

To: Participants of the Landfill Visioning workshop held on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2006

From: Mayor Brian Gallagher

I cannot tell you how happy and proud I was to see so many residents, business people and other interested people attend and actively participate in the day-long workshop held at the county courthouse jurors meeting room a month ago.

At this workshop we began the process of planning the vision for the future of the former landfill.

This is a complex and very detailed process where we have a lot of data and a lot of ideas, plus a lot of opinions as to what we should do at the site.

By the end of the day it was amazing to see how participants had changed their thoughts and were prepared to work with others to devise alternative means of achieving what they believed was the right mix of space, businesses and residential units to meet the challenges of the future of the Borough, not only in quality of life aspects but from a financial perspective as well.

When you were assembled into working groups it was apparent that each was a diverse and spirited. You had to grapple with a variety of details ranging from environmental, wetlands, cost of property, cost of cleaning the site and the cost of construction, then you had to balance this with the rateables each final unit would contribute to the borough, or, conversely what a particular unit would cost the borough.

The solutions were varied; the land use plans different but ultimately most reflected a positive impact for the borough – long-term.

The next step is for our consultants and planners to analyze these various schemes and prepare a report to the borough and its constituents; we hope this will happen before the end of June, keep you eye on the borough website for more information.

Once more, let me thank you all for giving up such a warm and sunny spring day to help us plan the future of our borough.

Sincerely,

Brian G. Gallagher  
Mayor