.A.C., Section :8.

This project does not require a flood hazard permit. So Section 7:13 that is cited by objectors' counsel in their letter of October 3rd is completely inapplicable. The correct citation has to do with the Stormwater Management Rules in Section 7.8.

And even if I was wrong -- which I'm, respectfully, not -- in terms of interpretation of the Time of Application Rule or statute under

Section 10.5 of the Municipal Land Use Law, there is a grandfathering clause in the Stormwater Management Rules that basically says that any application that was -- in this case, the freshwater wetlands application for the applicant, which included stormwater review -- if deemed technically complete -- in this case prior, which is on April 4th, 2022, and Technical Review began on April 26th, 2022 -- because it was a complete application submitted to the DEP on or after March of 2021 and prior to July 17 of 2023, the project is subject to the stormwater rules in effect on March 2nd, 2021.

So it's actually stated in the amended

stormwater rules that the new inland flood hazard rules that came about in mid-July of 2023 do not apply.

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And, in fact, ironically, during the comments that were published with regard to the proposed Inland Flood Protection rules that a certain member of the public said, hey, you know, when you're considering finalizing these Inland Flood Protection rules you should utilize what is utilized in Section 10.5 to have exceptions for public health and safety. And the DEP responded to that and they actually said in response, and this is published in the New Jersey Register [as read]:

"In cases where an applicant has proposed a major development and applied for a freshwater wetlands permit, which triggered a review of stormwater management, the rules in effect at the time of the DEP application govern the department's review of the project. The department cannot retroactively apply newly adopted standards to projects that were submitted prior to the rule-making in question."

So for that reason, as well, that there is no exception to the Time of Application Rule in

Section 10.5 of the Municipal Land Use Law.

And, finally, I believe that there was a comment having to do with our Environmental Impact Report and that it doesn't address alternative plans that could be developed on the -- on the site. In response to that I will tell you, if you look at Page 5 of the Environmental Impact Report, it specifically talks about project alternatives, such as a no-build alternative, as well as alternative uses. And as I stated, probably in the second sentence before this board at the commencement of this application proceeding, this board is now aware that a solar panel application was submitted for this property to the Board of Adjustment and denied.

Notably, you know, the Environmental Impact Report has been submitted for review by the board and we have not heard anything about the report being insufficient.

Furthermore, should the board ultimately find that it's not in compliance for some reason, which we contend that it is, the board has the right under the ordinance to waive portions of a requirement for an Environmental Impact Report that a particular section is not needed in order to adequately evaluate the environmental impact of a

particular project.

That being said, we submit, as I just stated, that we did submit what is required under the ordinance for the Environmental Impact Report. So I just wanted to touch on that because it was raised via the letter of October 3rd.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, do you want to make any comments with regard to the most recent letter brief submitted?

ATTORNEY DeBORD: The MLUL statute that was cited governs the authority of the municipality. We're not talking about the DEP's authority over the Inland Flood Protection rule; we're talking about the municipality's authority.

The municipality must adopt the Inland Flood Protection rule. They have no choice. If there's not an ordinance now, there will be. The municipalities can't have less protective stormwater protections than the state.

The MLUL statute in question permits a municipality, when there's a question of health and safety, to leapfrog the Time of Application Rule in order to be more protective with regard to whatever development is being proposed.

I think it's undisputed that flooding

is a safety issue. This MLUL statute gives the municipality the authority to consider if it wants to apply the Inland Flood Protection rule. We submit that it should in this case.

This property will have an enormous impact on stormwater. I think that's undisputed. It's a huge warehouse.

We would like to provide testimony from our expert, Mr. Goll, that the application would look significantly different if the Inland Flood Protection rule were to be applied. And that has -- that has meaning; it has meaning to the neighbors around this site.

If there's flooding in the future, are we going to question should we have applied that

Inland Flood Protection rule? Why not be overly cautious? Why does the applicant try to avoid being overly cautious to protect its neighbors?

I think in this case the board can step in, the municipality can step in and decide, okay, we want to apply this more protective rule for the safety of everyone around us.

And with regard to the Environmental Impact Statement, I have no further comment.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chairman, I

just have a question for our board's professionals.

So under the Time of Application Rule, an applicant has vested rights in the ordinances as they exist at the time of application is deemed complete, generally speaking. There is an exception for health and human safety.

But my question is, has the township's ordinance changed at all for stormwater management since the filing of this application?

BOARD ENGINEER: No.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: No? So there's no -- there's no ordinances that we would apply in place of the one that exists at the time that this application was filed?

BOARD ENGINEER: Correct.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So with that said, Mr. Chairman, we can't replace the ordinance with an ordinance that doesn't exist under the Time of Application Rule.

With regard to, you know, other arguments that counsel has made, I don't think we need to opine at all with regard to whether they're going to be -- what rules they'll be subject to with the NJDEP. That's an outside agency approval. That process will take its course, and they will need to

have approvals.

But with regard to our local ordinance, the ordinance hasn't changed; there is no new ordinance to replace the current ordinance with. So my recommendation is that The Time of Application rule is not an issue with regard to the stormwater management regs.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okav.

additional statements in the letter, and I think applicant's counsel wanted to provide some arguments with regard to additional testimony that the objector wanted to put on tonight?

ATTORNEY SIMON: Well, so let me try to summarize where I think we are procedurally with regard to the application.

So the last thing that happened was that Mr. Lieberman had the opportunity and asked a few questions of our traffic consultant, Ms. Pehnke. And then he stated he had no further questions.

So what we stated was going to happen next and what we intend to proceed with tonight, is to provide some rebuttal testimony from our engineer in response to some of the comments made by the objectors' expert, Mr. Goll.

At that point counsel would have the right to, certainly, cross-examine any of that additional testimony or new testimony that we're presenting tonight. Once that is -- and, obviously, board professionals and members of the board.

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Once that is done and that witness concludes testimony and cross-examination by objectors' counsel, at that point I believe what should happen and what was contemplated or is contemplated, is that all of our witnesses that have provided testimony in support of this application from the very beginning, be made available to the public for questions by members of the public.

Understanding that Mr. Lieberman's office would be done with all questions because they have already had the opportunity to ask those questions, with the exception of any new testimony that is being presented tonight.

And then the board would proceed, I believe, presumably, with public comment on this application.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yes.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I think that's an accurate restatement of what happened. However, I

don't think there's any, you know, constitutional 1 2 harm or any statutory impediment to the board allowing additional cross-examination from counsel 3 for the objectors tonight. 4 And, then, I think there was an 5 6 additional witness, counsel, you said you wanted to 7 put up tonight? 8 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes. Mr. Chair, I 9 would like to cross-examine the traffic expert 10 again. 11 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, I just 12 recommended that that be permitted so. 13 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. Then I won't 14 belabor the point. 15 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Unless you want 16 to argue with me about that? 17 ATTORNEY DeBORD: I do not. 18 ATTORNEY SIMON: With the 19 understanding that if any, you know, subject matter 20 that was already covered, that there shouldn't be a 21 repeat of those questions. 22 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: As is the rule 23 for anybody cross-examining, the Chair reserves the

right to, you know, limit anything that is

repetitive or irrelevant.

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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Not a new witness.
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair, I
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    think that's all the procedural issues.
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Not that I'm aware
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So let's
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    get started.
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                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thank you.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Before we get
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    for some rebuttal testimony Tung-To Lam, please, our
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    you remain under oath. Could you state and spell
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    your name for the record again.
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, go ahead.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: If you could pull
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    that mike now closer. Perfect. Thank you.
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EXAMINATION

ATTORNEY SIMON: So, Tung-To, as part of your work on this application you recently submitted or authored a letter to this board dated September 22nd, 2023; is that correct?

TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.

ATTORNEY SIMON: And that letter has been marked as A-52 for Identification, correct?

10 TUNG-TO LAM: Yes, correct.

ATTORNEY SIMON: And that letter provides a summary with regard to some stormwater rebuttal testimony with reference to certain exhibits that have been previously submitted to the board, correct?

TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.

ATTORNEY SIMON: So I'm going to ask you to summarize the letter of September 22nd, 2023, going through each enumerated item. And just explain a little bit what each refers to.

TUNG-TO LAM: Will do.

Starting with the September 22nd letter, also known as Exhibit A-52, Point Number 1 is about the topsoil. There was a question if we're keeping it on-site. This is an affirmative; we are

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keeping the topsoil on-site and we're not exporting
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    it off-site.
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                  And that is Exhibit A-53, for the
3
    topsoil exhibit that we prepared.
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: So A-53, Proposed
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    Topsoil Exhibit, prepared by Bohler Engineering,
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    dated June 12th, 2023, that is what 1A is referring
    to?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Please proceed,
    Number 2.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Point Number 2 is the
13
    summary under difference between point analysis
14
    A -- sorry, Point Analysis 1 and Point Analysis 2.
15
    We have, in a chart form, provided that summary for
16
    the two-year storm, 10-year storm, 25-year storm,
17
    and 100-year storm.
18
                  So the information has been provided
19
    the same as the table in the stormwater report but
20
    we just summarize it in a table format for
21
    everyone's purpose.
22
                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Moving on to Number 3.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Number 3, there was a
24
    question about the French drain detail, whether
25
    there was infiltration or not. We have added an
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impermeable liner on three side of the French drain,
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    and keeping the top as filter fabric as previously
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    designed to eliminate any alleged groundwater
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    comments from the objector.
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                  So on the three sides of the French
 5
6
    drain will be an impermeable liner, and on the top
7
    will still remain as the filter fabric.
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: And does 3A of your
8
    September 22nd letter refer to a particular exhibit?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Sorry. That is Exhibit
    A-47, which is up on the screen right now.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: So that's entitled
13
    French drain exhibit consisting of one sheet
    prepared by Bohler Engineering, dated August 9th of
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15
    2023?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Please proceed
18
    through the letter.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Point Number 4 is about
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    if we modelled the existing embankment or not, and
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    in coordination with your board professionals, CME
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in coordination with your board professionals, CME
and their review of our design, we did, in fact,
model the embankment, two of them, for existing E1
and E2. And they do have an impact. And for E1,
because we modeled an embankment, there's difference

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    between 15 to 19 percent, and that was provided in
1
    the stormwater report that has been reviewed by your
2
    board professional.
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                  And, similarly, under E2, it ranges
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    from 10 to 32 percent in difference of stormwater
    runoff. And we did, in fact, include those
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7
    empowerment in our models already.
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Moving on to Number 5.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Number 5, we would like
10
    to bring up Exhibit A-48, which is the anti-seep
11
    collars exhibit, prepared by Bohler, dated
12
    June 12th, 2023.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON:
                                    So why don't you
14
    explain what the purpose of this exhibit submission
15
    is.
16
                   TUNG-TO LAM: There was a question
    about this trench, the stormwater trenching and the
17
18
    groundwater elevation. And the anti-seep collar is
19
    to address that.
20
                  And we have located the location on the
21
    plans on which the pipe run will have that feature.
    And that is shown on Exhibit A-48.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Moving on to Number 6.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Moving on to point
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Number 6 is about the pipe joints; what type of pipe

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joints are we using for this project, if they're
1
    watertight or soiltight.
2
                  So if we refer to Exhibit A-46, titled
3
    Pipe Joints Exhibit, prepared by Bohler, dated
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5
    June 12th, 2023. Once, again, we went through and
    looked at the geotech information and our stormwater
6
7
    design, and we highlighted the pipe runs, if they
    are soiltight or if they are watertight joints.
8
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Is that in reference
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10
    to A-46?
11
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes, the pipe joints is
12
    shown on A-46.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON:
                                    That's dated
    June 12th of 2023?
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15
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
16
                  Point Number 7 we'll skip in order to
17
    give back precious time to the board members.
18
    was about the grandfathering of the stormwater regs.
19
    That has been discussed already.
20
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: That was part of the
21
    discussion I had with counsel just a few minutes
22
    ago, correct?
23
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
24
                  Skipping ahead to Point Number 8, it
25
    was about whether soil replacement was required for
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the various basin or not. In summary, Basin-1,
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    Basin-2, Basin-3 and Basin-4, soil replacement are
2
3
    proposed and that has been part of the application
    already.
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                  Basin Number 5 we're not proposing any
 5
    soil replacement. And that's consistent with the
6
7
    plans that has been previously submitted.
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: And, finally, Number 9.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: The last point, Point
10
    Number 9, there was a comment about the 25 trees
    that are proposed on the side of the basins. We
11
12
    reviewed the landscape plan and we think that the
    trees and the shrubs, the landscaping will actually
13
14
    help keeping the soil in place and we believe that
15
    is a good practice.
16
                  And the berm, the side slope that the
17
    objector is talking about, is only 2 to 3 feet high.
18
    And trees are proposed on the interior side of the
19
    slope. There's no safety or stability of the
20
    embankment being an issue.
21
                  And that concludes my testimony.
22
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: We have nothing
23
    further from this witness.
24
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you have any
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    other witnesses?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: I do not, other than
2
    making our witnesses available for
    cross-examination, as we discussed.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Your affirmative
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    case is concluded?
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: For now, subject to
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7
    anything that anyone may state.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, do you
9
    want to cross-examine?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes, please.
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                  EXAMINATION
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Good evening,
15
    Mr. Lam. My name is Brittany DeBord. I have a few
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    questions for you. First is with regard to the
    French drain. And can I ask whoever is controlling
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    the screen to -- perfect.
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                  Mr. Lam, the change you made to the
20
    French drain proposed for the site, that involves
21
    impermeable -- an impermeable layer; is that
22
    correct?
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: And that impermeable
25
    layer, it wraps around the drain on three sides and
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then there's still filter fabric on the top of the
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    drain; is that true?
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Did you make this
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    change in response to my expert's concerns about the
    seasonal high groundwater table?
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                  TUNG-TO LAM: We made this change
    because, we thought it was a silly comment, but we
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    don't want argument here, so we did it.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I'm sorry, I
11
    didn't -- could you just repeat that?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: We made the change based
13
    on comments from the objector. We didn't feel like
14
    it was necessary to argue the point, so we simply
15
    added the impermeable liner on three sides to
16
    address that issue.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The concern was that
19
    the seasonal high water table was above the French
20
    drain.
21
                  Is that your understanding of the
22
    concern?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Wait, wait.
24
    Objection. Concern relating to what? In what
25
    context is your question?
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ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Simon, we 1 2 can't hear you. ATTORNEY SIMON: I'm sorry. I just 3 posed an objection because I didn't hear the context 4 5 within which the question was asked. So if you can repeat the question with a foundation. 6 7 Thank you. ATTORNEY DeBORD: Sure. 8 9 Mr. Lam, you indicated that you made 10 this change in response to our expert's testimony 11 about the seasonal high groundwater table. And my 12 question to you is, was your understanding of his 13 testimony of his concern about the water table, that 14 it was above the French drain; in other words, in 15 elevation, the groundwater was above the French 16 drain? 17 ATTORNEY SIMON: Do you understand the 18 question? 19 TUNG-TO LAM: No. 20 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Help me understand 21 what your understanding was of my expert's testimony 22 about the seasonal high groundwater table and why 23 you made this change. TUNG-TO LAM: We made --24 25 Well, wait, wait, ATTORNEY SIMON:

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wait. I'm going to -- I'm going to object because
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    you can't ask him what's his understanding about --
    about testimony.
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                  If you have a question, ask him a
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    question and you'll have an answer.
                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair, the
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    Rules of Evidence are not strictly applicable. But
    in this instance the answer was there was an
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    objection, they were comfortable with the design as
10
    it was proposed, but in order to eliminate the
    objection they modified the plan.
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                  So, I mean, that's -- I think that was
13
    his answer.
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                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay, fine.
                                                  Let me
15
    ask you another question.
16
                  How do you believe the impermeable
17
    layer will alleviate concerns about the height of
18
    the seasonal high groundwater table?
19
                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Brittany, I'm sorry,
20
    what are you referring to when you're asking the
21
    question?
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                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: I am referring to
23
    the change in his design.
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: What in particular;
25
    is there an exhibit?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: There's a single
2
    change in the design, which was the addition of the
    impermeable liner.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Right, which -- I'm
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    not trying to be argumentative, just tell me what
    exhibit you are referring to?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: This very exhibit.
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: And which exhibit is
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9
    that?
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: A-47.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: 47? Thank you.
12
                  Okay, if you can repeat the question?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD:
                                    So my question to
14
    you is do you believe that this impermeable liner
15
    that you added, this change to your design, will
16
    alleviate the concern about the seasonal high
17
    groundwater table being so high and potentially
18
    above the French drain?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Objection in that
20
    there's a concern. But if you understand the
21
    question, you can answer the question.
                   TUNG-TO LAM: We didn't have a
22
23
    concern. I said we added the liner to avoid
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    arguments.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO:
                                        So, then, just
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more in tune with the question, if you made the
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    change based upon the argument that was made, then
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    you believe that it addressed the argument?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So the testimony
6
    is that the new -- they believe or this witness
7
    believes that the new design addressed the argument
    that was raised and the concerns associated with it.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Mr. Lam, is the
9
10
    seasonal high water table above the elevation of
    this French drain?
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12
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Above which elevation?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The relative
14
    elevation?
15
                  Is the seasonal high groundwater table
16
    above the French drain; is it above relative to the
17
    French drain -- the pipe? Excuse me.
18
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I don't think
19
    that's a difficult question. I mean, you're
20
    familiar with the high water table, correct?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes. I'll check.
21
                                                    I am
22
    looking for the number.
23
                  Yes, there's some area of the pipe
24
    length where the seasonal high water is above the
25
    invert of the pipe.
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ATTORNEY DeBORD: So do you believe
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    there is a likelihood that this pipe will redirect
    groundwater in the location of the pipe towards the
3
    infiltration basins?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM:
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6
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Why not?
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                  TUNG-TO LAM: My answer is no.
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, she asked
8
    -- that's a conclusory answer. It has to be based
9
10
    upon something.
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Just looked at the pipe,
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12
    we added an impermeable liner around it. We got
13
    data around the site. We've done multiple rounds of
14
    geotech on this site.
15
                  We have actual information about this
16
    site that we gathered, and that's what my
    information is based on.
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18
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The detail that
19
    we're looking at right now, the French drain detail,
20
    the caption to the right of the pipe says, "As
21
    determined in field to capture subsurface seepage."
22
                  Would you agree that subsurface seepage
23
    is groundwater?
24
                  TUNG-TO LAM: No.
25
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: What is subsurface
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1
    seepage?
2
                   TUNG-TO LAM: That water is coming in
3
    on the top of the pipe, where we designed it for.
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay, but that's
 4
    water that enters --
5
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: What is the
6
7
    difference between subsurface seepage and
    groundwater? Like, is there a different definition
8
9
    for both of those terms?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: I believe the objector
11
    is referring to the groundwater, and our design
12
    intent to is capture the surface runoff, which is
13
    why we left the top layer as a filter fabric.
14
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Counsel.
15
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: What I'm trying to
16
    understand, and I won't belabor the point for the
17
    interest of time, but why is it that you believe the
18
    seasonal high water table is over the filter fabric,
19
    which is -- the filter fabric is meant to take in
20
    the water seepage; is that right?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
21
22
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: So if the seasonal
23
    high groundwater water is above that filter fabric,
24
    how in the world does that water not get redirected
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by the French drain?

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                   TUNG-TO LAM:
                                 That was not my
2
    testimony; that's your testimony.
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: No, I'm asking.
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                                                       I'm
4
    asking you.
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: She's not
5
    offering testimony.
6
7
                   TUNG-TO LAM: I never said the
    seasonal high groundwater was above the filter
8
9
    fabric. Those were not my words.
10
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, perhaps you
    could clarify what your testimony was.
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12
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thanks.
13
                   TUNG-TO LAM: I said we propose an
14
    impermeable liner on three sides because the
15
    objector had a concern that the seasonal high
16
    groundwater would enter the French drain.
17
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. So is it your
18
    testimony that the seasonal high water table does
    not exceed the elevation of the filter fabric?
19
20
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
21
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And based on what;
22
    what is that testimony based on?
23
                  Have you done any calculations or
24
    modeling?
25
                  TUNG-TO LAM: We have gone out there,
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gathered test pits, recorded data throughout the
1
    site, and based on what we have and what is shown on
2
3
    the plans, that's what we designed it for.
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Is there any
5
    specific data that we can look at that suggests that
    the seasonal high water table will never exceed the
6
7
    filter fabric in elevation?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: The information is
8
9
    already submitted in the stormwater report.
10
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay. But you can't
    recall sitting here?
11
12
                   TUNG-TO LAM:
                               No.
13
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay.
                                            Is there ever
14
    a scenario where the water table may exceed the
15
    filter fabric; say heavy storms, unseasonably high
16
    water table, any scenario?
17
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Not likely.
18
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD:
                                     Why not?
19
                   TUNG-TO LAM: We gathered the
20
    information based on NJDEP requirements, and based
21
    on the information that we have, it's not likely.
22
                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: And, in practice,
23
    you believe that this French drain will never take
24
    on groundwater?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: It has been designed not
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to.
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2
                   ATTORNEY DEBORD: That was not my
    question. In practice, you don't believe this pipe
3
    will ever take on groundwater?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: It's not what we
5
6
    designed for.
7
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: That's the
    answer, Counsel.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I'm happy. Thank
10
    you.
11
                   All right, let's move on to the
12
    anti-seep collars. This is A-38. That was fast,
13
    thank you.
14
                  Mr. Lam, you added the anti-seep
15
    collars -- and this is my understanding, correct me
16
    if I'm wrong -- to address the concern that the
17
    subterranean piping you proposed will act as a
18
    conduit for groundwater flow.
19
                  Is that right?
20
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
21
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And you indicate in
22
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your rebuttal letter that the anti-seep collars were proposed in order to retard groundwater from flowing within those conduits.

Is that right?

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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Within the stormwater
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    trench, yes.
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I think the question
3
    is, do you believe that the anti-seep collars will
4
5
    actually stop the groundwater flow around the
    conduit, or simply slow it down?
6
7
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Stop.
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And based on -- I'm
8
    reading your letter and it doesn't suggest that; it
9
10
    says it would retar groundwater flow.
                  But you're telling me that you
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12
    actually, in fact, believe that the collars will
13
    stop groundwater flow completely?
14
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
15
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Have you seen this
16
    in action; have you utilized anti-seep collars
17
    before for the purpose of stopping groundwater flow
18
    along a conduit?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Not exactly.
19
20
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Have you ever used
21
    this as a solution for this problem?
22
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
23
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Objection.
24
    you mean by "problem"?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Oh, sorry. Excuse
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    me.
2
                  Have you, Mr. Lam, in the course of
3
    your work as an engineer, have you ever utilized
    before anti-seep collars to address concerns about
4
5
    groundwater flow along subterranean conduits?
                   TUNG-TO LAM:
6
                                 Yes.
7
                   ATTORNEY DEBORD: Can you give some
    examples of projects where you have done that?
8
9
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Similar case for a sewer
10
    pipe.
11
                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: And can you be more
12
    specific?
               What town?
13
                   ATTORNEY SIMON:
                                    If you recall.
14
                   TUNG-TO LAM:
                                I do not recall.
15
                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: And do you know if,
16
    in fact, those anti-seep collars were effective in
17
    completely stopping groundwater flow?
18
                   TUNG-TO LAM: That's what they're
19
    designed for.
20
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: No, no, in this
21
    example that you're giving me about the sewer pipe;
22
    have you seen the anti-seep collars in action; do
23
    they actually work?
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24 TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.

25 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay. And based on

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what?
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2
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Wait, wait. Yes, you
3
    have seen them in action and they work?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
 4
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And is that based on
5
    follow-up visits? Reports from the client?
6
7
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
8
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The watertight pipe
9
    joints, did you also propose watertight pipe joints
10
    to address the objector's concerns?
                  TUNG-TO LAM: We did.
11
12
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: With regard to the
13
    trees proposed along the embankment, would you say
14
    it's common practice to put woody vegetation along
15
    embankments?
16
                  TUNG-TO LAM: It is.
17
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Have you proposed
18
    woody vegetation in embankments in other projects?
19
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
20
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Can you give me an
21
    example of those other projects?
22
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Let's just say I can't
23
    think of one project where I haven't put vegetation
24
    on the side slope of a basin.
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25 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Does that include

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embankments over five feet that are regulated as
1
2
    dams?
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
3
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Are you aware that
 4
5
    it's best practice not to implement woody vegetation
    on dam embankments because it causes structural
6
7
    insecurity?
8
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: When you say "best
9
    practice" what are you referring to?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Well, actually, if I
11
    may, we have a reference that my expert intends to
12
    rely on, but I can --
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Well, maybe you can
14
    present whatever you want to present with your
15
    witness.
16
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Is there a
17
    citation, like an Administrative Code provision, or
18
    something like that?
19
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Well, this is a
20
    guidance document from the Association of State Dam
21
    Safety Officials.
22
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: All right.
23
    think what we'll do is you can -- obviously, the
24
    answer to the question is that the engineer believes
25
    he's followed all necessary requirements. You will
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have an opportunity to bring your witness to
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2
    disprove that.
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Will do. Thank you.
3
                  Mr. Lam, I just have one more line of
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5
    questioning for you about the interaction between
6
    the French drain along the southerly portion of the
7
    property and the infiltration basin adjacent to it.
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                   Is it possible to zoom into the
9
    southerly -- zoom down.
10
                  GEOFFREY GOLL: Exhibit A-46.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes, thank you.
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                  Just a little more to the south, yeah.
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    And centered. Down a little bit more. Down all the
14
    way. Perfect, perfect. Thank you.
15
                  Mr. Lam, have you taken into account
16
    any potential interactions between the infiltration
17
    basin, along the south of the property right above
18
    the -- on the top of the embankment with the French
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    drain on the bottom of the embankment?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: What exactly do you
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    mean?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: So the infiltration
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    basin it's designed to recharge groundwater; is that
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    right?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM:
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And its function is
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    it will take on stormwater runoff, filter it, and
    the groundwater will be distributed underneath this
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    infiltration basin.
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                  Is that right?
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                  TUNG-TO LAM: Okay.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Well, is that...
                  TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. And the
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    infiltration basin is higher in elevation than the
    French drain; is that true?
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                  TUNG-TO LAM: It is.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: So are you concerned
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    at all that the groundwater that is getting
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    recharged by the infiltration basin will just enter
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    the French drain and get drained out into the
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    drainage basins to the west of the property -- east,
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    excuse me?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: No.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And why not?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: We designed it in
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    accordance to NJDEP requirements, including an
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    analysis for mounding analysis and things of that
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    nature, and we have no concerns with our design.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Well, have you done
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any studies or modeling that takes into account the
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    interaction between these two features?
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Two features being
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    which; the basin and the French drain?
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Right.
                   TUNG-TO LAM: We reviewed a mounding
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    analysis and we have no concerns.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Well, I'm not
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    talking -- I will ask about the mounding analysis,
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    but my question is with regards specifically to the
    groundwater recharging into soil that is above the
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    French drain, higher in elevation than the French
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    drain.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: My answer remains the
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    same.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: So you have done no
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    modeling or calculations to address that?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: I said I have done my
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    analysis in accordance with DEP requirements and I
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    have no concerns.
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And in terms of the
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    mounding analysis that you prepared for the
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    infiltration basin, that mounding analysis is the
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    function of the water table -- sorry, I'm trying to
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figure out a way to put this.

The mounding is a function of the water 1 2 table being artificially higher than the surrounding water table as a result of groundwater recharge; is 3 that right? 4 TUNG-TO LAM: Yes. 5 ATTORNEY DeBORD: When you calculated 6 7 the mounding, that articulate elevation, does that mounding enter the French drain area? 8 TUNG-TO LAM: 9 No. 10 ATTORNEY DeBORD: And is there 11 any -- document or calculations that you can point 12 to that evidences that statement? 13 TUNG-TO LAM: My calculations included 14 in my stormwater report that was previously 15 submitted to the board already. 16 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. Does the 17 mounding in your mounding analysis in your 18 stormwater report show the location of the French 19 drain? 20 TUNG-TO LAM: No, because it's just a 21 spreadsheet. You have to actually look at the plans 22 and compare the two documents. 23 ATTORNEY DeBORD: And I have one final 24 question, your attorney may object, but with respect 25 to the intersection improvement at Victory Road and

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Route 547, you haven't conducted any stormwater
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    analysis with respect to that site, have you?
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Objection. Your
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    clairvoyance is impressive.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thank you.
                  I do think it's relevant.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just restate the
    question.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The question was
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    just confirming that Mr. Lam didn't do a stormwater
    analysis with respect to the off-site improvement.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Objection, relevance,
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    But if you want to answer the question.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair, Rules
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    of Evidence are not strictly applicable. It's part
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    of an overall plan that was submitted. I think the
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    witness can answer.
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: The answer is no.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you have any
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    more questions, Counsel?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I'm just making
23
    sure. I don't have any further questions.
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                  Thank you very much, Mr. Lam.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. And I
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think you said you wanted to ask some additional
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    questions to the applicant's traffic engineer?
                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: I do.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: I'm sorry, Rob, just
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    is she going to do that now?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Yeah, we'll do
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    that now.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Okay.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Get all of the
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    objectors' questions done. So if we could just have
    your traffic engineer.
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                  I'll just remind you, you remain under
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    oath. Just state and spell your name for the
    record, again.
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                   KERRY PEHNKE: Yes, of course. Kerry
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    Pehnke, K-E-R-R-Y, P-E-H-N-K-E.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, Counsel, go
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    ahead.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thank you.
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    Good evening, Ms. Pehnke.
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                  Would someone blow up A-45. I'm
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    looking for the concept plan; is that A-45?
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                   BOARD ENGINEER: It's not A-35.
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ATTORNEY DEBORD: A-43, maybe?

SECRETARY RUBANO: A-45.

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72 1 BOARD ENGINEER: A-45? Sorry, I heard 2 A-35. ATTORNEY DeBORD: Perfect, that's it. 3 Thank you. 4 5 EXAMINATION 6 7 8 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Ms. Pehnke, the 9 applicant, representative of the applicant, 10 indicated that the -- strike that. 11 Ms. Pehnke, would you confirm that the 12 accessway is necessary for tractor-trailers to be 13 able to take right turns onto Route 547? 14 ATTORNEY SIMON: Wait, first of all, 15 when you say -- you're referring to Exhibit A-45. 16 And which accessway are you referring to? 17 ATTORNEY DeBORD: The proposed 18 accessway. 19 ATTORNEY SIMON: Okay. Do you know 20 where I'm talking? 21 KERRY PEHNKE: The channelized right 22 turn? 23 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Correct. 24 KERRY PEHNKE: Yeah, the easement. 25 It's necessary for buses to make the right-turn

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movement without encroaching over the centerline.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And as well as
    tractor-trailers?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: Yes. Those are wider
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    than buses.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: And, to your
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    knowledge, is there a bus route on Victory Road?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: We did count school
    buses making that right turn, correct.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: School buses?
                  KERRY PEHNKE: Um-hum.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay. And in order
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    to make a right turn at this time, do large
    vehicles, such as buses and tractor-trailers, have
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    to make illegal turns, for lack of a better term?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: A couple of
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    objections. First of all, what do you mean by at
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    this time?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: The current conditions.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: And do you mean
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    currently?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: Under current
    conditions of the intersection?
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Right.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: School buses will
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    encroach on the centerline of both Victory Road and
    Lakewood Farmingdale Road to be able to make that
3
    right turn.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And how many school
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    buses a day?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: If you would let me
    check, I do have the count. I think I know it but I
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    just want to be able to get it to you.
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                  So the total buses we counted making
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    that right turn was two throughout our count
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    periods. We counted from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
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    and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And did you count
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    tractor-trailers, as well?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: We counted articulated
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    and single-unit trucks, so that includes a wide
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    range of trucks. And only one had made the right
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    turn.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Do you know if any
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    of those trucks came from businesses along Victory
22
    Road?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: I do not know their
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    origin.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: With regard to the
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warehouse, the subject development, the warehouse,
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    would you agree that this accessway is necessary for
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    the warehouse to conduct operations as planned?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: I do not.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And help me
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    understand why.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: I do not because the
    tractor-trailers, the larger size, WB-67s, in my
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    professional opinion, are going to be oriented to
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    and from the regional roadway network, and it would
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    be quite infrequent for them to make the right turn
    there and --
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                  MEMBER GREENFIELD: But it could
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    happen, right?
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                   KERRY PEHNKE: Yeah, I said it would
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    be quite infrequent, but they could do it.
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                  And per DOT code, actually, because of
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    the infrequency that we would anticipate of that
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    size vehicle going, it does allow for encroachments
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    over centerlines for design purposes.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: So as it exists
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    right now, the only way that trucks would be able to
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    get to and from the warehouse are from the
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    northerly -- the portion of 547 that is to the north
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of Victory Road; is that right?

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KERRY PEHNKE:
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    we would expect for this land use for the trucks to
    be oriented to and from.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: And Victory Road
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    itself, do you know the weight limit for that road?
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                   KERRY PEHNKE: I don't believe there
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    is a posted weight limit, not that I've observed.
                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: Are you aware, are
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    there any permits required for trucks to access that
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    road?
                  KERRY PEHNKE: Not that I'm aware.
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                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: And do you know if
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    the road is on the DOT map of permitted trucking
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    roadways?
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Which road, Victory
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    Road?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes, Victory Road.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: I don't have the map in
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    front of me so I can't answer that specifically, but
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    it's not a restricted truck route.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Okay. That's a good
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    answer.
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                  Do you anticipate that the addition of
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    this accessway will increase truck traffic in this
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    area?
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ATTORNEY SIMON:
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                                    What accessway are
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    you referring to?
                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: The same turn, the
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    -- what did you call it, the accessway that --
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: The channelized right
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    turn, the easement area.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Correct. Do you
    anticipate that the channelized right turn will
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    increase truck traffic in this area?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: I don't believe so, no.
    It will benefit the current vehicles that use it.
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    The proposed warehouse, we anticipate the trucks are
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    going to and from the regional network so, you know,
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    I don't think people -- my professional opinion
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    doesn't change, trucks aren't going to be going
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    right there. It would be very infrequent for trucks
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    of that size to make that turn.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Other than the
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    addition of the trucks that will be accessing the
20
    warehouse, right?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: Not making the right
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    turn; the larger vehicles going to and from the
23
    regional network, the Interstate.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I have no further
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    questions. Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON:
                                    Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO:
                                       Okay, Counsel,
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    were there any other witnesses that you wanted to
    ask additional questions to?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: No, sir. I only
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    would like to present my witness.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Now you said that
    you have a witness that you wanted to have provide
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    additional testimony tonight?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I do. And that is
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    Geoff Goll, a professional engineer.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, Mr. Goll,
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    you were previously sworn, correct?
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I remind you, you
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    remain under oath. If you could just state and
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    spell your name for the record.
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL: Sure. My name is
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    Geoffrey, it's G-E-O-F-F-R-E-Y, middle initial M,
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    last name Goll, G-O-L-L.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, go ahead,
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    Counselor.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: You don't need me to
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    qualify him, do you?
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ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: No. He has

already been qualified. 1 2 EXAMINATION 3 4 5 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Good evening, Mr. Goll. 6 7 Mr. Goll, have you reviewed the proposed changes to the stormwater plans that were 8 9 submitted by the applicant? And specifically I'm 10 referring to the impermeable layer around the French drain and the anti-seep collars? 11 12 GEOFFREY GOLL: Yes. 13 ATTORNEY DEBORD: And would you 14 provide an explanation as to whether you believe 15 this -- these changes will allow the stormwater 16 system to function as intended? 17 GEOFFREY GOLL: So the applicant's 18 engineer initially tonight stated that the liner was 19 installed because my concern that this drain -- this 20 French drain, as they call it, would infiltrate 21 ground, you know, water into the ground below it. 22 And, in fact, it was the opposite of what I was 23 concerned about. 24

Number one, and I did a -- you know, 25 it's my own hand-sketches that I did, but when you look at the seasonal high groundwater table compared
to the invert of the French drain, the French drain
has an invert; in other words, the bottom of that,
can you pull the detail up? Thank you.

So at the bottom of the 10-inch diameter perforated pipe it's at Elevation 73, and based on reviewing test pits in the area the seasonal high water table is at 74.8, which is about 1.8 feet above the bottom of the invert.

So the question then became, okay, well the detail doesn't provide a specific depth or a height of where that impermeable liner is going to come up, but what's contrary to what is being — that liner would do if it was high enough to block the seasonal high groundwater, is the label on the right that says "as determined the depth," it shows the depth of what this trench will be, as determined in field to capture subsurface seepage.

So it's either surface water, you know, water flowing over the ground; and if it's underground, it's groundwater.

And so what the intent of this detail is, the original intent of this detail was to capture water, number one, from ponding because this was a naturally low area in the back corner of this

property. And because they're filling right up to the property boundary they knew that if they were to not put a drain here, surface water would back up and it would pond and extend onto the neighbor's property, because they're losing that localized storage area.

Now, they are capturing some of that in the parking lot, they're capturing some of that in the slope, and they put this in to capture that surface water that would be going into the drain.

And I think the engineer had testified to that, it's really to capture surface water, but, I think, the other concern that they have is that there would be, potentially, groundwater that may come up and then go into the -- into the -- well, they should be concerned about water going into this trench with the stone, and then -- and be basically negating any kind of infiltration volume for volume that this groundwater -- the recharge systems provide.

Another thing I did was I -- sorry.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: And your concern is based on the level of the seasonal high water table, right?

GEOFFREY GOLL: Correct, the seasonal high being 1.8 feet above the invert of this basin.

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The applicant's engineer stating that
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    they did it just to simply satisfy our comment is
    not -- I don't believe is true. And that would have
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    to be further defined on that detail to figure out
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    how high that impermeable liner should go to isolate
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    that, the seasonal high groundwater from the trench.
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                  But there's another complication here.
    And if you could pull up the anti-seep collar and
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    zoom in on that Basin Number 5 at the southern end.
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    Pan down. Thank you. A little over to the left,
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    no, down, down, down. Like somebody scratching my
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    back, I need to move over a little. There you go.
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                  So if you look at where the horizontal
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    line --
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Could I make a
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    suggestion, just reference the exhibit --
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL:
                                  Okay, thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: -- so the public knows
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    what you're talking about.
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL: Which exhibit is it?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: A-48.
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL: Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: You're welcome.
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                   GEOFFREY GOLL: This is Exhibit A-48.
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    And what I'm pointing to it's called Basin Number 5.
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It's a subsurface infiltration basin underneath the parking lot. And it shows that in relation to the French drain, which is that darker line. Well, for lack of a better words, to the south and below it, at the toe of the slope. And if you draw a simple stretch you can see that the, obviously, the invert of that French drain is four feet lower than the invert of the infiltrated surface of that basin here.

Now, when water goes into an infiltration basin, it doesn't simply go vertically down, it goes vertical -- it goes down as well as going sideways. So as this basin were to fill up with water, water not only seeps out the side, it seeps out the bottom, it seeps out the sides. And so you're going to get a lateral movement of water.

The mounding that they talked about is where the water is traveling down at a certain rate where as soon as the groundwater cannot -- it's sort of like a traffic jam; there's a certain amount of water going down but only a certain capacity of the groundwater system to absorb it. So water artificially rises up as it queues waiting to be absorbed by the ground, so you get this what they call a mound; the groundwater goes like this

underneath the basin.

along the long side is 35 feet -- excuse me -- yes, it's 35 -- I'm sorry, it's 30 feet to the centerline of the infiltration trench. So that's 30 feet.

When you look at the mounding analysis for Basin 5, the outer extent of that mound from the centerline of that infiltration basin where it stops being -- you know, stops elevating above normal conditions, is 35 feet. In other words, that mound extends to the property line, actually a little bit -- it probably goes right to if not just past the property line but gets intercepted by that French drain.

So depending on where you put that impervious liner may impact how that water then travels into the -- water gets from that infiltration basin into that drain.

Why is that important? Because that groundwater is supposed to literally go into the ground. The basin that it goes to, which I believe is Basin Number 2 on the right -- all the way to the right. Do you see where the -- the one on the bottom right, that is basin number -- I believe that's basin number -- let's see, where is the label? I'm sorry, that's Basin Number 4. So Basin

Number 4. Not on the bottom, on the right.

That was designed to capture a certain amount of surface water from the project site, but it was not designed to capture water from the one infiltration basin, get intercepted by the French drain, and then be discharged to that Basin Number 4.

What that could do is, during the winter months especially, it could add additional hydraulic loading to that basin as the water gets intercepted. That basin then holds potentially -- you know, the applicant's engineer still has to prove this -- will hold that water for longer than 72 hours, which is the maximum amount of time the basin is allowed to have visible water at the surface. And so it's going to overload the basin potentially and have an impact on how that basin functions.

Those are a couple of very large concerns I have about that French drain they installed on that side of the property.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: And, Mr. Goll, just to clarify based on your understanding of this design, is it your opinion that at some point during the year the groundwater table level will be higher

than the French drain by virtue of the table 1 naturally, and mounding? 2 GEOFFREY GOLL: Yes. 3 ATTORNEY DeBORD: And do you believe, 4 5 based on scientific certainty, that the French drain will essentially drain groundwater from one area of 6 7 this site to the basins in other portions of the site? 8 9 GEOFFREY GOLL: That's correct. 10 ATTORNEY DEBORD: And is it your 11 understanding that this basin was not designed to 12 receive excess water beyond stormwater runoff? 13 GEOFFREY GOLL: Besides surface 14 runoff, correct. 15 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Besides surface 16 runoff. And aside from the basin not being able to 17 drain in compliance with the 72 hours in the BMP 18 manual, what are the other adverse impacts of this 19 basin being filled with excess water? 20 GEOFFREY GOLL: Well, so if water 21 stays in too long and let's say we get into the 22 springtime, in the growing season, and, you know, 23 and it warms up, you can get algae, you can get 24 surface scums that will actually -- because if the

water sits there for a long period of time, we have

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seen this in basins that have failed, it's going to permit algae growth and organics and then clog up and require more maintenance to the basin.

The other thing, obviously, if water is
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sitting there for a very long period of time, it could end up being a mosquito breeding issue. And these basins are sand; they're covered with basically sand. There's not really a habitat associated with them, and so it will end up creating an optimal area for mosquito breeding.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thank you.

GEOFFREY GOLL: So, I mean I can go -- do you want me to go on to other...

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes.

GEOFFREY GOLL: Can we pull up the topsoil detail, which is A-53.

I'm going to be frank, this is the first time I have seen this detail. On the website, when I looked at the listing of exhibits, it stops at A-52. I'm not saying it wasn't submitted; I'm just saying we didn't have a chance to observe it.

But I was able to intuitively understand what they're going to be doing. So the prior plans that I critiqued last time I was here I explained that -- I forget the exact amount,

naturally there's, like, 12 or 15 inches on average of topsoil on the site. And the plans, there were two different locations on the plans, the one called for four inches of topsoil to be placed back, and one called for six inches of topsoil.

I'm assuming this was, then, prepared in response to that comment that I had made because of the concern for exportation of topsoil. So what you will notice, though, is I'm assuming they're going to be spreading this topsoil. I made the assumption that this 29 inches of topsoil they're going to be placing around the site will be done relatively evenly; that's all I could make the assumption about.

And a couple of things to understand. So, for example, how that will impact? Well, topsoil itself is an organic material, and that's why it's good for plants; it has organics in it; biodegradable materials and plants uptake the nutrients and it's the natural soil surface.

But it also can degrade over time as well. So, for example, that's why you're not allowed to put topsoil underneath the foundation of a building, for example, or a roadway. Because it has detrimental effects, once it starts to decompose

the organics, you can get settlement.

So, as just a for instance, a couple of examples. So you will see those little small little islands there, a lot of those islands and adjacent to the roadway, the access road, you're going to have a six-inch-high curb. When you look at the detail for the curb on the plans, which I believe is on sheet -- well, Sheet C901, Detail Number 5, it's called "Concrete Curb Six-Inch Reveal." You don't have to go to it at this point, unless you want to see the detail. I can describe it.

Below the lawn side, so you've got the curb, right, and it drops six inches and you've got the asphalt on the landscaping side, it's six inches higher than the road, or the asphalt or the walkway or you name it, and then it goes down six inches. So the bottom of the concrete footing for these curbs is 18 inches. But right next to it they're going to put 29 inches of topsoil. So now you're going to have 11 inches of organic topsoil not underneath the footing, but right next to the footing. And then in other areas where it's either next to pavement or sidewalks, you're now going to have a pretty thick layer of topsoil next to it.

So that's a concern in terms of the

long-term stability of the sidewalk or the curbs,
for example, and the roadway edges that might be
affected if those curbs were then to settle because
now there's -- the volume goes down as the soil
decomposes and you may get soil that shifts from
underneath the curb.

So is that the end of the world? I don't know. I just think it's more of a quality issue in terms of the construction. And that's something that is going to be -- that I just wanted to bring to the board's attention.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Mr. Goll, do you want to speak to your understanding of the efficacy of anti-seep collars?

GEOFFREY GOLL: Yes. So the key term that I did notice in the anti-seep collars was and it's a correct statement, it says "In order to retard the groundwater from flowing within the stormwater pipe trench, anti-seep collars will be installed."

Anti-seep collars do not stop flow.

Anti-seep collars were originally developed -- they used to put them in embankment dams, so like stormwater basins -- and some stormwater basins they still use them, although dam safety, New Jersey Dam

Safety and actually the Association of State Dam

Safety Officials doesn't recommend the use of them

anymore -- this is more of an aside -- because water

still goes along them and it carries soil with it.

Now for dams they request that you put in what are

called sand diaphragms; it captures the water as it

seeps out; doesn't stop the leaking but it stops the

soil from being dragged out.

Soil being dragged along the stormwater pipe is not the concern. The concern is that these anti-seep collars, the way they function is they, essentially, they don't eliminate seepage along the pipe; they create an effectively longer length.

So, as an example, if you have a pipe that is 200 feet in length and they put anti-seep collars that essentially -- because now it has to, instead of going along the pipe it zigzags along the anti-seep collar -- it doesn't just hit the anti-seep collar and stop; it's going to go to -- well, the path of least resistance. So if there's a discharge at the end of this, for example, and a manhole at the end, the water will eventually travel. So it will slow it down but it's not going to stop it.

So you will still get a net export of

groundwater when seasonal high water rises above the stormwater pipes. So that's, I just wanted to point that out, it's not going to stop it; it's just going to slow it down. So it still will have, likely, a net effect on seasonal high groundwater.

The pipe joints -- I'm glad also to see that they put watertight joints in there because the watertight joints will eliminate water from getting into the pipes, you know, from joints. Because I did bring up the last time, I'm glad that they listened to that, is you provide watertight joints because that's -- that's even a shorter distance for water to get into the pipe and then off the site.

The only issue I have with that is they probably should check their buoyancy calculations because now if it's watertight and you've got all this water around it, it's like a boat, it has displacement.

So normally if you have an open void, like a pipe or a tank, or an underground tank, it's called -- you don't want it to float out of the ground. And I am not saying this one is going to float out of the ground, but it could still shift. And so the applicant should provide buoyancy calculations to prove that these pipes aren't going

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2 So that's one of the issues. But,

regardless, you know, there's going to be less water leaving the site; that's something I can definitely agree with. But it's not going to stop the water leaving from the site; it's still going to go around these anti-seep collars because it's below the seasonal high water table.

ATTORNEY DEBORD: In other words, it remains your opinion that the stormwater system will function as intended, right?

GEOFFREY GOLL: The stormwater pipes will basically negate some of the recharge benefits that you might get from the basins, the infiltration basins.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: And then why don't we address the vegetation on the embankment.

GEOFFREY GOLL: Sure. And we are jumping around a little bit, but I think this is important point.

I 110 percent disagree with the applicant's engineer that putting a tree on an embankment that is designed -- I don't care if it's 1 foot or 20 feet -- to hold back water, it is not a good idea to put woody vegetation on an embankment

of a dam, whether it's inside the embankment or on the outside or on top of it.

As a matter of fact, I have worked on -- you know, I work on everything from small stormwater designs to working on levees, you know, earthen levies for the -- to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and I have never heard that putting a tree on an embankment is a good idea.

Two reasons. One is more important than the other in this situation because it's not a big dam -- these aren't big -- and, by the way, they're still dams. They're not regulated dams but these are small dams. They're not over five feet where the New Jersey DEP would regulate them, but they're still -- they're still designed to hold back water and function.

So one of the concerns would be a tree gets older, it falls over. The root ball rips up the embankment and threatens the integrity of the system. Now, obviously, if a tree fell down, you could go in there and repair it and take care of it and fix it relatively quickly.

But the other problem is that the tree roots themselves create conduits through the embankments. And so trees are going to both chase

where the water is and where it's looking for the water. So if you put a tree on an embankment, on the inside of an embankment, it's going to start spreading its roots both into the basin but underneath the embankment as well.

And so one of the things that I've -just as an aside, I mean, I could have brought in
the levee -- the levy standards and inspection
standards where you have to stay 11 feet from the
edge of the toe of either side of a levy, but that
may have been a bit of overkill for this. But the
Association of State Dam Safety Officials on their
website has trees and brush -- and I can provide
this to the board if they want to see it, it's -- or
I could just read it into the record, it's up to
you.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, it's up to you. What do you want to do?

ATTORNEY DeBORD: You can read it into the record.

GEOFFREY GOLL: Okay. So this is from the Association of State Dam Safety Officials. I accessed this today. It's called "Trees and Brush." There is a website for it; you go to damsafety.org and it's under the dam owners tabs, for them to --

when they're doing inspections; and it says about trees and brush.

Trees and Brush Hazards. Trees and brush should, and it emphasizes in bold, not be permitted on earthen embankment surfaces or in vegetated earth spillways. Extensive root systems can provide seepage paths for water. Trees that blow down or fall over can leave large holes in the embankment surface that will weaken the embankment and can lead to increased erosion, as is the case in the failed earth embankment shown in this photo, and they show a photo of an embankment that failed. Brush obscures the surface limiting the visual inspection, providing a haven for burrowing animals, and inhibiting the growth of grass and vegetation.

So -- and then it goes on that trees and brush should not be also allowed next to concrete walls and structures, as well. So this is a national authority on embankments and dams and it should not be being used on embankments of any kind.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Have you made any other conclusions with regard to the changes to the stormwater design?

GEOFFREY GOLL: Yes. There is a few other items. The topsoil, the drain, watertight

joints so -- oh, yes.

So the final thing was, it was Item 8. They do talk about using soil replacement. I guess they recognize that there are certain soil horizons underneath where the proposed basins are going to be, and they're proposing to remove that soil and replace it with a more permeable soil, because of the concern that it's not going to infiltrate at the rate they would like, or the rate that would comply, and they're trying to comply with the rules.

And that is Basins Number 1 through Basin Number 4. That is the underground basin on the top left, or the western side of the property. That is an underground basin. And then the three basins on the right, surface basins on the right side.

And so there is a concern in the BMP

Manual, and this wasn't clear, and I'm assuming

because they are replacing -- I'm not sure if

they're doing a wholesale replacement or not, but in

the BMP Manual, under Chapter 12, perched water

table requirements it states: "If the hydraulically

restrictive horizon does not extend beyond the

footprint of the bottom of the basin, in parenthesis

for me, the hydraulically restrictive horizon may be

excavated and replaced with sand."

The reason they do that and they put that limitation is I can dig down and I can replace the soil to try to connect to the groundwater, but if there's a limiting horizon around it, you've just created a tub, water that rides along that more restrictive horizon outside the basin is going to go into the basin and then into the subsurface.

It may sound like a good thing but it's not because now you're adding more of a hydraulic load to the system, and you're asking the subsurface in that location now to take water from the perched areas around the basin and go into it.

Again, that is something that the applicant -- the applicant has not proven. The idea behind the soil replacement is for, like, spot replacements where you find -- you know, soil is heterogenous, it's not always the same all over, you find a spot, you know or a small area, and you want to remove that, that limiting horizon and replace it with sand.

The other issue that I have is that the mounding analysis was performed using the existing conditions. And this is also going to sound a little bit counterintuitive. When you replace soil

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    we've talked about earlier, where that mound -- it
    actually rises up further and faster. The reason
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    being is because it's so permeable at the top, once
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    it gets down to the groundwater the water kind of
    rushes down relatively quickly compared to what the
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    other -- the old soil would have permitted, and that
    mound can pop up. So they really need to do a
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    mounding analysis on those four basins using a soil
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    class that these basins are required, that they are
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    required to put in to make these basins work.
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                  So that is my testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD:
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                   Thank you for permitting us to add
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    additional testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just one
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    question. In all of your testimony where does the
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    applicant not satisfy any of the stormwater
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    management regulations; can you pinpoint for the
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    board where the stormwater management plan does not
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    satisfy the ordinance requirements?
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                   GEOFFREY GOLL: Again, the issue
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the items I pointed out, there is the regulations

and then there is the engineering design that goes with it.

So I just wanted to -- like the trees, there's nothing necessarily in the regulations that say stormwater regulation, you can't put trees there. But, as an engineering judgment, you have to make sure that you're doing what all the authorities say.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, but my question is, in your testimony, if you could help parse out where it is that you have found violations or non-compliance with our stormwater management ordinance, I think that would be helpful for the board.

GEOFFREY GOLL: Sure. Again, the interception of groundwater is negating the infiltration benefits of the recharge basin. So the recharge volumes that they're required, they have to look at what's called the recharge deficit, you have — with this area of the site, as I understand, it's second-growth forest and shrubs and brush. And that has, you know, it was all pervious, right. And when you put all that impervious down, the warehouse and the parking lots and everything else, it creates what is called a groundwater recharge deficit.

That's in the rules.

And in order to satisfy that you figure out what the deficit is, so you get a certain amount of groundwater recharge down, you are going to build. You are going to lose that recharge, and then you have to build these basins to make up for it and get that volume into the ground.

The stormwater pipes that they're talking -- the French drain and the stormwater pipes that intercept the groundwater elevations, the seasonal high groundwater elevations, will actually circumvent the stormwater rules and, in my opinion, violate that, that recharge part of the ordinance.

ATTORNEY DeBORD: Mr. Goll, in other words, they're taking groundwater that is already in the ground that doesn't need to comply with the deficit, and putting it in another portion of the property, right?

GEOFFREY GOLL: Yeah. And basically, you know, there's a couple of cubic -- there's a cubic foot of water that's going into the ground through recharge, what they're supposed to do, but now it's getting -- the same volume is being pulled out somewhere else. So it's not -- they're not necessarily -- maybe they're getting some recharge

but they're not getting the recharge that they're
required to obtain.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Is there anything else?

were a number of issues that I pointed out in my last testimony that weren't necessarily addressed. There was the issue of distance; you're supposed to have two feet of separation between seasonal high groundwater and the infiltrative surface of a basin. There were a couple of test pits, I would have to go back to my notes, but -- that weren't necessarily making that clearance, which is, I think, where they were saying they're going to do their soil, replacement, but that's not clear so I don't think they're meeting the ordinance there.

They're not meeting the requirement for the soil replacement, if that infiltrative surface or that limiting horizon goes beyond the basin. And also I know on basin number -- I think it's one, which is the underground basin on the northwest side, there was a couple of instances where there was seasonal high. While they met the seasonal high in a test pit within the footprint of that infiltration basin, on either side groundwater is

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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay.
                  GEOFFREY GOLL: There may have been
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    other things, but I don't recall. I was really
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    focused on the specific items that were addressed in
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    the most recent submittal.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay.
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    Mr. Simon, do you have any cross-examination?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Could I just have two
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    minutes with my client?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Sure.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: We'll take a
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                  SECRETARY RUBANO: The board will take
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SECRETARY RUBANO: The planning board will now reconvene.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Mr. Chairman, members of the board, in the interest of time, in lieu of me, you know, cross-examining Mr. Goll based on his testimony, I'm just going to re-call Mr. Lam just to go through a couple of quick points that he touched upon, and I think that will be more an efficient use of time for this board. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Up to you, yeah.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Okay.

EXAMINATION

ATTORNEY SIMON: Mr. Lam, I would like you to touch upon a few issues that Mr. Goll raised. Let's start with the issue regarding the setting of the liner that you mentioned.

TUNG-TO LAM: Yes. Can we pull up

Exhibit A-47, please. When we're talking about a

liner on that exhibit, we're referring to blue lines

on the three sides of the trench. In order to just

to simply put this to bed, we could extend that

liner all the way to the surface, eliminate any

TUNG-TO LAM: About re-draining groundwater, or the water from the infiltration Basin Number 5 getting into this French drain. We can eliminate all that simply by adjusting that liner detail.

10 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: What do you mean by "adjusting the liner"?

TUNG-TO LAM: Raising it. Because right now we set it at a minimum. We will agree to extend the liner all the way to the surface of the trench itself. So we're going to bring the two vertical lines up to the surface.

ATTORNEY SIMON: And what will that -- by doing that, what are you accomplishing?

TUNG-TO LAM: It totally prevents any groundwater from entering into this French drain.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Thank you.

Next, Mr. Goll talked about these anti-seep collars and their efficacy and about stopping the preferential path in the stormwater trench. Can you please talk about that for a

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TUNG-TO LAM: Look at Exhibit A-48,

which is in front of you right now. The intent for
anti-seep collar is there was concern about the
stormwater trench. The ground is the ground. The
water is the water. Where it is, is where it is.
But the concern was will the water from the
groundwater enter this stormwater trench because
it's constructed of stone, it flows easier. Which
is why we're putting these anti-seep collars, to
slow it down so it doesn't go into the trench; it
goes in the trench, it goes a certain distance, it
hits the concrete.

So it's creating a slower -- it's
creating a not -- it's no longer creating a

creating a not -- it's no longer creating a desirable path for the groundwater flow in the trench. And that's what our intent is, and that's what we're going to accomplish by what we're proposing.

ATTORNEY SIMON: And then there was a comment or comments by Mr. Goll regarding planting trees on the embankments of the basin.

TUNG-TO LAM: That's, quite frankly, silly; the geometry of that berm is --

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay, enough.

Enough. Listen, I get it, okay. But there's absolutely no reason to have that tone. Okay?

Because in a couple of minutes the public is going to be up here, okay? And while I'm going to expect them while they're up here asking questions to show courtesy and be respectfully, I'm going to expect the same from you.

This individual here, he has not been disrespectful to you. She hasn't been disrespectful to you. You have done it many times. I'm not going to tolerate it.

Am I clear?

TUNG-TO LAM: Yes, sir.

ATTORNEY SIMON: So the comment that was made by Mr. Goll had to do with some concerns relating to, particularly, trees and tree roots on the embankments of the basin.

TUNG-TO LAM: Once, again, the trees are planted on the inside of the basin, inside slope. The top of the berm itself is 10 feet wide. The slope to the basin is 3-on-1. Just do simple math. It's 3 feet deep on that embankment, height, just, for example, 10 feet wide. Three feet down times three feet to get to the horizontal, three

times three is nine, times two, and then you add
another 10, that's almost 30 feet.

So you're saying the tree root would go through 30 feet of it to fail the embankment as opposed to being on the inside where the actual drainage and water is available.

ATTORNEY SIMON: So notwithstanding the testimony from Mr. Goll, respectfully, you contend that you do not see an issue with the proposed plantings in that area?

TUNG-TO LAM: Mathematically it doesn't make any sense to have a concern.

ATTORNEY SIMON: And then, finally, there was a question from -- or an issue that was raised by Mr. Goll relating to soil stability based on some fill. Just comment on that, please.

TUNG-TO LAM: The concern was about the topsoil exhibit, which was Exhibit A-53, about the height of the -- the depth of the topsoil that is going to be adjacent to the curb.

Just keep in mind the curb detail
remains the curb detail. The super fill underneath
the curb is still being proposed. We're not
switching that, we're simply replacing the soil on
the high side with topsoil available from the site.

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So the structural stability concern is
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    not there.
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: So you don't have a
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    concern with regard to the soil as proposed creating
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    any type of stability issue, correct?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: No.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Mr. Chairman, I don't
    have anything further. I think that covers...
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I just have one
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    conclusory question.
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    Mr. Cucchiaro.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: After all your
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    testimony and your responses, and you have heard the
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    testimony from the applicant's professional, it's
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    your testimony tonight that you satisfy and comply
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    with all the requirements of the township's
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    stormwater management ordinances?
                   TUNG-TO LAM: Absolutely.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: All right.
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                  Counsel, do you have any other
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    witnesses you would like to put up tonight? I think
    you had indicated one more.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: I have no more
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1 Would it be possible for our expert to 2 respond very briefly to one of the changes to the 3 design that was just made? ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Very briefly. 4 5 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Thank you. 6 7 EXAMINATION 8 9 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Mr. Goll, would you 10 speak to -- thank you, Mr. Chair. 11 Mr. Goll, would you speak briefly to 12 concerns associated with the impermeable layer 13 extending to the surface? GEOFFREY GOLL: Oh. 14 No, I mean, the 15 concern I might have there is now, similar to the 16 piping, is when they put the watertight seals on the 17 pipe, is now you're putting a liner, impermeable 18 liner all the way to the top. So now, if it's 19 completely separated and you get elevated seasonal 20 high water, well, what will that do to the integrity of the liner? 21 22 If you ever look at a -- there are 23 always concerns about, like, putting a lined pond, 24 you know, so they put plastic liners in, like, 25 large-scale ponds and groundwater fluctuations can

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sometimes push it up. So I'm not sure if that would
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    have -- it may -- excuse me, there's a probability
    that the liner could get compromised if there's
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    enough pressure on it, to, you know, from the
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    groundwater around it rising, you know, coming up
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: Have you ever seen
    an engineering design similar to this, where a
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    French drain is surrounded completely by an
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    impermeable layer for the purpose of stormwater?
                  GEOFFREY GOLL: No.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay, thank you.
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                  GEOFFREY GOLL: If anything, they
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    could have eliminated it and maybe just put two
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    inlets in and that would have been -- they would
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    have been done with it but.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So does that
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    conclude all of your experts?
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD: That does. Thank
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    you.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So, Mr. Chair, at
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    this portion of the meeting --
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: I know a couple of
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    the board members have a couple of questions.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO:
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Oh, you're good?
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                  MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yeah.
                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: I have a
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    question regarding the topsoil exhibit.
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                  And just for clarification, Tung, the
    letter dated September 22nd, 2023, right, it's
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    14,905 cubic yards. That's as it is right now with
    topsoil, correct, in the undeveloped phase?
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                  TUNG-TO LAM: Sorry, can you repeat
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    that number, again?
                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Yeah, Tung.
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    It's -- so 14,905 cubic yards; that's under existing
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    conditions as it is right now --
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: -- undeveloped,
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                  Okay, now in the exhibit, it's Sheet
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    Number C2, it's the topsoil exhibit, the proposed.
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    The green-hatched areas, okay, that is where you're
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    proposing to put the excess topsoil when the site is
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    developed, correct?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Yes.
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Okay. I guess
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    my question is, if there's 14,905 cubic yards, and
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    then this is saying that the green-hatched areas
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    topsoil?
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Okay. What is
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    the -- I guess, for clarification, what, in the
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    backfill volume of your original topsoil of 14,905,
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    minus five inches, which equates to 2,254.
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                  What is that 12,651 cubic yards?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: That first five inches
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    where we want, like, the best topsoil possible.
    we'll screen it, we'll amend it in order to meet the
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    spec of the topsoil that we have on the plans.
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                  So for planting purposes we want the
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    top five inches to be, like, the best topsoil we can
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Okay. So that's
    the 2,254?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM:
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Okay. So then
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    there's 12,651 cubic yards of net backfill topsoil?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: That's, if you take 29
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minus five, that's what the balance is.
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Got it. Okay.
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                   So all of those green areas will be
    29 inches, plus or minus, of topsoil?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Correct.
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                  VICE-CHAIRMAN HUSZAR: Okay.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Anybody else from
    the board?
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                  MEMBER SEAMAN: Yeah.
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    guess, really more for our professionals than anyone
    else.
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                  Just because we have had such a
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    difference of opinion with the plantings around the
    edges of the berm, can we just get some
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    clarification from...
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                  BOARD ENGINEER: I mean, it's been
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    very typical of this board to require basin areas to
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    be landscaped along the slope. You can ask Shari.
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                  BOARD TREE EXPERT: It's also part of
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    the latest green infrastructure that the state put
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    out. They do have an example for woody plants that
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    you could have throughout your entire basin.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Shari, I don't
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    think your mike...
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BOARD TREE EXPERT:

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saying the latest stormwater regulations, the green
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    infrastructure actually has, as an option, you can
    plant a basin with woody plant material.
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                   MEMBER SEAMAN:
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Everybody good?
                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, Mr. Chair,
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    at this point it would be open to the public for
    questions of any of the witnesses, whether it be the
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    applicant's witnesses, the objectors' witnesses, as
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    well as testimony.
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    Counsel, your clients don't have the ability to
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    cross-examine because you have done that, but do you
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    have any clients that want to provide testimony?
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                   ATTORNEY DeBORD: Yes, I believe the
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    objectors would like to provide testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO:
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    why don't we start with counsel calling her clients
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    to provide testimony.
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD:
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So why don't you
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                  ATTORNEY DeBORD:
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, if you
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    would just get up to the microphone, I need to swear
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you in. Do you swear or affirm the testimony you are about to provide this board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL: I do.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Please state and spell your name, and give us your address.

BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL:

8 Velez-Gimbel, V as in Victor, E-L-E-Z, hyphen,

9 Gimbel, G-I-M-B-E-L, 97 Victory Road.

10 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, go ahead.

BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL: So I was trying to keep up with everything as well, because some of the things I did have may have been answered. So if I could have a little patience from the board, that would be great. Thank you so much for having me tonight.

so I wanted to focus on the environmental impact, specifically Ordinance 188-6 where it says, "Upon completion of all reviews and public hearings the planning board shall consider the environmental impact record. And if the Planning Board finds that the proposed development will result in substantial damage to any of the elements of the environment set forth in this section, which is not adequately resolved or avoided

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    cubic square yards of -- being imported. An
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    above existing grade. Looking at now the topsoil
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    that was just discussed, the 15,000 cubic yards, and
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: There's no
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                  BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL: Oh, I'm not...
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Your attorney has
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                  BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL: Oh, okay.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: You can make
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                  BETTY VELEZ-GIMBEL: I apologize.
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    didn't know I wasn't allowed to ask questions.
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minus is going to be on top of that seven feet of

the grade. Plus then you now have the building on top of that which is, like, 45 or so feet high.

So that's quite towering. So I'm left to wonder -- and, of course, I'm not going to ask the question -- whether or not now you have the 1,800 yards of clay, the crushed stone, the slab pavement, the asphalt, so you've got about 8,000 heavy trucks, round trip, coming with all materials to this site. It's very alarming.

And, of course, let's go to, you know, obviously our brilliant engineer has pointed out that the potential for greater normal total sediments is great, and I would imagine so. As I said I'm not an engineer, but this is a lot of fill.

You know, I'm wondering, you know, it leaves me to wonder how the settling of all this compacted fill is going to affect the surrounding homes, my farm, my septic.

We heard North Howell residents crying and pleading their case before the Council that their foundations are cracking, their homes are shaking, from the tractor-trailers and the dump trucks barreling through their neighborhoods. So imagine the fear that I have of this.

Going to Number 2, the drainage -- of

the same ordinance, drainage patterns and effect on 1 surface water runoff. So for me, I'm seeing that 2 the drainage is going to the Squankum Brook, which 3 flows behind my farm, along the whole street, and 5 also the Muddy Brook, which flows behind this property as well, okay. I didn't see any study on 6 7 the impact of the freshwater.

There has been an increase of rain storms that have caused significant flooding to our area, more than before. And I have been there for 18 years, and I have residents who have been there 30, 40 years, and we haven't seen this. And so it is really the average rainfall that they're proposing I think -- I don't know what year it was, I can't remember, but we can all -- I think we can agree that the climate is changing in some way.

Let's see, the GP6 hasn't been approved, and so, therefore, that leads me to question. I'm sure that there is some issue there.

I would like to touch upon something that the attorney, Mr. Simon, continually touts; the solar application comment. I'm really tired of it as a badge that you're willing to try -- to let us know that you are trying to do the right thing.

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The application for the solar was in front of the zoning board because the applicant wanted to usurp 8 acres of ARE-6 into an SED zone. It doesn't change the environmental impact whether it's a warehouse or if it's a solar field. It doesn't change it.

Taking a look that for this -- this is the same lot, 17, that was part of the solar application in front of the zoning board. According to the zoning board's denial of the solar proposal, the filling of the wetlands on Lot 17 is significant.

They also described this lot as an environmental significant land. The need to fill in the wetlands reinforces the common sense that the property is too small for this warehouse.

The Environmental Commission in Howell, and other boards during this application, solar, described this lot as environmentally sensitive and strongly advised to not remove trees and fill in the wetlands.

The DEP report section of the environmental report by the Trident Company listed multiple threatened species and species of special concern, not just the pine barren's tree frog.

And I have a list that I can go through for you or submit it, if you would like to take a look at it. You have the barred owl. A special concern, okay. It's threatened in New Jersey because, why? The habitat. We are losing the habitat, which is what exactly we are doing here.

This habitat is for multiple organizations. The pushing out of these species significantly impacts my farm, a produce farm, and places undue financial hardship and not to mention the strain in trying to make sure that the surrounding species that are going to be pushed from this lot onto my land. The resources are not enough for these organisms.

Nothing has changed about this lot; it's still the same lot that the solar was trying to be put on.

Potential -- Number 5, potential air and water pollution, especially any potential increase in siltation. It's common sense that a 24/7-day a week, over 100 diesel tractor-trailers, 85 tractor-trailer parking spaces, will the trucks idle during cold days and nights waiting to unload? I don't think we need a study to answer that question; it's just common sense.

1 Number 6, effect of any construction 2 plans or other environmental changes on critical slope areas or sewage disposal systems. Septic 3 systems -- the septic system hasn't even been 5 approved? Why? Because they want a 24/7 operation and it has not been designed for that. 7 How do you know it's going to fit in 8

the borders within the riparian buffer? Do you have room? I don't think so.

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This actually brings me back to May 4th when your engineer couldn't answer any of the questions that I considered really important, such as being asked about the calculations, and I quote Tung-To Lam: "I don't know, I haven't constructed my math yet."

Again asking, "What is the approximate fill, can you answer that?" "Not at the moment."

The attorney, Lieberman, again asked, "Are you keeping the topsoil onsite?" "No determination." And, "Are you aware of the amount?" "I am now" -- of the soil that is supposed to be removed.

Very disrespectful.

And so moving to Number 7, I'm not sure if rock is being removed from the site, I haven't

1 seen.

Number 8, the amount of resulting non-agricultural displacement of soil. We have already talked at length about that.

What is the expected noise-level increase of the proposed 24/7-day operation in total: 109 tractor-trailers coming in and out, waiting in the lot; 25 loading docks; additional cars; employees.

Number 9, potential noise pollution.

Did you know that the 1,500 trees on this lot and the surrounding lots presently serve as a sound barrier to the New Jersey Gas liquefaction tanks and the warehouses on Oak Glen?

Are you aware of the two new warehouses on Oak Glen diagonal from this site just approved by the zoning board?

Again, taken out of context this solar badge you wear.

Number 10, increase in the amount of industrial waste. Well, we don't know who the tenant is going to be so I guess we'll mark this unknown, too.

Where is the common sense in all this?

The tenant is unknown; therefore, the use is

unknown; therefore, the amount of industrial waste

is unknown. And then we're submitting plans for multiple office spaces, but we're not going to use those, we just put those in there but we're not going to use them.

Number 11, increased problems of industrial or non-industrial waste disposal such as the review of the problems with the Board of Health; will there be an increase in problems of industrial or non-industrial waste?

Again, the applicant doesn't have a tenant, so we don't know what activities are going to be in place, and we're not sure if it's going to be one tenant or ten.

What we do know, and correct me if I'm wrong, is the applicant's plan is a 24/7-day operation; over 100 tractor-trailers coming in and out; 85 tractor-trailer parking spaces.

What can we expect -- what we can expect are strangers coming from all over the country and possibly across borders which is what a 24/7 operation brings.

A more common description used by CDL drivers, truck drivers, is a gypsy driver; a driver who has no ties to a particular corporation which enforces accountability. And without this it

introduces a level of danger to the residents, thus affecting safety.

We, the Victory Road residents, hired an expert engineer, Jeff Goll of Princeton Hydro, to review your proposed plans. The stormwater management and all your little adjustments do not work and significantly impact the surrounding environment.

How many chances do you get to revise, to revise, to revise? As an educator I would not permit that many revisions. You should know what you're supposed to do and not guess it, or be schooled by our expert.

We, the Victory Road residents, hired a traffic engineer. Just knowing he was on board was enough to keep everyone on their toes.

And, finally, our legal team, which we undoubtedly needed on this most difficult journey. We are emotionally spent. In debt financially, upwards of almost \$60,000. Our lives have been completely disrupted and our future as a Howell resident, my future as a Howell resident, is in question here.

It's up to you, the planning board, to decide which experts you agree with. The applicant

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will do what is best for the interest of the
application. Our team members have reputations to
protect. Our small farms are an asset to this
community. And we have big plans, which will
continue to be an enormous asset to this community.

And I take offense to those who, in a
negative tone, label me an activist. I am not an
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negative tone, label me an activist. I am not an activist. I'm a resident trying to protect my home, way of life, and offer something to the community which has always been in my heart.

We have worked so hard to live here and we love Howell, but we don't want your warehouse. And we expect more of so-called professionals than the arrogance that you have shown today and the disrespect for our way of life and everything that we've worked so hard for.

You should be ashamed of yourself. And I can see that you are because you can't even look me in the face.

Thank you so much.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you have any other clients, Counsel, that you want to testify?

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Hold on one second, Mr. Cucchiaro.

Usually we stop at 10 o'clock; does

anybody on the board have any objection to just extending it to 10:30?

All right. So we'll extend it to 10:30 so we can get some more people in, tonight, all right. So I just want to put that on the record.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Sir, do you swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give this board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

THE WITNESS: I do.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Please state and spell your name and give us your address.

ROBERT WAGNER: My name is Robert
Wagner. My address is 1551 Maxim Southard Road.

I was in the Marine Corp. I was a corrections officer in Rikers Island, and a police officer, retired. I volunteer at Meals on Wheels two days a week -- I volunteer at Meals on Wheels two days a week, up to four days a week.

I moved to this county 2017. Nice county. Animals, everything. People are nice, okay. I want to have respect for you people.

Sir, I don't have respect for you.

You're the lawyer for this county; I don't have no respect for you. This lawyer and his client were

- having a problem answering a question from counsel;

 you helped them out to answer the question. Now

 you're the county lawyer. You should have just been

 very straightforward and let them try to figure it
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- This is a good county. You don't need
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 taxes, you want to bring business, but the fact of
 the matter is this; this is going to destroy this
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- If you go to New York City and you want to see trucks, traffic, okay, you go to the Lower

 East Side, all right. Traffic is phenomenal.
- You're all going to have -- what do you have, 25

 bays? You go to Oak Glen, you got three warehouses,

 or a warehouse with 39 bays and you got two other

 buildings over there.
 - I watched tractor-trailers today. They have no route they take. They take any route they want to take. Mrs. Velez is right; they will do

what they have to do when they got to get where they got to go.

I worked for Brink's. We had armored car trucks; we has tractor-trailers. They come from out-of-state, they come from out of the country, and they deliver. And they have a schedule; they have a time element, okay. Some of their trucks are not working properly. Some of their trucks are throwing out the fumes and stuff like that.

When I drive around with Meals on Wheels, okay, I will tell you this, these little roads back here, they can't handle your big trucks. I see dump trucks coming by, 40 miles an hour, 45 miles an hour. Well, what is their weight, their tonnage?

I have a little Toyota Prius I move to the side because they're coming over the double yellow. And the bottom-line is they're coming on to oncoming traffic.

Now, if you go down Victory, you go to Oakland and Maxim Southard Road, okay. I'm standing over by the community church one day and here comes a dump truck coming down to Oak Glen, towards Maxim, makes the left. Takes two cars lengths on the oncoming traffic, and has to stop and almost hits me

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    killed or seriously hurt, are you going to take
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Don't do that.
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                  ROBERT WAGNER: Why not? Why not?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chairman, the
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    comments have to be relevant to what we're
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    reviewing.
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                  ROBERT WAGNER: Okay, relevant. I'll
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Have a good night.
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                  MIRJANA SCARSELLI: Mirjana Scarsella,
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Could you just
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MIRJANA SCARSELLI: M-I-R-J-A-N-A, last

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name Scarselli, S-C-A-R-S-E-L-L-I.

We're fairly new to Howell. We moved here three years ago. I live with my mother and my daughter at 191 Victory Road. And we come from Staten Island, New York City, Brooklyn. We are no strangers to the city, the trucks, the traffic, the pollution, the noise. At a time it was soothing.

We are a 9/11 family, an FDNY family. We moved for a better life, a better quality of life. We had a community that raised us after that, and we moved here three years ago and we found almost the same thing on Victory Road.

And as a single mother I wanted to give my daughter a safe place to grow up, better school system. The people are better. No disrespect to New York, but the people are better. Everything about it; Victory Road, the landscape, the farm animals everywhere. It was like the American dream, especially during COVID.

We moved during COVID. We wanted to be self-sustainable. We didn't know where the world was going, and to us this was our dream, this was our forever home; this is where we wanted to end up. Now we're faced with a 200,000-square-foot warehouse.

And what concerns me the most -- I share all the concerns of my neighbors -- my daughter gets on and off that bus every single day, five days a week. In the evening drop-off she gets off the bus from across the street because the route can't accommodate coming in front of the driveway. The bus has to pull in the middle of the street just to let her cross because he's nervous.

For two years, 6th and 7th grade, I sat out there because my nerves were shot. It's a 50-mile-an-hour road. God forbid. Two years I sat out there morning and evening. The cars that came through, by the end of the two years, rolled down the window, waved hello. They were the same cars. It must have been their cut-through, a normal road for them, never anything out of place. It was like a normal day every day.

So now in 8th grade, this year she can get on the bus herself. The fact of all these tractor-trailers and cars coming in to and from work scares the life out of me. And it's not going to be a place that I want to raise my daughter just for that fact that I have to worry for the next four years of her getting on and off the bus, or when she starts driving and she's coming out of the driveway.

Sometimes I have cars light up at the back of my car when I'm making a right-hand turn out of my driveway that I didn't see from my long fence. There is no sign to slow down on the S curve. It's a 50-mile-an-hour road.

The road, you are able to pass on that road right up until the front of my house. So if somebody is aggravated with the way -- how slow somebody is driving -- I drive only 35/40 miles an hour on that road. I have gotten passed so many times. The one car that passed me was actually the car that got hit by the train last month, okay.

Who is to say they're not going to try to pass another car and slam into my daughter's bus or while she's crossing the street in the p.m.?

These are the things I worry about as a mother. I didn't move here for that.

I did send an email to Mr. Cucchiaro and the board regarding the Planning Board do their own traffic study and their own quality of life study, and I never heard back. I think I emailed twice. I never heard back, and I think that's so important. Because what the applicant is saying as far as their traffic study to what we observe every day are two different things.

And I'll keep it short and simple. Wе just -- I stand with my neighbors. Again, I am new but I know community. I love this community. I love Howell. I want to be a part of it. I don't want to go anywhere. And if this warehouse is built, we will have no choice but to leave because I will not raise my daughter on a road where tractor-trailers are driving, air is being polluted.

I mean, we have garbage on the side of the streets now. Right, there's pros and cons to every neighborhood. I knew we were on a road like that. I pick up my garbage, whatever is dropped on the side of the road. This is going to bring more pollution to a beautiful neighborhood, and it's just not okay.

Thank you.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair, just for purposes of the record, the board's traffic engineer did review this and, in conjunction with our board engineer, put a report together. And the traffic engineer is also here tonight.

So there was a traffic review by our traffic engineer.

MIRJANA SCARSELLI: But there was no response.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Counsel, do you 1 2 have any more clients? 3 ATTORNEY DeBORD: Anyone else? ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just your clients 4 5 at this point. ATTORNEY DEBORD: 6 Yes. 7 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: We'll open it up 8 to everyone else after that but. 9 Okay, sir, do you swear or affirm the 10 testimony you are about to give this board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? 11 12 CHRIS BATES: I do. I don't -- my 13 name is Chris Bates, I live on Victory Road. 14 lived there for 18 years. 15 I don't have a whole lot to touch on 16 because, I think, they have covered much of it. But 17 I do have to bring up that I think the entire 18 project is completely inappropriate, unnecessary. 19 And I have to honestly say I have just 20 met a lot of these people for the first time in the 21 past few weeks as I really started to get engaged, 22 and these people are traumatized. I have seen 23 numerous people break out in tears, people that look 24 like they haven't slept for days. This is their

community and they're really counting on their

public officials to step up for them.

I mean, we're floundering here. We're not rich people; we're small farms. That's what we knew we were moving into, and we're up against big money. And I can honestly say that myself, I'm in it for the long run, I will do whatever it needs to do. I have already told my girlfriend no vacations, because I'll keep funding it and keep fighting it, because it means so much to these people, many of whom are older, they have been there for generations and they're on fixed incomes. And their neighborhood is going to completely transform.

I mean, we bought six-and-a-half acre lots 18 to 20 years ago with the condition that we were going to keep four of those acres untouched woodlands. And I have never even been back past my wood line because I don't want to disturb the ecosystem.

But I think -- yeah, we're in this for the long haul. No, whatever what you decide -- I implore the board to do the right thing and deny this application. But, no matter what, I'm not going to walk away from it. We're going to keep fighting.

Thank you very much. Thank you.

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    done? Please.
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                  BETTY VELEZ: That's all.
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                  ATTORNEY DEBORD: Okay. That's all.
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                  PETER GUILFOYLE: I do.
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                   PETER GUILFOYLE: My name is Peter
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1 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Go ahead,
2 sir.

PETER GUILFOYLE: I have a couple of concerns. One is I live north of this proposed warehouse, and I believe you've said that there will be no trucks going north, which after hearing the testimony at the council meeting about the Victory Road -- the Fairfield Road residents, the truckers don't obey it there and I'm sure they won't obey it here. So we know there's trucks going to come north on Victory Road. And that means they have to turn onto Maxim Southard and then engage Maxim Southard and Oak Glen Road, which is one of the most dangerous intersections in this city, in the township. There is accidents there at least monthly and I would say weekly.

I don't -- there is no way they can make the turns currently, even -- well, certainly not going north without crossing over into the other lanes.

So we're going to have to deal with that. There's going to be accidents there.

Also, I live -- where I live, it's a hidden driveway. And when those trucks come around that curve, they're going to encounter me someday

trying to come out of my driveway, I know that. And that concerns me. So that has been one of my concerns is the traffic going north.

One of the others is the applicant is putting in a septic system and city water. Now, I don't know why the applicant can't put in a well, like the rest of us do.

We have a pretty good environment going there right now; we take water out of the ground and we put water back in. They want to add 2,500 gallons a day of water into the ecosystem, which, since the water already spills off into our properties, that extra 2,500 gallons is going there, too, because that's going to come in through the city water.

In addition to that, when they tear up the road and put in the city water, they're going to thank us by giving us a bill for about \$300,000.

There is 20 residents on that street and our properties are -- our houses are pretty far off.

And so it's going to cost us between 10- and \$20,000 apiece to hook up to that city -- to hook up to that city water.

And we don't need it. I have my septic pumped every two or three years just to keep it going. Everything is working pretty good.

As far as the water runoff, I have

noticed in the last -- well, with the rain we've

had, the deer are starting to come close to my yard,

and they don't -- they always stay back. They're

coming up close to my yard because the water back

there in the wetlands is getting more and more

soaked, and they're coming up just for a while. I

know they'll go back there. But that's how much

water we have.

And as far as trees falling down, the gentleman said before; I just cut one up today that fell right over because the water is so -- the ground is so saturated. So those are real things that are happening.

And I'm concerned about that extra \$20,000 apiece that we have to lay out. Some of the houses are 400 feet off the road. You know, even at \$100 a foot, that's \$40,000, just to save the applicant the cost of putting in a well.

Here is my other -- oh, we're not sure the electrical grid can handle this either. I don't know if you studied the electrical situation. But I have a generator, of course, I turn it on monthly because that's how often the power goes out.

What is this mega warehouse, it's mega

to us, going to do to the electrical problems on the street? We're constantly losing power. And I don't know how -- if that's going to help. It's not going to help. I don't know how it's going to be resolved.

The last thing I want to bring up is the widening of Victory Road and the fixing of Victory Road just to accommodate the applicant. The applicant says that you've got to approve this because it's zoned for a warehouse and you have no choice. You do have a choice in setting parameters of how it's built. You can cut back the size of the warehouse, you can cut back the hours of the warehouse to be reasonable.

They put in their plans 1,700 gallons of water a day because they only calculated one shift. Why did they put three shifts 24/7 in their application if they're only contemplating one?

Because they want the right to do it.

You can do that. You don't have to accommodate -- the township does not have to accommodate them by widening Victory Road, knocking down the trees that are protecting the houses that are closer to the road and putting in, what, I don't imagine there's lights going up there, is there?

There's supposed to be reflectors going up to keep the trucks safe.

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When you take some of these houses that live on that curve. And that curve, by the way, is part of the beauty of Howell Township. That S-curve that is in there is part of the character of Howell Township. And a lot of people know about that curve and a lot of people know about the alpaca farm that lives on that road and the bee farm and the bamboo farm and the horse farms.

I mean, Howell Township is known for a lot of activities on Victory Road. And we're supposed to, according to the Planning Board, try to maintain the rural character of Howell Township.

And I'm asking the board to consider some of those ideas.

Thank you.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give this board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

PATRICIA ISBRECHT: Yes.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just get close to the mike. And state and spell your name for the

1 record and give us your address.

2 PATRICIA ISBRECHT: Yes. Patricia

3 | Isbrecht, 615 Fort Plains Road.

4 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Could you spell

5 | your last name for us.

6 PATRICIA ISBRECHT: I-S-B-R-E-C-H-T.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Go ahead, ma'am.

PATRICIA ISBRECHT: I'm here today to ask the planning board to not destroy these people behind me quality of life the way my quality of life was destroyed with Walters Group affordable housing.

I see many of the same expert testimony here tonight as I did back with the Walters Group. Walters Group, no dirt in, no dirt out. That property is now six feet higher than me right next door. No berm for my property next to Walters Group.

It was not until I had to alert the township and all of Facebook that my property and my neighbor's property were flooding. I have a septic system and I have a leach field. Tommy Russo had to come to my house and was the only councilman who came to my house to view that flooding and to demand a berm goes up.

My quality of life has not been the

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same since Walters Group. Now on Fort Plains and
Sunnyside you're going to rearrange that to an
astronomical amount. That road can't handle it.

We didn't need a light on Fort Plains
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and West Farms; now we need a light.

You arranged exits out of the Walters
Group so you could only make a right-hand turn in
from Fort Plains Road and a left -- and a right turn
out of the complex. I had Santa Claus and the fire
trucks making a left-hand turn out of Walters Group
down Fort Plains Road. So if the fire department is
not going to obey the road signs, what makes you
think any other public is going to?

So, please, I beg you, don't destroy their life the way you destroyed me and my backyard. Thank you.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you swear or affirm the testimony you are about to give this board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

STEVEN MIRABELLO: Yes, I do.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Please state and spell your name and give us your address.

24 STEVEN MIRABELLO: Name is Steven
25 Mirabello. I live at 2 Flintlock Drive.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Sir, could you 1 2 spell your last name? 3 STEVEN MIRABELLO: M-I-R-A-B-E-L-L-O. ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, go ahead, 4 5 sir. STEVEN MIRABELLO: Hi. So I have had 6 7 the opportunity to go and take a look at a lot of the environmental reports, the Phase 1 and Phase 2 8 that have been in these applications. 9 One for the 10 initial warehouse application and also even going 11 back to the solar farm that was proposed before 12 that, and in doing research for the property at 13 hand, I have also looked at New Jersey DEP DataMiner 14 and looked at some of the environmental concerns for 15 the properties that are surrounding it. 16 So in there's, in the Phase 1 and Phase 17 2 that discussed the environmental impact on the 18 property itself, but there's also in going in -- so 19 there's been some contradictory information between 20 those two reports. So I have some concerns in 21 taking a look at that, that there's some gaps there. 22 And I'm not confident that all the 23 environmental issues for the site have been properly 24 addressed.

So, for instance, and if you take a

look at the available groundwater data from the stormwater reports for the test pits, it's unclear whether the groundwater flows to the north to the sandy property, which is in the New Jersey DEP DataMiner, or if it flows onto the site from that property. And the reason, one reason that that is particularly relevant is the investigations on the property to the north are — they're still active, still ongoing. There's no real public data. It's an incomplete record for what's there. So to me there's still a potential risk that there could be contaminants flowing onto the site.

When you take a look at the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports that were provided, initially for the solar farm, the recommendations of the LSRP for that had said that, in his opinion, the proposed use of the solar farm was appropriate; however, if they want to go and change the property use to warehousing, he would recommend doing a report for vapor intrusion, to see if there would be any volatile chemicals that might get into the warehouse and might affect the workers.

I haven't seen any such investigation that would happen currently. And I don't know if the current warehouse takes into account some sort

of vapor barrier or sub-slab system, like you would usually have for radon to go and mitigate any vapors that may be there.

There was, when you take a look at the reports, Phase 1 and Phase 2 reports done for the warehouse, they describe that there's still after some areas of concern, the AOC's that would still need to be investigated, and I think that part of their plan is to go and do their investigation test pits as part of the concurrent with construction.

So I certainly have a concern that in getting into this process they may discover/unearth that the contamination that may or may not be there is much larger. And now the proposed site of the warehouse is completely inappropriate for the cleanup or the site remediation they may need to do.

So, and just going back and thinking about recent events in our town, just not too long ago we can think of what happened at Marl Road where that contamination still isn't cleaned up, there's still groundwater issues. That has been known about for 30 years on now.

So my recommendation is to go and wait until all the environmental investigations are done for this subject property, for the property to the

- north, have all the environmental professionals and the board an opportunity to review it before we even go and put something in place that may be wholly inappropriate.
- The best time to do any sort of cleanup
 is now, before anything ever gets built and we have
 to make any sort of accommodations. So I would
 recommend to wait until all the environmental work
 is completed.
- 10 Thank you.
- ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you swear or

 affirm the testimony you are about to give this

 board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but

 the truth?
- 15 NICOLE WOOLLEY: I do.
- ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Please state and spell your name for the record, and give us your address.
- NICOLE WOOLLEY: Nicole Woolley,

 W-O-O-L-L-E-Y. 223 Victory Road.
- I was born and raised on Victory Road
- 22 and have several family members still living there.
- 23 | My parents moved there in 1964. We have local
- 24 knowledge about the area that outsiders do not have.
- 25 We have an appreciation for the character of the

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street and the environment that the applicant does
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    not have. A warehouse will turn a quiet, rural back
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    road with farms and residences into a high-traffic,
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    unsafe, loud, aesthetically unpleasing street that
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    will negatively affect our property values.
                  I have a few questions. Has a quality
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    of life study been done?
                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Who are you
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    asking the question to?
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                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: I don't know.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I quess it would
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    be to the applicant.
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                  NICOLE WOOLLEY:
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO:
                                       So, Mr. Simon --
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    let's hear the questions, and then Mr. Simon will
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    respond and perhaps identify who the witness...
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Right. I can't
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    provide any testimony but I will identify a witness
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    that I think is appropriate to answer that question.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So go
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    ahead.
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                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: And then I have
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    comments after the questions. Is that okay?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, let's get
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    the answers to the questions first.
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                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: Okay. Has a quality
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    of life study been done?
                  Has there been a study on the runoff
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    and its potential effect to wildlife and plant life
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    and to our drinking water? That's more of a
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    concern.
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                  Have tractor-trailers turning onto
    Victory at rush hour with a car in the other lane
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    been actually attempted from both directions, not
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    assimilation?
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                  I think those are all my questions.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So,
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    Mr. Simon, do you have...
                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Yeah.
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                                          So when you
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    say a quality of life study, just so I can identify
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    the proper witness, what do you mean?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Simon, just
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    get closer to the mike.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: I'm sorry.
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    trying to --
                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: Well, for me it
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    entails a lot. It entails about the air pollution,
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    the light pollution, the noise pollution, how it's
    affecting our homes, our everyday life, our safety.
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I can go on.

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ATTORNEY SIMON: Okay. So that's one.
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    And then you have a question about the stormwater?
                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: Yes, runoff.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Runoff. And then a
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    question about tractor-trailers.
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                  And, Kerry, why don't you come up to
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    answer the question.
                  So this is our engineer. Tung-To Lam
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    has provided testimony. Why don't you ask the
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    questions, I think the quality of life, maybe,
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    question and the stormwater question.
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                  Have there been any quality of life
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    studies done?
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                   TUNG-TO LAM: Environmental Impact
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    Statement has been submitted to the board.
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                  NICOLE WOOLLEY: How it affects our
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    quality of life, not just the environment and the
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    animals?
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                   THE WITNESS: For this property.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, why don't
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    you explain what the Environmental Impact Statement
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    contains; what elements does it address?
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                   THE WITNESS: There's a checklist
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    based on the township requirement on what needs to
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    go into an Environmental Impact Statement and the
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Natural Resource Inventory. And those have been submitted.
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3 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, some 4 specifics, please.

second.

TUNG-TO LAM: Rob, do you have a copy?

ATTORNEY SIMON: Yeah. Hold on a

TUNG-TO LAM: If you refer to page I, which is the Table of Contents for the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by EcoSciences,
Incorporated, March 2nd, 2022, it goes through a list of items. And, in fact, it's two pages of Table of Contents. It starts with a description of the development, the project alternative, inventory of the existing natural resources, assessments of environmental impacts, steps to minimize environmental impacts, irreversible and commitment to resource, unavoidable impacts, and then the rest licenses and references. But in each one there's subcategories to it.

For example, under inventory of existing natural resources, it talks about the geology, topography, the soil, the groundwater quality and quantity, the surface water quantity and quality, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, aquatics,

floodway, floodplain, air qualities, sound, land 1 use, aesthetics, historical and cultural resources, 2 3 demographics. And that's just one sample of it. 5 ATTORNEY SIMON: So in response to the 6 question in terms of quality of life study, you 7 contend with the Environmental Impact Report and its subcategories that have been submitted to the board 8 9 addresses issues that would go into such a study, 10 correct? THE WITNESS: Yes. 11 12 ATTORNEY SIMON: And, I apologize, 13 ma'am, with regard to the stormwater question, can 14 you just repeat that question just so we get it 15 accurately? 16 NICOLE WOOLLEY: Yeah. Just for the 17 sake of time I'm going with a yes-or-no answer. 18 Has there been a study on the runoff 19 and its potential effects to Squankum Brook's 20 wildlife, plant life, and our drinking water? 21 TUNG-TO LAM: No, the stormwater 22 impact is designed for this property, not beyond. 23 NICOLE WOOLLEY: So, no, there hasn't 24 been any study about the runoff affecting that,

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okay.

And the last question was about the tractor-trailers. And, again, a yes or no for the sake of time would be fine.

Have tractor-trailers turning onto Victory Road at rush hour with a car in the other lane been actually observed, attempted from both directions, not a simulation but actually having tractor-trailers do this?

9 KERRY PEHNKE: No, we don't look at it 10 that way.

NICOLE WOOLLEY: Okay. Then that's it. Thank you.

ATTORNEY SIMON: Thank you.

KERRY PEHNKE: Thank you.

NICOLE WOOLLEY: Okay. I am concerned with the effects that pollution and disturbances will have on the health and quality of life of the residents, pets, farms, animals and numerous wildlife species, due to the increased human activity and tractor-trailer traffic, increased cars and trucks, and construction vehicles creating noise, air, light and light pollution during the construction phase and once the warehouse is operational.

So some concerns pertaining to the

financial impact. In addition to the water line and probable decrease in property values, damages to the homes, lands or financial hardship, Victory Road was not intended for such heavy traffic. My concern is that the taxpayers will have to bear the expense of

6 the road repairs.

My family will be negatively affected even more so since most of the land they're proposing to take is from the front yards of our properties. This is so a rich businessman from New York can make money at our expense. How is that just? Farmers' livelihoods are their land, and their nest egg is the property. What happens when their land loses its value?

Regarding traffic and safety. As a person with local knowledge I feel confident in saying that the traffic impact will not be minimal. Tractor-trailers will be backed up from 547 down Victor, blocking driveway and spewing fumes into homes. At rush hour the backup could potentially go as far down as the S-curve, which, would be very dangerous.

And what about the tractor-trailers passing the mailman on the curve when a vehicle is coming in the other direction, not to mention all

the hidden driveways.

The other day I was unable to turn left off of Easy Street onto 547 south due to the traffic being backed up from Soldier Field past Easy Street almost to Victory, and it wasn't even rush hour. I can only imagine the traffic once tractor-trailers are added to the mix.

The roads are narrow, without shoulders. People ride bikes, walk their dogs and ride horses. One neighbor's geese cross the road several times a day. What will be done to ensure the safety of the people and the animals?

In addition to the danger posed by the trucks, the farm animals, wildlife and pets will be startled and stressed by the noise.

Widening the road to supposedly soften the curve will not help. Eastbound cars speeding don't just cross the line; quite a few have ended up on the other side of the road in my front yard.

The danger will only increase with tractor-trailers routinely traveling Victory Road.

To think everyone, including truckers on a schedule, are going to slow to 25 miles per hour is unrealistic. Tractor-trailers going around the curve crossing over the lines due to their size at

1 | the same time as another vehicle traveling in the

2 opposite direction is a tragic accident waiting to

3 | happen. Signage will have minimal impact at best.

4 It would just be a matter of time before someone is

5 killed.

As far as the signage, where will the speed limit, curve ahead, yellow arrows and truck-tipping signs all be located? In my front yard, not only junkying it up, but taking even more of our yard.

What the applicant calls improvements I see as useless Band-Aids that are ruining the beauty of my yard and street, not to mention my property value. Victory is a rural road. Trying to turn it into a city road is not an improvement.

And if you would bear with me just one more minute, I would like to -- my brother wasn't able to be here today. He lives across the street from the auto body. And to say that that easement is an improvement, that it's for us, that everyone could use, well, every single person here on Victory Road will agree, it is not for us. It is for that warehouse. And you're going to promote those tractor-trailers to go by our houses, to be sitting outside my brother's house.

They talked about the study wasn't done about the runoff, well, that runoff will go right into my brother's field and ruin his trees which is his livelihood. So don't spin it that it's for us, that we actually need that, because we don't.

I'm sorry, I just want to make sure I mentioned that one other thing about -- for my brother. Ridiculous that they won't turn right off of Victory; there's Brick, there's Lakewood, there's Route 9 South. If it wasn't necessary, they wouldn't have paid money for the easement for the property.

The neighbors are greatly affected.

The fact that they weren't notified is sad. If my brother didn't care about the quality of life, his own and our neighbors, he would have sold out too and sold the corner of his property when he was approached. But he didn't because quality of life is more important than money.

Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate you listening to my testimony. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: All right, it's 10:29 and there ain't no way you're done in two, minutes, Marc, we know that.

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MARC PARISI: I don't think I can do
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    that in two minutes. With all respect, can we go an
    extra ten minutes? I'm only going to take, like,
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    maybe five or six minutes.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You're going to
    take five or six minutes?
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                  MARC PARISI: Yeah.
                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: You swear?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Do you swear or
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    affirm the testimony you are about to give this
    board is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but
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    the truth?
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                  MARC PARISI: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Please state and
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    spell your name and give us your address.
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                   THE WITNESS: Marc Parisi,
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    P-A-R-I-S-I, 2 Castle Court.
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                  Good evening. Thank you for the time.
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                   I know there has been a lot of talk
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    about the easement. Has that been entered into
    Evidence as an exhibit?
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                  If not, I have a copy. Can I enter it
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    in as a public exhibit?
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                  BOARD PLANNER: I think it is an
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    exhibit.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, you can
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    enter in whatever you would like; whether it's been
    entered or not, if you want to submit something, go
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    ahead.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Is that what you're
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    talking about?
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                  MARC PARISI: I'm talking the actual
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    easement.
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                  BOARD PLANNER: Oh. No.
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                  MARC PARISI: The deed.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: I'm telling you,
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    if you want to submit something to make sure --
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                  MARC PARISI: Yes.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: -- that your
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    point is made, go ahead.
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                   THE WITNESS: Okay. So who should I
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    give this to?
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So we'll mark
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    this as P-1.
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                  Do you have an extra copy for counsel?
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                  MARC PARISI: I don't but, I mean, it's
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    a public record. It's the recorded deed for the
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    easement.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Why don't you
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    just show it to counsel, first --
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1 ATTORNEY SIMON: Can I just see it?

2 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: -- to see if he

3 has an objection.

MARC PARISI: All right. So I'll just get into my testimony since I'm now only five and a half minutes.

I have concerns that the applicant did not comply with the local ordinance related to public notice, Ordinance 188-5.1 regarding notice signs. It states [as read]: All applications requiring public notice as here and above set forth shall require a notice sign. A notice sign is a sign which is freestanding and erected on the property which is the subject of an application for development. Notice signs are required to be created on the property which is the subject of an application for development to state the name of the application, blah, blah, blah.

The sign is supposed to be between 32 square feet in area and 64 square feet in area. It's supposed to face the street abutting the property. I never saw such a sign erected on the property. I don't believe they were granted a waiver. And it's my understanding that this applicant did not comply with this ordinance

requirement. That is Ordinance 188-5.1.

I have a statement about some traffic stuff and then a question for the traffic expert.

Victory Road is a local road. This

Planning Board adopted a new Circulation Element of
its Master Plan in May of 2022. The planning board
had the opportunity to recommend changing the
designation of this road, but they did not. The
goals of the Circulation Element included, and I
quote: "Remove high intensity uses from areas where
roads cannot support." Another goal was: "Relocate
high intensity uses to appropriate roadways and
discourage development on lower classification
roads."

As I said, Victory Road is a local road; it's the lowest classification. This applicant is proposing to make significant off-site improvements to Victory Road to accommodate tractor-trailers using their warehouse. These proposed improvements include widening the S-curve but reducing the speed limit so trucks can safely pass each other on the S-curve, as well as obtaining an easement at the corner of Victory Road and 547.

The easement states as -- Counsel, are you okay with me entering that into the record?

1 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: We're marking it 2 as P-1.

"To enable tractor-trailers to make right turns from Victory Road onto Lakewood Farmingdale Road." That is the specific purpose of the easement; it says so in the recorded deed.

I want to draw the board's attention to Ordinance 188-118 titled "Streets". It states:

"Local streets shall be designed to discourage through traffic." So my question for your traffic expert, is it her professional opinion the proposed improvements will encourage or discourage through traffic on this local road?

Now, in the interest of time, I don't know if you want to bring her up here and answer the question, but I'll just opine that I do not believe that it is -- that these proposed -- I do believe that these proposed improvements are inconsistent with that ordinance and that they're going to encourage through traffic.

By changing the S-curve and redesigning Victory Road, you're now going to have traffic that is on Maxim Southard that is going to say, hey, I can cut through Victory now. And that goes against

your Ordinance 188-118.

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I think it's important that the board knows that the Monmouth County Planning Board has designated 547 as a scenic road. This project is going to increase traffic that is going to be using 547. That's inconsistent with the Monmouth County Planning Board.

I urge the board to deny this application and not allow them to make the offsite improvements for those reasons.

Question about is Victory Road a residential zone or an Industrial Zone? Well, I did a little unscientific math and basically 90 percent of the frontage on Victory Road is residential. But for the steel factory and this property those are the only two lots on Victory Road that are not zoned ARE-6. So it's fair to say that Victory Road is a residential road. And since, like, 90 percent of the frontage is residential.

So this applicant's proposing to operate a warehouse distribution facility 24/7 in a residential zone. There are -- I looked at the list of all the SED -- permitted uses in the SED zone. There's very few uses in there that would operate 24/7 except for this warehouse distribution.

Delieve that consistent with what has been written in legal briefs from Mr. Cucchiaro's firm it says, "The planning board has the power to impose certain conditions on site plan approvals," and then goes on to quote a case or what is that -- it's from Cox, it says, "The board unquestionably has the right to impose reasonable conditions. The condition was an exercise of the board's quasi-judicial power."

So I ask this board to deny the application, but if you're not inclined to deny the application that you condition this -- any approval and limit the hours of operation on this warehouse -- and that you have the authority to do that -- that you would limit the hours of operation to 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or whatever discretion you believe is appropriate since you're now putting a non-residential use in a residential neighborhood. And you have the authority to do that.

With respects to Exhibit A-49, which was the exhibit that was talked about in the beginning of this hearing tonight, in which it was submitted, you know, into the record, and then counsel said that they didn't intend to rely upon that, I think it's very skeptical that they entered

into evidence a site plan that shows that they're increasing the office spaces from two office spaces to six office spaces.

To me it looks like a flex-space type of operation, where they're going to have multiple different tenants in that building that are going to be operating with different uses.

I don't know, there was no testimony as to whether or not, you know, all of the potential tenants are going to be operating as warehouse distribution or they're going to be operating as other types of uses, but I do think that it's important to know that, with respects to the amount of loading bays on this building, that the State Planning Commission on warehouse guidance says that the industry standard is one loading bay for every 10,000 square feet.

This building, I believe, has 26 loading bays. The exhibit A-49 had 28 loading bays on it. It's 190,000 square feet of warehouse space. So they technically have between 7 or 8 or 9 more loading bays than are required under the industry standards. Why? Why?

And if they are intending to use flex space, which I don't know if they are, if they plan

to do that or not, but they certainly don't need that many loading bays if they were going to use flex space. Maybe one bay for each unit.

So I would -- I would encourage the board to be skeptical about what their end game is with this actual building based upon their submission of Exhibit A-49.

There's no reason this building needs to be 45-foot high and have 40-foot clear ceilings, if they're going to be dividing it into six separate units. They could easily have turned around and limited the building height to 25 or 30 feet. That would fit the character of Victory Road. There is no structures on Victory Road with that height.

Paul, I'm trying to -- I'm trying to go through as quick as I can.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: No, you've got it, you got it.

MARC PARISI: Okay. So, you know, I would just, respectfully, submit that there's no reason why this building needs to be as large as it is and literally consume and take over Victory Road.

They could have -- if they really wanted to fit into their neighborhood, they could have moved this building back off of Victory Road;

maintained wooded frontage along Victory Road; reduced the height to 25 or 30 feet; reduced the size of this building substantially, maybe in half; reduced the number of loading bays; and reduced the number of trucks coming to this building.

There's so many things that they could have done that would have probably been acceptable to the residents behind me and to this community and maybe to you guys, but they chose not to do any of it and this is the application they put forth and this is the application that you have to now consider.

And with respects to Exhibits B-20, B-27, and B-38, the septic system was denied by the county health department in August of 2022. They haven't put any testimony -- I haven't heard any testimony as to whether or not they've submitted plans to the DEP for a new septic system. We don't know where the septic system is going to go. We don't know how big it has to be. I don't even know how you can approve a site plan without knowing where a septic system is going to go on the property.

I mean, I have watched a lot of planning board applications. I'm shocked that there

hasn't been any statements from any professionals anywhere that says how do we know -- where are you putting your septic system? How are you going to engineer around a septic system that needs an outside agency approval?

I mean, it's just shocking to me that there hasn't been more comments about we don't -- how can we approve where your slab is going to be, where your basins are going to be, where your parking lots are going to be, or anything, when you haven't even presented to us with the concept that you provided to the DEP regarding the size of your septic system and all the requirements under state law? It blows my mind.

So those are my -- pretty much everything that I want to say. My last thing that I want to say to you guys is just more of a personal note. You guys are like a jury, okay. I mean, you've heard two sides of a case and now you have to decide who you believe in more. And, you know, that is up for you guys to decide but you've heard, you know, the applicant's story, the objector's story.

And it's my understanding that you, if you guys were to decide to deny this and you say we believe the objector's experts in their testimony

and we find that the applicant's testimony was not credible and not reliable, that a court is not going to overturn your decision, as long as you can explain and come to some reasonable basis as to why you denied this application. And I'm asking you to deliberate and do that tonight.

Thank you.

just one note on the comment regarding the notice signs. The New Jersey courts have held that those requirements are invalid. There was a case in Edison, similar ordinance. The court said that the notice requirements in the Municipal Land Use Law prevailed and that you couldn't require greater notice than that.

So a lot of towns tried but the courts have said that it's not something that you can enforce.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: With that we have taken a look, Mr. Chair, at some of the upcoming agendas.

CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. Well, for now let me close the public portion, for now. For now.

1 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: We have on 2 October 19th, we have our Master Plan hearing; that 3 may take some time. CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay. ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: And we have the 5 Wadsworth application, which is a Whispering Woods 6 7 application, that the court requires us to proceed with. 8 And we do have some other larger 10 applications on that night, so I would not recommend October 19th. 11 12 November 2nd we may be able to get 13 this done. And then we have December 14th, as well. 14 ATTORNEY SIMON: So it's my 15 understanding there is a consideration to carry the 16 application until November 2nd, 2023, without any 17 further notice to the public. 18 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: That's correct. 19 ATTORNEY SIMON: Now, my only question 20 is really a procedural one, in terms of whether we 21 would need to bring all of our witnesses back again 22 in which case I would have to go poll them and find 23 out about their schedules.

ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, why don't

you take five minutes and do that because the answer

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is, yes, because the public has their right to
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    cross-examine. So we'll give some time to poll.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: So, let me ask you a
    question. Obviously, you can visually see with
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    regard to our traffic expert that she may have some
    issue in being back here for the next meeting.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So I never
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    presume anyone's condition.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Very fair. And maybe
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    that was erroneous for me to state. Nevertheless,
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    what I would ask, Mr. Chairman, in deference to her,
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    if it's possible, that should members of the public
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    have questions for her that maybe we can extend
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    tonight's meeting just for that sole purpose. There
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    may not be any, but if there are...
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So if anybody from
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    the public that has just a specific traffic
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    question?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Correct, for Kerry
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    Pehnke.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yeah, because
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Yes.
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                  CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: I mean, that's fair
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enough. You guys, the board doesn't have any

problem doing that? 1 2 ATTORNEY DEBORD: Mr. Chair, Mr. Goll is not available for the November 2nd date. 3 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Whoever is 5 talking, I can't hear... ATTORNEY DEBORD: Oh, I'm so sorry. 6 7 Mr. Goll is not available for the November 2nd date. 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: That's... 9 ATTORNEY SIMON: Well, I quess you can 10 ask whether any member of the public has a question for Mr. Goll. 11 12 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So why don't we 13 open it just for -- not for any comments but only 14 for questions of Ms. Pehnke and Mr. Goll. 15 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Ouestions for the 16 traffic engineer or questions for Mr. Goll, that's 17 it. 18 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Right. So if 19 anybody has any questions, not any comments but any 20 questions for Ms. Pehnke or Mr. Goll, please come 21 up. 22 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, please

state and spell your name for the record and give us
your address. And, remember, this is questions
only.

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PAIGE HACKETT: Paige Hackett, 578
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    Newtons Corner Road, P-A-I-G-E, H-A-C-K-E-T-T.
                  I do have a question for Ms. Pehnke.
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    My question is in regards to your traffic study. I
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    attended a lot of these meetings and I might have
    missed it, but I don't think I have heard anything
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    about the traffic coming off of 195 onto 547
    Lakewood-Allenwood Road and the intersection at
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    Herbertsville and Oakland Road.
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                  Was that under consideration in your
    traffic study?
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                  KERRI PEHNKE: That was not part of
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    our scope of study.
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                   PAIGE HACKETT: So the main route that
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    you're routing -- that you're considering with these
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    tractor-trailers will be taking is from 195 off of
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    the exit onto Lakewood Allenwood Road, through that
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    intersection straight, continuing down to Victory
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    Road, correct?
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                  KERRI PEHNKE:
                                  Correct.
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                   PAIGE HACKETT: So you haven't looked
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    at that intersection at all?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: That's correct.
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                  PAIGE HACKETT: So I travel that road
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every day. That's how I get home from work; I take

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1 195 South. Often traffic, and the time from
2 anywhere from 3:30 to 6 o'clock, is backed up all
3 the way to 195. It's a very, very dense
4 intersection.
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I don't see any way that you could add that many tractor-trailers through that intersection all day long every day, especially during rush hour time. You know, you haven't looked at it, so I guess you don't have an answer for it.

That's my question to the board; it's a very -- something that should be considered.

And the other just kind of it's not really a question for Ms. Pehnke but it's in regards to her previous testimony before the easement was considered; she mentioned that the right-turning tractor-trailers onto 547 from Victory Road should be able to make that turn because school buses make that turn.

What is the turning radius of a school bus?

KERRI PEHNKE: The radiuses are different. I had said the tractor-trailer could make the turn within the existing pavement area.

PAIGE HACKETT: I'm sorry, what?

25 KERRY PEHNKE: The tractor-trailer --

BOARD PLANNER: Pull it closer. Move it closer, because they definitely cannot hear you.

KERRY PEHNKE: My apologies. A tractor-trailer can make the turn in the existing pavement area.

Not that it was similar to a school bus but the school bus also had issues making the turn without crossing over the centerlines as well.

PAIGE HACKETT: With respect, that wasn't your testimony. Your testimony was I have seen school buses do it, tractor-trailers can do it. You were comparing the two as being comparable. So that is just something I want to bring up to the board that, you know, they are not comparable really at all. The turning radius of a school bus, I'm going to bring it up because I looked it up because I am not a traffic expert, nor do I know anything about school bus length or tractor-trailers, but I looked it up and a school bus is 20 to 30 feet while a tractor-trailer is 55 feet.

So the difference from a school bus to a tractor-trailer is very different. And I'm -- not being a traffic expert, I would say not to compare the two. That's all.

Thank you for your time. And I hope

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you could consider that intersection as being
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    completely problematic to this plan. Thank you.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: And, again,
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    questions only to Ms. Pehnke and to the objector's
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    witness. Please state and spell your name for the
    record.
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                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: First name
    Ellsworth, E-L-L-S-W-O-R-T-H, last name --
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Just get a little
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    closer to the mike.
                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: Last name, Burrows,
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    B-U-R-R-O-W-S.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: And your address?
                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: 11 Amanda Lane.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Do you
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    have some questions?
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                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: Yes, about the
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    traffic planning. Again, what I'm hearing is there
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    wasn't any planning besides Victory Boulevard.
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                  The last person that was up brought up
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    the Herbertsville/514. Also, you have to look at
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    Maxim Southard and 547 because now you're increasing
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    traffic volume along this road that is already a
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    problem from both directions. And there must be
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some kind of survey done for these roads. You can't

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- just plop a bunch of trucks on the road and expect
 everybody to be content with the volume that is
 going to happen.
- On that road there are sports fields;
 they have games. People come and go on these roads.

 Now you're putting tractor-trailers in here where
 people are leaving with kids from games. How long
 is that going to take for people to go home or get
 to the fields? That is my concern.
- So I would say if you guys are going to
 do anything, please also look at the traffic
 patterns.
- 13 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, no, this is
 14 for questions.
- 15 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: Yes.

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- 16 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: So do you have 17 any more questions?
 - ELLSWORTH BURROWS: Yes. I want to know if you guys are going to do a traffic survey for that road completely, not just for Victory Boulevard.
 - Victory Boulevard dumps on both 547 and Maxim Southard. So the traffic study must comprise both of those things, and I would like to know if that's going to be done.

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KERRY PEHNKE: The scope of our study
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    included both ends of Victory Road, so the Maxim
    Southard intersection as well as the Victory Road
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    intersection. And the additional traffic associated
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    with the warehouse, the intersection was expected to
    still operate at good levels of service on both
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    ends.
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                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: It's not working
    right now, so I don't think...
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, but those
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    are comments, so do you have any more questions?
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                  You will have an opportunity to
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    comment, also.
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                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: Okay.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: This is just for
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    the questions.
                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: I understand. But
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    what I'm hearing is a survey has been done but I
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    don't think it's appropriate.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: That's a comment.
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    Do you have another question?
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                  ELLSWORTH BURROWS: That's my
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    question.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. Well, she
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    has answered. You may not like the answer but
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that's her answer. 1 2 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: That doesn't make 3 any sense to me. You can answer something without an appropriate answer, that doesn't make an answer. 4 5 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, it's an answer. It's an answer you're not satisfied with. 6 7 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: No, that's an 8 answer but it doesn't answer the question. Answer the question. 9 10 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Chair, the witness has answered. 11 12 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: The witness has given me an answer. The witness did not answer. 13 14 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: You asked if he 15 performed that study. 16 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: An appropriate 17 survey of the traffic. Is it appropriate? 18 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: So, I mean, she 19 did answer your question. 20 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: She did a survey. 21 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yeah. However, I 22 mean, do... KERRY PEHNKE: We follow industry 23

methodologies and standards and we prepare all our analysis.

1 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: No, but I was 2 going to ask, is it seems that the last two 3 questions, they may not understand what the requirement -- like the scope of how far we go off-site, like what's... 5 KERRY PEHNKE: I can explain that real 6 7 quick, if that would be helpful. 8 CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Yeah, maybe that's 9 what we need to do. 10 KERRY PEHNKE: Okay. So we determined 11 study locations based on a significant impact, which 12 is defined by -- New Jersey, it's 100 trips or more 13 added to an intersection. We're actually with this 14 site, even to the two ends of Victory Road, don't 15 add 100 trips, yet we still analyzed those, which is 16 why our scope doesn't have to go out further than

that because of that definition of a significant impact of traffic being 100 trips, new trips, or

more added to an intersection.

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CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Better?

21 ELLSWORTH BURROWS: No. But I can't

22 make a comment, so there's no point.

23 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Sir, state your 24 name and spell it.

25 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC: I will make it

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brief, I have to be at the airport at 5:00 a.m.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Well, it's a
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    question, so I don't need to swear you in.
                  DARIN NIELSON: Okay.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: But we need you
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    to state and spell your name and give us your
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    address.
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                  DARIN NIELSON: 104 Victory Road.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: And your name,
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    sir.
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                  DARIN NIELSON: Nielson,
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    N-I-E-L-S-O-N.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Your first name?
                  DARIN NIELSON: Darin, D-A-R-I N.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Go ahead.
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                  DARIN NIELSON: My question basically
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    comes up from reality, living it, and the pictures
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    of the drawing of the traffic, and hopefully a study
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    comes a little bit because I did talk to the school
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    over there, so you have come up with a very nice
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    drawing of showing that this is where the front
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    bumper is going to go, this is where the back tires
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    are going to go, and being able to make the turn,
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Okay, so with that picture, which it

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looks beautiful in black and white, but then we
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    also -- I noticed we had an aerial picture of
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    reality, okay. There is a tree, there is a house,
    the farm with all the visual appendages to make it
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    so, that, one, if you go back to that picture, the
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    black and white, that shows that, yep, you can make
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    this turn without crossing that double yellow line,
    okay. At what point, how far back from 547's yellow
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    line or center line, how far back is the white line
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    or sidewalk going to have to be for this
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    tractor-trailer -- and I really don't care if it's
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    making a right or left -- to be able to make that
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    turn safely and be able to see oncoming traffic?
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                  And I don't care where it's coming
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    from, north, south, east or west, how can that be
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    done safely?
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                  I know it can be done on a picture but
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    can it be done safely?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Before you answer the
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    question, do you understand the question?
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                  KERRY PEHNKE:
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    understanding what you're asking.
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                   DARIN NIELSON: Okay. Let's start
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    with how far back is the truck going to have to be
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to make that turn? We'll say right; we'll say going

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- 1 to Lakewood on 547.
- 2 KERRY PEHNKE: You're talking about
- 3 | the stop bar?
- 4 DARIN NIELSON: Excuse me?
- 5 KERRY PEHNKE: You're talking about the
- 6 | location of the stop bar?
- 7 DARIN NIELSON: What stop bar?
- 8 ATTORNEY SIMON: I think it would be
- 9 easier if you just break it up and ask Ms. Pehnke
- 10 | the question based on a specific location.
- So just identify the location you're
- 12 talking about and then ask her the question at that
- 13 particular location.
- 14 DARIN NIELSON: How many intersections
- 15 | are we talking about for this company that are going
- 16 | to get reconstructed?
- 17 ATTORNEY SIMON: I think you have to
- 18 | repeat the question, please.
- 19 DARIN NIELSON: Are you familiar with
- 20 | the intersection that needs to be reconstructed to
- 21 | make this thing feasible?
- 22 KERRY PEHNKE: The one on the screen,
- 23 | correct; the Lakewood Farmingdale Road and Victory
- 24 | Road intersection, correct?
- DARIN NIELSON: There you go.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

DARIN NIELSON: Now, I'll let you pick a direction going -- what is that, east or west; how far back on Victory Road does the -- we're calling it the stop bar, the sidewalk, the line crossing, okay, how far back does that truck need to stop to be able to facilitate this turn legally?

KERRY PEHNKE: It will be designed to industry standards to be able to accommodate that.

DARIN NIELSON: Oh, I know it will be designed, okay.

Now, is that design going to be legal; is it going to be safe to be able to see with the bamboo farm and the tree and the house on the other side?

We're talking about a tractor-trailer that can't get to zero to 60 in five seconds. So I'm saying things we need to look at is, one, the speed of the traffic on that road; and, two, more importantly, how far back are we talking for that truck to be sitting back to be able to make that turn the way the picture shows it?

KERRY PEHNKE: It will be designed to the industry design standards, which will account for sight distance and all of the requirements that

1 | we need to take into account.

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witnesses?

2 DARIN NIELSON: Okay, I would like 3 feet. Because I'm going to go out there with a measuring tape and I'm going to make a little chalk 4 line on the side of the road so that I can just 5 physically see how this is going to even be done. 7 Now we talk about the buses and stuff like that. Well, buses are great because they have 8 9 a stub nose. The long ones, okay, the long ones 10 have a stub nose; they can get right up there and 11 they can see left and right. A tractor-trailer, 12 they've got a 10-foot extension on the front, it's 13 called an engine, okay. 14 Do you know how far back those things 15 have to be to make this turn? That's a real 16 question. 17 ATTORNEY SIMON: Do you understand the 18 question? 19 KERRY PEHNKE: I do. It will all be 20 on the design plans when... 21 DARIN NIELSON: I rest my case. Thank 22 you. 23 ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay. So are 24 there any more questions for either of these two

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                  I don't see any, Mr. Chairman.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: I was going to say
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    anybody else have any questions for the traffic
    engineer?
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Or ...
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Or Mr. Goll?
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Yeah.
                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Okay, seeing that
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    there's none, I'm now closing the public portion.
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: For tonight.
                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: For tonight.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: Thank you. I appreciate
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    it.
                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Good luck.
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                  KERRY PEHNKE: Thank you.
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                   ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Mr. Simon, did
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    you have an opportunity...
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                   ATTORNEY SIMON: Yeah, I just want to
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    have two minutes.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT:
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Maybe even one
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    minute, just to check on the availability of the
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    remaining witnesses, please.
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                   CHAIRMAN BOISVERT: Of course.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON:
                                    Thank you.
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                  (A brief recess is taken.)
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                  ATTORNEY CUCCHIARO: Okay, Mr. Chairman,
    they're good for November 2nd, so I'll make the
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    announcement.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO: And you also grant
    the board an extension of time.
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: Yes, we will grant
    the board an extension of time through that next
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    date. Thank you.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO:
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    November 3rd?
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                  ATTORNEY SIMON: November 3rd, yes.
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                   SECRETARY RUBANO:
                                      Thank you.
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                   BOARD ATTORNEY: The application
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    SP-1105 AAVRHW Property, LLC, will be carried to the
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    board's November 2nd, 2023, meeting.
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                  That's a live meeting beginning
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    7:00 o'clock here in the Main Meeting Room in Town
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    Hall. There will be no further notice to property
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    owners. Also, all documents associated with the
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    application are on file and available for inspection
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    during normal business hours at the planning
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    department. Again, there will be no further notice
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    to property owners.
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(Application adjourned at 11:01 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I, ANGELA C. BUONANTUONO, a Notary Public and Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey and Registered Professional Reporter, do hereby certify that prior to the commencement, the witness was duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

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I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that I am neither a relative, nor employee, nor attorney, nor counsel of any of the parties to this action, and that I am neither a relative, nor employee of such attorney or counsel, and that I am not financially interested in the action.

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