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**DUANE "D" MILNE, Ph.D.**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

July 7, 2017

As we both continue to monitor with concern the situation at the Bishop Tube parcel, I wanted to touch base with you. I appreciate receiving your expression of opposition to the proposed townhome development.

I certainly share your perspective that residences should not be constructed in an area that remains contaminated. This would of course prove counterproductive and an unwise course of action for a myriad of reasons.

I have pushed for several years for remediation of the track, and for a high ranking of such on the state Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) priority list. I am proud of my advocacy in ensuring this outcome. In fact, interestingly enough, my very first legislation as representative, back in 2008, was designed to help protect the Hazardous Sites Clean up Program (HSCA) and related program funding.

As a legislator who stands for remediation and eventual repurposing of the parcel, I continue to be in consultation with the township and DEP about the matter. All concerned must identify an avenue that leads to the site cleaned up, a productive use for the township, and all in a manner that meets with approval of residents of the local community.

A key consideration is what we learn from the report that DEP is expected to issue in the coming weeks. A definitive determination is in order as to the full parameters of the contamination, and this will help inform all concerned as to what next steps might make sense.

I would invite you to meet in my Malvern office in the coming days. As always, I am pleased to engage in conversation with you as a complement to the updates my staff, who have been present at the meetings, have provided me.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me. Your guidance proves invaluable as I strive to serve you to the best of my abilities as your representative, and I thank you for that privilege.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D Milne".

D Milne  
State Representative

## Milne Advocates for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund

Dear Friends,

I consider it a privilege to serve you as your state representative and advocate for your interests in Harrisburg. This newsletter is part of my ongoing efforts to keep you informed about issues we are addressing in the state legislature as well as to let you know about opportunities that might interest you. As always, please continue to share your thoughts and advice with me.

Cordially,



I am proud of the leadership role I played in the recent effort to secure funding for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund ("HSCA"). My recent legislation called attention to the magnitude of this issue as well as generated support for the Legislature to decide to make a critical public sector investment by voting for continued funding of HSCA.

As you may know, HSCA is a state program that fulfills important purposes for our citizens, including helping local communities respond to environmental emergencies. The program also assists with funding to clean up abandoned industrial sites known as brownfields. In partnership with the private sector, these sites then can be converted to productive uses for the benefit of the local community.

The urgent need for legislative action was precipitated by HSCA's facing a major funding shortfall toward the end of last year. At that time, the fund was close to running out of money, and cleanup work on contaminated sites would have halted. In the Legislature, we passed a plan through which HSCA funding will be guaranteed for the next four years by directing a portion of the Capital Stock and Franchise tax, which is not a new tax in the state, to the cleanup fund.

I take pride in my hard work on this issue because HSCA helps achieve policy goals essential for sustaining the quality of life we all want in our community. For example, the continuation of HSCA funding supports public health measures that protect all of us. The extension of HSCA funding also means we are making an investment in the health of our environment and our landscapes. HSCA is critical for assisting local communities with converting brownfields, into productive and positive uses. These new land uses can improve our quality of life in ways that simply cannot be done by passively permitting these sites to remain on the tax rolls as unproductive wasteland.

I would point out that investing in HSCA also contributes to preservation efforts. Every acre of remediated and subsequently reclaimed brownfield

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## Quality of Life Projects Funded

As part of my vision for promoting and protecting the quality of life in our area, I have been working to support a number of local community development projects. I have fought hard to ensure that, through the appropriate grant programs, your tax dollars are being put to work in our neighborhoods for the betterment of our community.

On behalf of our area, some of the community development projects I have advocated for include:

- Berwyn Fire Company for special bikes for EMS patrols.
- West Whiteland Township for stormwater management project.
- Paoli Battlefield Memorial Association to support a community pavilion project.
- Phoenixville Area Senior Center for infrastructure upgrades.
- East Pikeland Township for an emergency management electronic sign board.
- Willistown Conservation Trust to support a community farm initiative.
- Musicopia to provide music programs and events for our schools.

It is my intention and hope that these, and other projects, add to the high quality of life that we in this area are so fortunate to enjoy.

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*In the picture above, I am at Bishop Tube in 2008, my very first term, calling attention to the need for environmental remediation of this parcel, and advocating for action.*