



Stormwater Authority of the City of Chester

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a new municipal authority established in 2006, with the responsibility of managing stormwater runoff and avoiding poisons from going into our waterways, especially the Ridley Creek, Chester Creek, and the Delaware River, it did not take long for it to become obviously clear that two major state highways, Rt. 13 and Rt. 291, which runs directly through the City of Chester, requires daily maintenance and cleaning of inlets.

Sometimes construction debris left over from contractors who periodically do work for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDot), Rt. 291 has the frequency to flood due to heavy rains and debris that piles up from storm winds that blow it down on the highway surfaces. Several times this four-lane highway has been shut down backing up truck traffic for miles and requiring us to spend multiple hours trying to clean the highway so that traffic can resume on a regular basis.

While being concerned about this problem and other problems related to PennDot properties, I contacted PennDot to see if they would at least reach an agreement in lieu of stormwater fees which we prefer they pay. Thus far, PennDot refuses to meet with us. Our response from PennDot has been a long letter that they consider these fees to be taxes rather than fees, and they have no intentions of paying these fees.

Since we are a small growing authority, these fees are much needed to help us maintain our operations and provide the services we provide the City of Chester daily.

Respectfully submitted by:



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