



Bristol Township

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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March 12, 2014

The Honorable Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Subject: Rohm and Haas Plant Levee System

Dear Senator Casey:

The Bristol Township Council recently learned that the Dow Chemical Company, the successors to Rohm and Haas, does not intend to pursue accreditation of the Rohm and Haas Plant Levee System. In essence, Dow will simply be abandoning the levee that has protected persons and property for many years.

This action will jeopardize the public health, safety, and welfare of residents that live in this area and will subject a large portion of Bristol Township to flooding. There is also a municipal sewage treatment plant owned by Bristol Borough in this locale.

In addition to endangering the lives of the people living on this property, they will be forced to now purchase unnecessary and cost prohibitive insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program as a result of this corporate greed and indifference.

Bristol Township is a financially beleaguered municipality. We have the highest tax millage of any Township in Bucks County in addition to rapidly growing senior and poor populations. The Township is hamstrung with over \$92 Million in unfunded liabilities from the mismanagement of previous Councils. Any chance of financial recovery will require growth in the Maple Beach section of the Township. Only a few years ago, the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority was pursuing an exciting and visionary comprehensive multi-use development on this property. Bristol Township cannot afford to have several hundred acres of the only undeveloped tract in the Township turned into flood plain, if it hopes to have any type of positive financial future and be able to deliver basic services to its residents.

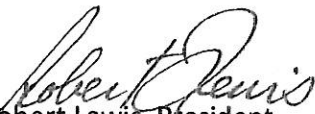
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Bucks County has also performed numerous studies on the future use of the Delaware River and they all encourage multi-uses of the riverfront including public access for recreation. The loss of the levee will make these goals impossible to achieve.

On behalf of the Bristol Township Council and its 55,000 residents, I urge you to take swift action and intercede on our behalf in this critical matter with the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency and United States Army Corp of Engineers. There may be no issue more imperative to the future of Bristol Township than the maintenance of the Rohm and Haas Plant Levee System.

Should you have any questions, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your service to the residents of Bristol Township.

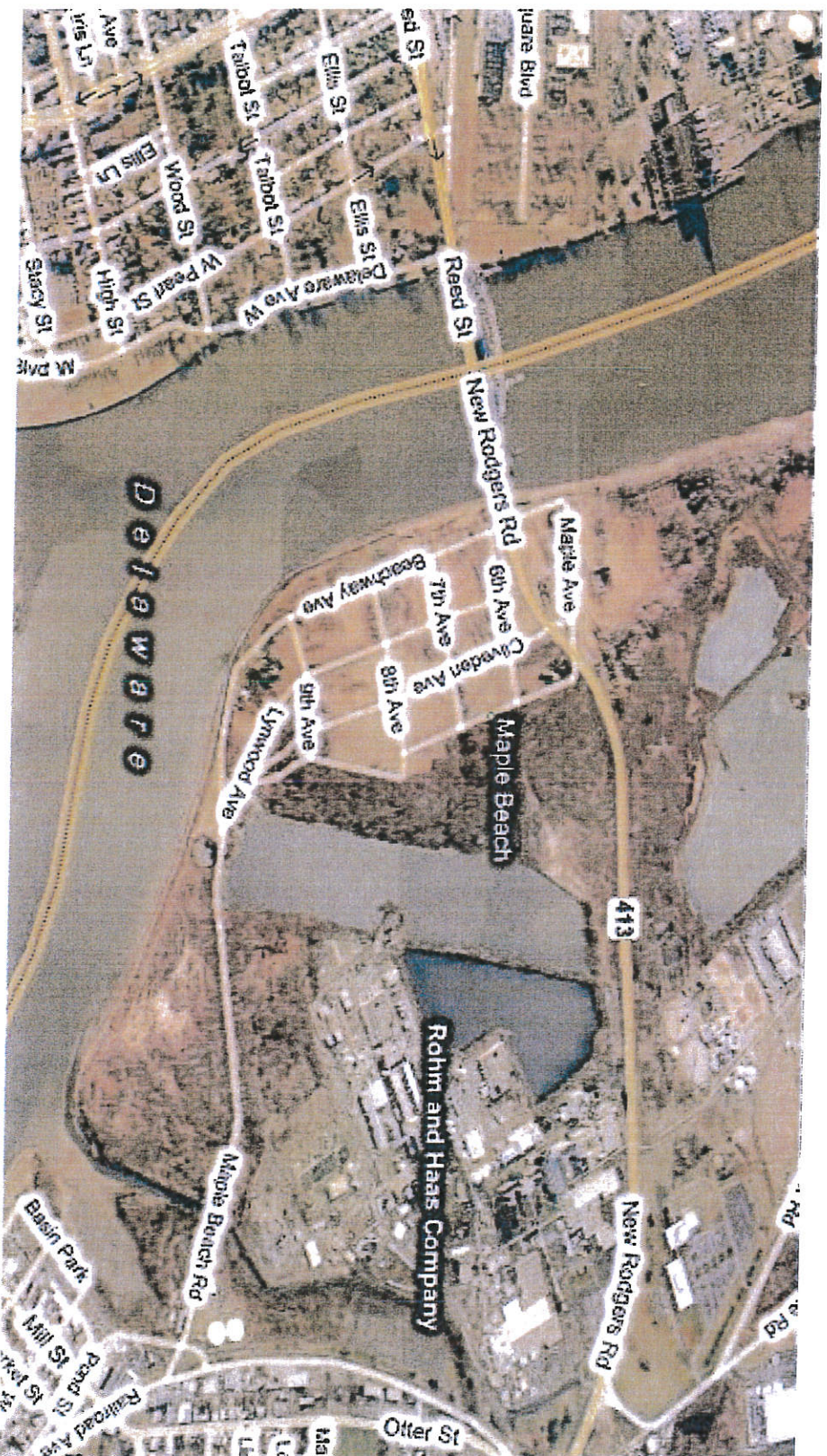
Sincerely,


Robert Lewis, President
Township Council

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ATTACHMENT C - LETTER OF RESPONSIBILITY

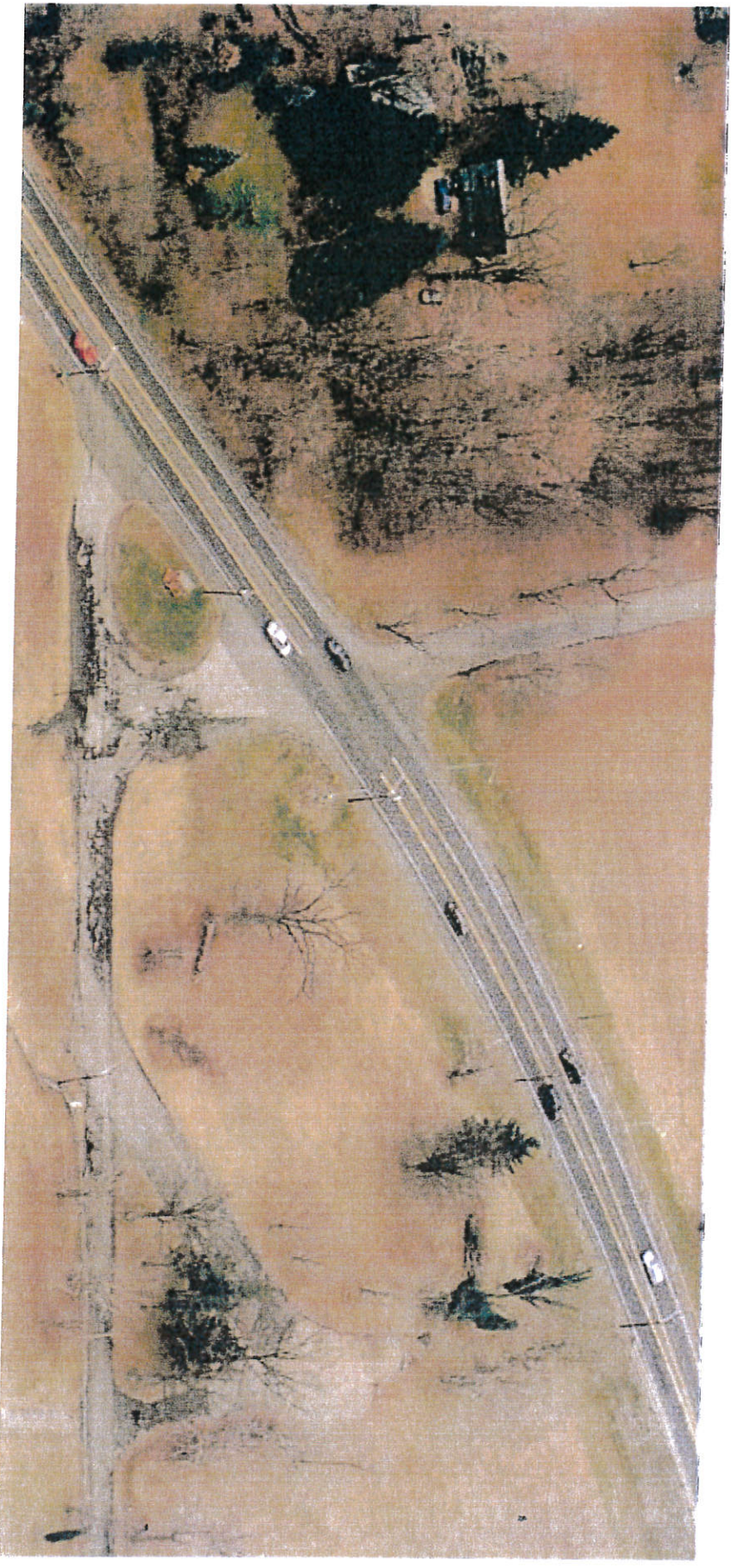
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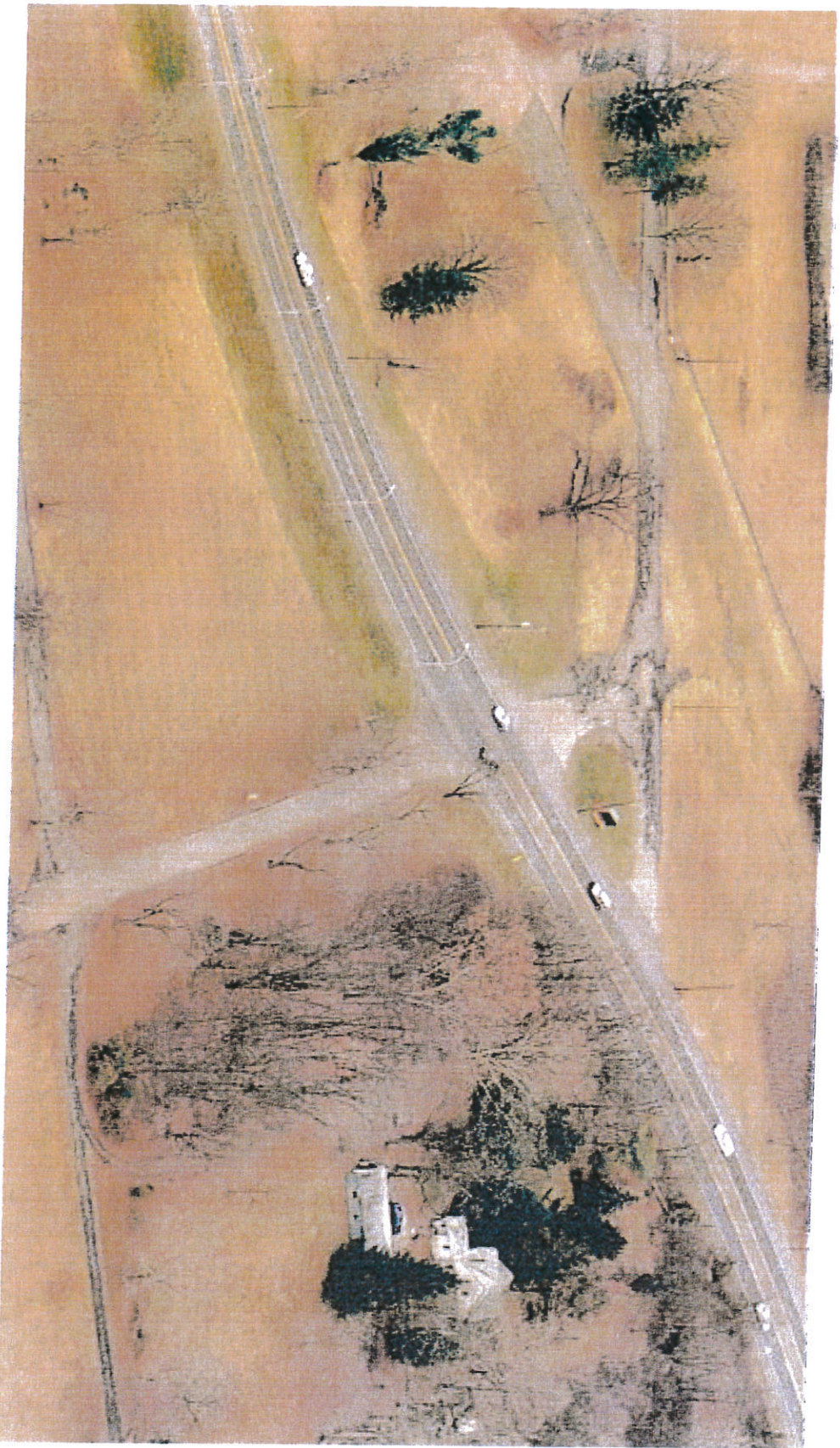
AREA F & G AERIAL- VIEW FROM WEST



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ACCESS TO AREA F & AREA A- VIEW FROM AREA F



BEACHWAY AVENUE RUNNING UNDER BRIDGE INTO AREA F

