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Continued Deposition of Lester Nebenzahl, P.P. A.I.C.P.



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2 a Certified Shorth	and Reporter and Notary Public of the
3 State of New Jerse	y, at the PUBLIC WORKS CENTER, Piscataway
4 Municipal Complex,	Piscataway, New Jersey, on Friday,
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	MR. PALEY: Mr. Gelber, we are here to
2	continue the deposition of Mr. Nebenzahl, whom
3	you deposed two days ago, if memory serves. During
4	that day Mr. Nebenzahl had previously been
5	sworn, and as far as I am concerned, may continue
6	with his deposition.
7	MR. GELBER: Okay.
8	LESTER NEBENZAHL, having been previously
9	duly sworn according to law, testifies as follows:
10	CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. GELBER:
11	Q Mr. Nebenzahl, just to clarify something,
12	if you could look at the answers to interrogatories,
13	now the information that is provided in answer to
14	interrogatories 27 and 33, was that compiled by you or
15	your staff?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay, and to the best of your knowledge,
18	is that information accurate?
19	A Yes.
20	Q Now again to confirm something I believe
21	we talked about two days ago, Chart 27-D and Chart 33-A,
22	B and C, include a complete list of all vacant land
23	in the Township; is that correct?
24	A Yes.
25	Q Okay Now that list does not include park
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lands, is that correct?

A Correct.

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Q Okay, and you did not include land owned by Rutgers University or owned by the Federal government? A I believe one large piece of property was included. All the vacant land shown in the E. and E.R. Zones would be Rutgers University. There is 250 acres shown lying within the Education Zone, and 113.57 acres shown in the E.R. Zone.

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10 Q Not all of the land, though, shown in the 11 E.R.Zone is owned by Rutgers; is that correct? 12 A Well, given the block and lot, we could check 13 that with the tax book.

14 Q Let's wait for that. We'll get to that. 15 So you're saying that all vacant land in the Township 16 that is owned by Rutgers is included in 27?

17 A We have had to estimate the portion of the Rutgers'
18 holdings, which totals near 1200 acres, I believe, as to
19 what portion of that land could be considered developable
20 or vacant.

21 Q I see. Have there been any demolitions 22 or fires or any other occurrences that would have made 23 a sizeable tract vacant in the last few years?

A Not to my knowledge.

Q Now just again to confirm something, am I

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	correct in my understanding that the tracts that are	
2	identified in answers to interrogatory 27-E and F, I and J	
3	and K and L, are all the vacant parcels in the Township	
4	that would not be sizeable for residential development,	
5	because they are subject to an approved site plan, or	
6	they are subject to some physical or environmental con-	
7	straints?	
8	MR. PALEY: As of the date of the	
9	answers to interrogatories?	
10	MR. GELBER: That's correct.	
11	THE WITNESS: Yes. Since that time I	
12	would point out various applications have been	
13	filed in our offices for some of those tracts.	
14	Q Have any of those been approved?	
15	A Let's see. I would have to check the Planning	
16	Board agendas and the Zoning Board agendas for January	
17	and February, as well as March.	
18	Q As of what date are these answers current?	
19	A The beginning of January, 1984.	
20	Q Could you take a look at the list contained	
21	in the answer to interrogatory 27-D?	
22	A Yes.	
23	Q And tell me which of those parcels are not	
24	suitable for high density residential development for	
25	any other reasons other than the ones already indicated	
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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct ⁶
1	in the answers? Well, let me ask you, have you pre-
2	pared an analysis of the parcels contained in 27-D in
3	terms of their suitability for residential development
4	for purpose of this case?
5	A Nothing has been prepared in written format other
6	than the response to the interrogatories.
7	Q Do you intend to prepare one?
8	A We intend to prepare graphic material and
9	support that material with testimony at trial, I assume,
10	as to why certain parcels are not particularly suited
11	for residential development or high density residential
12	development.
13	Q Have you begun preparing that analysis?
14	A My staff has begun to prepare that.
15	Q Have you reviewed any of that work to date?
16	A No.
17	Q When do you anticipate completing that
18	analysis?
19	A Approximately a week.
20	Q When do you anticipate that we will be
21	receiving copies of the analysis and the graphics?
22	A I don't know that what we are producing will be
23	reproduc e able, so that the only exhibit that we will
24	use at trial may be the only graphic information that
25	we prepare.

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 7
1	Q When will it be available for inspection?
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	A Next week.
3	MR. PALEY: Off the record.
4	(A recess is taken.)
5	(Received and marked for identification
6	Exhibit D-l.)
7	Q What we have done during the break is gone
8	through all of the vacant parcels identified in answers
9	to interrogatory 27-D, and some of the parcels identified
10	in answer to interrogatory 33, question 33, and have
11	plotted them on a map showing the vacant parcels in the
12	Township, and the map has been identified as defendant's
13	deposition exhibit one. What I would like to ask you now
14	is to run through these parcels, and I would like to
15	obtain your opinion as to whether or not they are suitable
16	for residential development, and if not, why not?
17	Why don't we take them in numerical order.
18	That is probably easier.
19 ⁻¹	Okay, the parcel identified as parcel
20	number one?
21	A In my view parcel number l is suitable for resi-
22	dential development.
23	Q What about parcel number 2?
24	A Parcel number 2 lies adjacent to a large steel
25	fabricator, the Harris Steel property, as it is referred

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1	to. The actual steel process, or manufacturing or
2	fabricating process itself, occurs directly across the
3	street in South Plainfield, and that property is, I be-
4	lieve, owned by the Harris Steel owners. The largest
5	parcel, that parcel lying below and to the south of
6	Lakeview Avenue, is traversed by a stream, and would re-
7	quire large buffering to protect any prospective resident
8	from the nuisances associated with living adjacent to that
9	industrial use.
10	Q Isn't there a fair amount of buffering
11	along New Brunswick Avenue?

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Yes, there is. That land is highly wooded. Α

Between parcel number 2 and the industrial 13 Q use that you are referring to? 14

The entire tract is wooded. On parcel number 2, 15 Α 16 however, on the southerly portion of number 2.

Using a clustering effect, wouldn't it 17 Q be possible to develop it as residential because of 18 the size of the tract? 19

Yes, it would. 20 А

What about tract number 3? 21 0

Tract number 3 is an area zoned presently as a Α 22 shopping center. It comprises approximately 30 acres 23 and again, that property is traversed by a stream. It 24 would be feasible, I imagine, from an environmental view 25

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to develop that property in residential use, although I see it as a prime site for necessary shopping services, that for which it is zoned, to serve existing residents in the area.

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Q Is there other shopping in the area? A There is some shopping to the west on Stelton Road approximately a mile away from that shopping center, but if a shopping center were developed, for instance, for parcel number 3, it would be serving the 3,000 garden apartments known as Pleasant View Gardens, which lies adjacent to that site, as well as numerous single family residential dwellings existing in the area.

Q Would it be possible to develop residential use on a portion of that site, and retain a portion for shopping?

A Yes.

MR. PALEY: Mr. Gelber, I agree with 17 your suggestion that we go down each lot 18 19 numerically. Let me just put a caveat on the record, okay? It's my understanding that 20 your questions presuppose that each lot is 21 being analyzed in isolation, and that Mr. Neben-22 zahl's responses to your questions should be 23 viewed in light of each lot in isolation, not 24 necessarily in the aggregate. With that caveat 25

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I think he can go on, but I wanted to put that on the record. MR. GELBER: I'm not sure I understand the caveat. MR. PALEY: Well, the last time that we were here, Mr. Nebenzahl, despite his problems of communicating with clogged nasal passages, indicated that although a specific site might

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be suitable or appropriate for residential development, the consideration of general planning factors, including such phenomena as the character of the neighborhood and the character of the town, without going into it, might preclude development of a particular parcel otherwise topographically suited for development. I am interpreting your questions so far to refer to each lot in isolation and not to enlist from him a recommendation as to whether development of that particular lot is appropriate considering all of those developmental factors.

MR. GELBER: Okay. That's not entirely correct. The question is, is there any reason why that particular tract in that location would not be suitable for **re**sidential development, any reason, and if what you are saying is that am I

	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 11	ł
1	asking him to compare that tract with other	
2	tracts and compare which would be more suitable,	
3	no, I'm not. I'm asking whether or not there	
4	is any reason other than those given in the	
5	answers to interrogatories that would make that	
6	tract unsuitable for residential development.	
7	Does that clarify it?	
8	MR. PALEY: I think that is a clear	
9	question, and I wonder if you would ask Mr. Neben-	
10	zahl his answer for parcel 1, 2 and 3, would	
11	change or be affected by the elucidation of that	
12	question you have just provided.	
13	Q Well, you can modify or clarify anything	
14	you have said in the deposition.	:
15	A Well, that general area of Piscataway encompassing	
16	the vacant tracts which we have labeled 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5,	
17	and 6, for that matter, is the most densely developed	
18	area of Piscataway. Any development which will	
19	generate additional traffic will be adding to an already	
20	congested situation in terms of traffic movement. I	
21	think I mentioned previously that the owners of tract	
22	number 2 are industrial users. They own property adjacent	
23	to that property. They have never shown any interest	
24	in developing any property residentially, and in terms	
25	of tract number 3 I feel that that land should be set	

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 12
1	aside for commercial purposes in light of the existing
2	need of the residents in the area.
3	Q Have you prepared any analysis or studies as
4	to the need for commercial use in that area?
5	A Not separate and apart from our Master Plan studies.
6	Q So whatever studies you have are contained
7	in the Master Plan studies?
8	A Yes.
9	Q And are you referring to the draft, the
10	1984 draft Master Plan?
11	A The Master Plan was adopted in October of 1983.
12	MR. GELBER: Off the record.
13	(A discussion off the record.)
14	Q I have in front of me the Piscataway
15	Township Master Plan indicated as adopted October 12,
16	1983. Is that the Master Plan you are referring to?
17	A ¥es.
18	Q And all the data or studies supporting your
19	contention about the need for commercial use in the
20	area would be contained within this document?
21	A It would be summarized by that document. There
22	are numberous planning documents and reports that have
23	been done during the years that would contribute to that.
24	Those properties have had the same designation in the
25	Master Plan of Piscataway for many years, and all of the

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 13
1	prior Master Plans have shown that property the same
2	way, the same way that the 1983 Master Plan does.
3	MR. PALEY: By property, are you referring
4	to a specific parcel in answer to the last ques-
5	tion?
6	THE WITNESS: Tract 1, 2 and 3.
7	Q Has any developer expressed an interest
8	to the Township to develop tract number 3 for any use,
9	let's say in the last five years?
10	A Yes.
11	Q And what is that?
12	A For a shopping center.
13	Q Is there an application currently pending?
14	A No, there is not.
15	Q Do you know why it has not been developed
16	as a shopping center?
17	A No.
18	Q You refer to traffic problems in that area.
19	Have you prepared any analysis or conducted any studies
20	relation to traffic problems in the area that are not
21	contained in the Master Plan?
22	A No, but I have personally attempted to proceed
23	north on New Brunswick Avenue, for instance, in my own
24	automobile during a rush hour, and have been delayed
25	in my travels due to that traffic congestion.

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 14
1	Q Can that traffic congestion be mitigated
2	by road widening or road improvements?
3	A I don't think so realistically, because there are
4	major barriers to any road impraovement such as the
5	existence of Newmarket Lake and the appurtenant structures.
6	It could be done engineering-wise, I suppose. Whether it
7	is feasible, I doubt it due to the cost that would
8	probably be involved.
9	Q Does the Township have any plans to improve
10	any of the roads in that neighborhood to relieve the
11	traffic?
12	A Not immediate plans, to my knowledge.
13	Q Is there a traffic or transportation or
14	circulation report that has been prepared by the Town-
15	ship prior to adoption of the 1983 Master Plan?
16	A There is a circulation plan that is contained within
17	the Master Plan developed. There have been various studies
18	prepared by other governmental agencies and their con-
19	sultants concerning traffic in Piscataway, such as the
20	Route 18 study prepared by P. R. C. Harris, Incorporated,
21	and the Route 287 study prepared by Garmen Associates
22	for both the State Department of Transportation and
23	Middlesex County.
24	MR. GELBER: Off the record.
25	(A discussion off the record.)

	11	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 15	
1		Q In your opinion is the tract identified	
2		as tract number 4 suitable for residential development?	
3		A A portion of Tract 4 could be developed eventually	
4		in my view. It is a portion of a property which is	. ,
5		owned by Eastern Steel Barrel, which is a manufacturing	
6		company. I would assume that that corporation would	
7		probably choose to hold that land in case they find a	
8		need for expansion, or as a natural buffer area between	
9		existing residential uses in the area, and their facility,	
10		since many residential property owners in that neighbor-	
11		hood have appeared before the Planning Board and voiced	
12		their concerns regarding the manufacturing operation	
13		at that plant.	
14		Q So Eastern Steel actually has a currently	
15		operating facility south of the tract identified as 4?	
16		A Correct.	
17		Q Does Eastern Steel own the entire tract?	
18		A Correct. It is actually part of tract number 4	
19		is part of the same lot where the manufacturing facility is	ч. П
20		located.	
21		Q Well, are there any other reasons why that	
22	-	tract would not be suitable for eventual development?	
23		A Other than the existence of the actual use	
24		serving to be a nuisance to any potential residential	- - -
25		users, I suppose in the middle of that portion of that	

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct
1	tract some housing could be constructed. I doubt
2	whether or not that is a realistic assumption, though.
3	Q Approximately what portion strike that.
4	Approximately how many acres would be neces-
5	sary to provide a sufficient buffer to enable residential
6	development on the remainder of the tract?
7	A I think that would depend on many factors. It
8	would depend on Eastern Steel Barrel's for the future
9	as to whether they would expand their operation, for
10	instance. It depends in good measure on the environmental
11	studies really that are being conducted presently on the
12	adjacent tract, which we have noted as number 5, which is
13	contaminated, and whether or not any of that soil or
14	that contamination has affected that soil in tract 4.
15	The answer really is I wouldn't know until I saw plans
16	before me to make an adequate decision as to an adequate
17	buffer.
18	Q Have you received any preliminary studies
19	concerning the nature or extent of the contamination on
20	tract 5?
21	A I personally have not.
22	Q Do you know if those are a va ilable?
23	A I don't know where they are available. I would
24	assume the Department of Environmental Protection or
25	E.P.A., the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, would
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÷	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 17
1	have some data that yould be made available to the
2	have some data that would be made available to the
	public. I have not seen any reports.
3	Q Has that tract been qualified for Super
4	Funds Assistance?
5	A Yes, it has. To my understanding it has, yes.
6	Q Does that apply to the entire tract?
7	A Yes, as far as I know.
8	Q In your opinion is there any reason the
9	tract identified as tract no. 6 could not be developed
10	for high density residential use?
11	A That tract presents numerous traffic problems,
12	in addition to it being bordered on the southerly side
13	by a railroad and a pipeline.
14	Q Does the Township or the County or any
15	other governmental entity have any plans to improve
16	roads adjacent to or near that tract?
17	A Not to my knowledge.
18	Q In your opinion could the traffic problem
19	be mitigated through governmental improvements, road
20	improvements?
21	A I don't know of any feasible road improvement
22	that could be undertaken, which would alleviate the
23	bottlenecks that are now existing along that portion
24	of Old New Brunswick Road. Even if Old New Brunswick
25	Road adjacent to that property were widened, for instance,

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 18
1	the intersection with Stelton Road becomes a major
2	problem, and in essence what you would have would be
3	a wider roadway emptying into a narrower roadway, with
4	the same bottleneck occurring. I know that our adminis-
5	tration receives numerous requests for assistance from
6	the apartment dwelling owners on the north side of Old
7	New Br un swick Road, who have an unbelievably difficult
8	time trying to exit from the driveway located adjacent
9	to Old New Brunswick Road on the north side, to enter
10	onto that road in the morning, in order that they can
11	have access from the property and be on their way to work.
12	The traffic backs up and is at a standstill for almost
13	the entire length of Old New Brunswick Road during rush
14	hour.
15	Q Does the Township have any plans in response
16	to those requests?
17	A I know that we have been trying to come up with
18	feasible solutions for well over a year, and to date we
19	have not been able to do so.
20	Q Has the Township retained any outside con-
21	sultant or assistant in examinig that problem?
22	A Not to my knowledge.
23	Q If that problem were to be corrected in
24	response to the complaints by the residents north of
25	Old New Brunswick Road, wouldn't it be possible then to
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allow residential development in the area south of Old New Brunswick Road?

Any additional development on that property, 3 Α any additional development now, will cause a problem 4 5 in terms of additional traffic. At the present density 6 or the present zoning with the allowable density at 7 approximately two dwelling units per acre, the amount 8 of trip generation is considerably less than what would 9 occur at a higher density such as ten units per acre, 10 and until that situation were resolved for the existing problems, that would only aggravate the problem further.

12 All right. Are there any other reasons 0 13 other than those that you have just stated why that tract could not be developed for high density use? 14 The provision for more density at that specific 15 Α location would fly in the face with other stated goals 16 and objectives of the Master Plan, such as the objective 17 to disperse or to spread out throughout Piscataway the 18 19 higher density uses which cause increased trip generation. When the Planning Board conducted its Master Plan studies, 20 one of the items which was looked at in considerable 21 detail was the existing location of high density housing, 22 or higher density housing, and those high trip generation 23 factors, and when the Board looked at the existing 24 situation and chose those sites for increasing density, 25

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1	this was decided not to be one of those for that very
2	one reason being that very goal and objective.
3	Q Any other reasons?
4	A No.
5	Q What about the tract in and of itself?
6	Is it a suitable tract for residential use?
7	MR. PALEY: Topographically speaking?
8	Q Topographically, environmentally, and
9	physically.
10	A Other than the existence of the railroad adjacent
11	to it, and the pipeline, I believe there are some
12	sections of the tract which have a high water table which
13	holds water, but could probably be overcome with engineer-
14	ing.
15	Q What about tract 7? Well, let me ask you,
16	tract 7 is what we discussed the other day and identified
17	on plaintiff's exhibit 2 as "A", is that correct?
18	A Correct.
19	Q It is currently zoned for PRD use?
20	A Correct.
21	Q Okay. What about tract 8 adjacent to
22	that? Is that suitable for residential development?
23	A Tract 8 encompasses a portion of a previous
24	chemical manufacturing company, which is no longer in
25	operation, and that would be ARCO or Air Products
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1 Reduction, and attendant with that use of that property 2 was some very dangerous substances to the point where 3 I recall signs being posted around that area that there were potentially cancer-causing agents being used, and 4 5 no one should enter their property. 6 MR. PALEY: Off the record a minute. 7 (A discussion off the record.) THE WITNESS: There is an existing indus-8 9 trial use, light industrial use, now in place of that facility. It is called Reometrics, and 10 there are, I believe, industrial facilities being 11 utilized in Middlesex, the Borough of Middlesex, 12 13 adjacent to the northern border of that property. I think it forms a transition for what will be 14 the PRD we just mentioned, and the existing indus-15 tries in the area. I think that property is more 16 suited for that which it is zoned. 17 Is the light industrial use by Reometrics Q 18 in that tract? 19 Α Correct. 20 Q Let's mark that as 8-A. 21 Mr. Nebenzahl, is there a sufficient 22 amount of land in tract 8 to enable the expansion of 23 the PRD site into a portion of that tract, and still 24

retain sufficient buffering? I believe your answer to

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1 interrogatories showed that the tract has about 35 and a half acres. 2 3 I would suppose that a portion of that tract А could feasibly be developed residentially and used to 4 provide additional buffering. I believe it is in various 5 ownerships. 6 7 Well, that tract is not owned by Reometrics? 0 8 I don't believe so. I believe it is owned by Α 9 Halo Carbon Products, which has recently filed for subdivision of the property. 10 What is the nature of that application? 11 0 To subdivide the property wherein the existing 12 Α Reometrics facility is located from the remainder of 13 14 the holdings of Halo Corporation. For what type of use? Q 15 It has not been indicated to us. 16 А And the application applies to the Reometrics 17 Q site as well as the other? 18 Correct. 19 A Q Do they have an option to purchase that 20 land? 21 MR. PALEY: Does who have an option to 22 purchase what land? 23 MR. GELBER: Does Halo Carbon Products 24 have an option to purchase the Reometrics site? 25

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THE WITNESS: The history of this property is interesting and complex. Halo Carbon originally purchased the entire tract from Air Products, and attempted to construct a chemical manufacturing facility with attendant tank farm uses, and appeared before the Planning Board for additional use permits, I believe, or site plan approval to do so.

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MR. PALEY: Site plan approval.

THE WITNESS: The Planning Board denied the application, citing as one reason the potential impact that that use would have on the PRD area when it was developed, and that case went to litigation and the Township was upheld in its determination. That case also led to a re-evaluation of the existing industrial land use zoning within the municipality, and led to the classification of light industrial uses from other industrial uses within the Township. It was approximately 1982 or 1981.

Subsequent to the litigation, Reometrics entered into a contract with Halo Carbon Products and actually purchased the entire piece and had some arrangement with Halo Carbon that Reometrics would work with them to subdivide the property.

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1	Q By the entire piece, you mean 8-A, Reometrics
2	purchased the entire piece?
3	MR. PALEY: 8 and 8-A.
4	THE WITNESS: What is 8-A?
5	MR. PALEY: 8-A is where Reometrics is now.
6	THE WITNESS: Oh, okay.
7	Q Have you had any informal discussions
8	with either Reometrics or Halo Carbon, as to the proposed
9	use for the entire tract?
10	A No. We have had formal applications by Halo Car-
11	bon now.
12	Q For subdivision?
13	A For subdivision.
14	Q And what is the status of the application?
15	A It has been deferred by the Planning Board for
16	further study as to the exact location of the collector
17	road known as Birch Run Drive, which would connect
18	Possumtown Road to and through the PRD.
19	Q Is it possible to rezone that entire area
20	identified as 8 and 8-A to residential use, so that if
21	the use now occupying 8-A were to discontinue, the entire
22	tract would be available for residential use?
23	A I suppose it would be possible. I don't think
24	it would be necessarily wise.
25	Q Why not?

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1		A In light of the comprehensive Master Plan study
2		that was recently hammered through by the Planning Board
3		and the governing body through the adoption of the zoning.
4		I would think that the property owner, whether it be Halo
5		Carbon or Reometrics may have considerable problems with
6		that approach, and I think the light industrial zoning
7		serves the function of providing the buffering between
8		the 88 acre piece of property that is already zoned
9		for PRD.
10		Q Earlier you were discussing the use of
11		the property by ARCO.
12		MR. PALEY: Air Products, please.
13		Q Is there any contamination on the site
14		resulting from that former use?
15		A I don't know.
16		Q Is there any other reason other than those
17		you have just stated, why that could not be developed
18		as residential?
19		A I can't think of any at the present time.
20		Q Okay. What about tract 9? Well, actually
21		for ease, why don't we discuss tracts 9, 9-A, 10,11, 12
22		and thirteen.
23		A Okay.
24		Q Is that what has been referred to as the
25		Miller farm, I believe?
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1	A No. That would be the Sudzin tract.
2	Q Is that tract suitable for higher density
3	residential development?
4	A This property lies adjacent to a very large indus-
5	trial user in Piscataway, that being Union Carbide, known
6	as the Bound Brook plant, and Georgia-Pacific Corporation
7	to the north.
8	Q Why don't we identify the site. That is
9	the area immediately to the north?
10	A Correct. I have serious doubts as to whether
11	a great portion of that property can feasibly be developed
12	for residential purposes due to the existence of those
13	manufacturing facilities.
14	Q If you added all of the tracts identified
15	as 9 through 13, isn't that a very sizeable area?
16	A Yes, it is.
17	Q Is it possible to establish buffering
18	between residential use and the industrial use you have
19	just referred to?
20	A It's possible. However, this particular property
21	is very flat. It has been farmed. There are no woods
22	or wooded areas existing between the manufacturing uses
23	and the residential properties. In my view it's one
24	of the least desirable places to live in Piscataway,
25	given choices relative to other residential sites in

the Township.

2	Q Is there a sufficient amount of land between
3	the industrial use and tracts identified as 10 and 12
4	to permit feasible development of residential use?
5	A The Master Plan and the zoning show a business
6	professional zone that is marked as number 11 on the map,
7	BP-1 zone. That was an effort to provide a buffer between
8	the remainder of the tract and the industrial use we
9	have just mentioned. When that plant is in full oper-
10	ation no natural or planted buffer will do away with
11	some of the nuisances involved with that operation, such
12	as odors, vibration and noise.
13	Q If those problems exist, why are those
14	sites now zoned for low density residential?
15	A It's my feeling that there is a portion of the
16	property which could be developed. I think the more
17	people that live there, the more people there will be
18	to be exposed to those nuisance generating characteristics.
19	Under the existing R-20 and R-15 zoning regulations,
20	housing can be clustered and kept as far away from the
21	plant as possible. There are access problems in that
22	area as well in that the only non-residential, or the
23	only access that would be available to the property
24	other than existing local roadways which have residential
25	uses located on them or adjacent to them, would be from

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1	River Road, which is restricted in its ability to be							
2	widened as a County road, and any use other than residential,							
3	such as office or more industrial, would necessarily							
4	cause serious traffic problems for those local roadways							
5	and River Road as well.							
6	Q With respect to the buffering from the							
. . 7 .	manufacturing use, then is it your testimony that with							
8	clustering portions of that tract it could be developed							
9	for residential use?							
10	A They can. If in fact they will, I think is							
11	another issue. I think on the open market it would be							
12	one of the last sections of Piscataway to be developed							
13	residentially.							
14	Q There are presently residential developments							
15	both south and east of the tract you are referring to?							
16	A That's correct.							
17	Q Is that correct?							
18	A Right.							
19	Q What about tract 14?							
20	A Tract 14 is a 66 or 67 acre parcel with its							
21	entire southerly border adjacent to Interstate 287, with							
22	limited access. That is, it has no access onto the high-							
23	way at the present time. All of the access into that							
24	property will again necessarily be ti ed into existing local							
25	roadways.							
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Q Is that what has been referred to as the Miller farm?

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Correct. There is a pipeline running through a А portion of that site, and it is relatively narrow, although very long. If and when that property is developed for residential use, there will be significant noise impact associated with residents who may wish to reside on that property, because of the existence of Route 287 on one hand. On the other hand, it presents very prime land for office use if the access question can be resolved, and we have had informal -- as a matter of fact, during the Master Plan we had a request by a contract purchaser to develop that property for office use. That land is currently zoned for R-20? 0 Α Yes. Why is it not zoned for commercial use Q if that is, in your opinion, the best use?

A I feel that the Planning Board thought, and I agree at this time since no concrete plans to resolve the access issue were set forth by the contract purchaser, the Board was very reluctant to allow a high traffic generater to tie into those local roads with no access directly onto 287.

Q With road improvements, is it not possible to provide access to that tract?

	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 30	
1	A I suppose it would be possible. I think it	
2	would involve a Federal and State approval of access	
3	directly from an Interstate highway, and given the very	
4	difficult process which our governing officials have	
5	been involved with over the last ten or fifteen years,	
6	that's a very difficult situation, to say the least.	
7	The westerly portion of that property is actually	
8	the access is actually limited to a thirty or forty foot	
9	strip on River Road because of the existence of the	
10	interchange and the State and Federal restrictions on	
11	the access to the Interstate.	
12	Q Isn't it possible to provide access from	
13	the tract to the north through the existing neighborhood,	
14	or to the east through a relatively small existing	
15	neighborhood?	
16	A It would be possible to tie into the existing	
17	local roadways, yes.	
18	Q Is 287 an elevated highway at that point	
19	along tract 14?	
20	A Elevated? I'm not sure, but I don't believe	
21	that it is significantly higher in elevation than the	
22	farm. Well, yes, it is. It is elevated. It looks to	
23	be about twelve to thirteen feet higher than the farmland	
24	itself. I don't think that el evation would mitigate to	
25	any great extent the sound of tractor trailers, for	
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1	instance at four o'clock in the morning when someone	
2	was trying to sleep in that vicinity.	
3	Q Are there any additional buffers that	
4	currently exist to the north side of 287 at this point?	
5	A No, that is a field.	
6	Q And it's your opinion that the height	
7	of the highway would not reduce the noise level?	
8	A It may reduce it somewhat, but not significantly,	
9	because I know personally that people have called me who	
10	live in the existing residential development to the north,	
11	and have voiced their anxiety and concern that they are	
12	troubled in the middle of the night by noise.	
13	Q What about tract 15?	
14	A What about it?	
15	Q Is it suitable for residential use?	
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	A No, it's not.	
17	A No, it's not. Q Why not?	
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	Q Why not?	
18	Q Why not? A The majority of that lies within the flood plain.	
18 19	Q Why not? A The majority of that lies within the flood plain. Q Is that on the hundred year flood plain?	
18 19 20	Q Why not? A The majority of that lies within the flood plain. Q Is that on the hundred year flood plain? A I don't believe that has been mapped by the Federal	
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18 19 20 21 22 23	Q Why not? A The majority of that lies within the flood plain. Q Is that on the hundred year flood plain? A I don't believe that has been mapped by the Federal Flood Insurance Agency, so that my answer is I don't know. I do know that the Master Plan and the governing body by commissioning a study which dealt with flooding	

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1	stretch of the brook was mapped. Our Master Plan
2	shows that tract as being recreational and conservation
3	land, which in my view is proper planning given the
4	general conditions of that area, even for a flooding
5	not of the magnitude of a hundred year storm.
6	Q What was the name of the study you just
7	referred to?
8	A Ambrose-Doty's Brook Flood Plain Study. It was
9	prepared by T & M Associates approximately two or three
10	years ago.
11	Q Do you have extra copies of that study?
12	A No, I don't believe we do. There are some copies.
13	We only have one or two office copies and we use that
14	for our every day business in terms of development review.
15	I don't think that can leave our office.
16	Q Okay Is there any
17	A It's available for inspection.
18	Q Is there any portion of that tract, let's
19	say the westerly portion, which would be available for
20	residential development, in your opinion?
21	A In my opinion, nothing. I don't know. I would
22	have to look at the flood maps.
23	Q What about tract 16? Is that suitable
24	for residential development?
25	A Not in my view.

	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 33
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1	Q Why not?
2	A Tract 16, as tract 17, tract 18, tract 19 and
3	tract 20, lie in the midst of an industrial area known
4	as Rutgers Industrial Center. Beecham Labs, a very large
5	pharmaceutical manufcturing facility, is located on
6	Zirkel Drive North, on the southerly portion of that
7	road. It manufactures such products as penicillin, and
8	again the existence of those types of land uses are not
9	consistent with sound planning in terms of compatability
10	of land use types.
11	Q Could you locate on the map for me the
12	penicillin plant, just roughly?
13	A I think it's there (indicating).
14	Q Between 17 and 20?
15	A Yes. I may point out additionally that the
16	access to that entire industrial development wherein
17	large trailer trucks are constantly traveling, is limited
18	to only two access points and any residential use would
19	then be subject again at all hours of the night to the
20	noise attendant with those large vehicles traveling by
21	the doorsteps.
22	Q What is the nature of the use surrounding
23	tract 16?
24	A Industrial.
25	Q Those are currently in operation?

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	A Yes.
2	Q Is that clean industry?
3	A I would not refer to that industry as clean in
4	terms of its potential impact on residential uses.
5	Q What is the nature, just for example?
6	A There are manufacturing facilities. There are
7	warehousing facilities. Again, just thé existence of the
8	pharmaceutical plant itself in my view is enough.
9	Q Even though that pharmaceutical plant is
10	separated by some distance from tract 16?
11	A I don't consider that a considerable distance
12	whatsoever.
13	MR. PALEY: Off the record.
14	(A discussion off the record.)
15	Q Mr. Nebenzahl, in your opinion would
16	tract 21 be suitable for residential development?
17	A No.
18	Q Why not?
19	A It lies adjacent to Route 287 and also lies
20	adjacent to what used to be known as Tenneco Chemicals,
21	now called Nuodex Chemicals, another chemical manufacturer.
22	Q That is currently in operation?
23	A Correct. In addition to the chemical facility,
24	lying to the east of what used to be the Tenneco facility
25	now called Nuodex, is a heavy industrial user, American
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1	Can Company, lying directly to the north, and Route 287
2	lies adjacent to the southerly portion. So again there
3	would be numerous noises and traffic problems associated
4	with residential development at that location. I believe
5	American Can operates all night, and I believe Nuodex
6	operates all night as well. There is also streams running
7	through the property. The J.C.P.& L. has an easement
8	because power lines run through the property. There is
9	a host of easements and other problems associated with
10	residential development.
11	Q Okay. Is tract 22 in your opinion suitable
12	for residential development?
13	A Absolutely not.
14	Q Why not.
15	A Tract 22 is a five acre piece of property located
16	in the midst of the Sun Belt of New Jersey. it is
17	surrounded by large corporate office structures, and
18	lies adjacent to Centennial Avenue. If for instance
19	that property was zoned residential at any density, and
20	the Zoning Board were asked to grant a use variance
21	for any commercial use, at that juncture the Zoning
22	Board would be bound by common sense even to grant the
23	variance.
24	Q Is tract 23 suitable for residential
25	development?

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A Absolutely not.

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2 What is the nature of the surrounding uses? 0 3 Tract 23 is surrounded by light industrial and Α office development. It lies adjacent and actually has 4 5 frontage along Route 287, Centennial Avenue and also New 6 Brunswick Road. A portion of the property lies within a 7 flood plain of the Ambrose Brook. 8 Is that only a small portion of that tract Q 9 that lies in the flood plain? 10 We have estimated approximately eight acres of Α the property to lie within the flood plain, and be 11 12

undevelopable for any purpose. Any residential users
would again be subject to tremendous noise and traffic
problems at all hours of the night, and any potential
residents would have difficulty sleeping, in my view.
There is warehousing and office use located directly to
the east, and again I believe those operations continue
through on a twenty-four hour basis.

19 And with respect to the same question, 0 20 what is your opinion with respect to tract 24 and 25? I have the same opinion with regard to tracts 24 21 Α and 25. They lie in the midst of the light industrial 22 23 use existing on both sides of Interstate Route 287. The 24 property has frontage on an access road lying adjacent to 287, and again any potential residents would have to 25

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1	be subject to tremendous noise problems.	:
2	Q What's the nature of the activity or uses	
3	along Seeley Drive?	
4	A Seeley Drive has various industrial users located	
5	along it. It is part of an industrial subdivision. It	
6	is Fromm Electric, which is a warehousing supply facility,	
7	and Bosch Packaging, which is located along Seeley Drive.	
8	MR. GELBER: Off the record.	
9	(A discussion off the record.)	
10	Q I think two days ago you said that the	
11	answers to interrogatories concerning the amount of vacant	
12	acreage in the R-8 zone was incorrect, and it should read	
13	138 rather than 118; is that correct?	
14	A Correct.	
15	Q Along River Road, between River Road and	
16	the Raritan River is this long stretch of land which is	
17	zoned RR-1?	
18	A Correct.	
19	Q What is the nature of that land? That's	
20	not available for development; is that correct?	
21	A That's correct.	
22	Q And why not?	
23	A Because Middlesex County operates Johnson Park,	
24	a County wide park facility, the absolute best use for	
25	the property since it is all within the flood plain of	

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1	the Raritan River.
2	Q The entire RR-1 tract is within the flood
3	plain?
4	A Just about the entire tract.
5	Q Is that owned by the Township or the County?
6	A The County.
7	Q It's owned by the County?
8	A Yes.
9	Q Okay. What about the portion that is
10	zoned for RM? Is that subject to the same constraints?
11	A No.
12	Q Why is that?
13	A First of all, it is developed except for maybe a
14	one or two acre parcel in between. That is all developed
15	in garden apartments, and that portion which is low land
16	is a municipal park.
17	Q Where is that, to the southerly portion
18	of that?
19	A The southerly portion of that piece, an eight acre
20	piece.
21	Q Earlier today you mentioned that there
22	have been several applications filed on some of the
23	vacant parcels, is that correct, applications for prelimi-
24	nary site approval or some other approval?
25	MR. PALEY: Throughout the municipality
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regardless of zone?

MR. GELBER: That's correct. THE WITNESS: Correct.

3 Do you anticipate that the Board will act 4 Q 5 on any of those applications within the next month? 6 Α Act on them, meaning grant final approvals? 7 Or preliminary approvals? 0 8 I really don't know if I can answer that, A 9 because it's very difficult to quess what may happen at public hearings for applications for preliminary approval. 10 For instance, whether any questions may arise as to 11 12 potential impact associated with the development, wherein 13 the Board would ask that an application be deferred. Ι really can't say. It's very difficult to second-guess 14 the Planning Board. 15 Okay. Let's go back to defendant's Exhibit 16 Q one and continue down on our list. 17 MR. PALEY: I believe we're on number 26. 18 That's right. Rather than repeating the 19 Q question, let me just ask for every parcel and have you 20 run through it, whether there is any reason other than 21 that stated in the answers to interrogatories why that 22 particular tract could not be or is not suitable for 23 development, for high density residential development. 24 Where are we then? А 25

Q Twenty-six.

2	A Tract 26 incorporates the industrial subdivision
3	located on both the north and souterly portion of Seeley
4	Drive. That stretch of roadway is developed with four
5	or five industrial users and its proximity to Route 287
6	and its very dangerous traffic access along Stelton Road
7	at the present time, present considerable if not
8	impossible ramifications when talking about residential
9	development.
10	Q Tract 27?
11	A Tract 27 is a portion of the corporate park

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A Tract 27 is a portion of the corporate park
industrial park presently under construction by Sudler
Construction Company.

14 Q Where is the park? Where is that portion 15 that is presently under construction? Is that within 16 tract 27?

17 A Okay. I would like to correct myself. The portion
18 of that industrial subdivision which is presently unoccupied
19 lies adjacent to newly constructed office facility wherein
20 Continental Insurance Company has occupied two or three of
21 those facilities. Digital Electronics is located in one
22 of those facilities. The developer and owner of that
23 parcel --

24QThat parcel being the 27 tract?25ACorrect -- has given every indication that he

1 intends to proceed with office-industrial park type 2 of development. 3 Is that Sudler Construction? 0 4 Sudler Construction, correct. There is no access A 5 allowed onto South Randolphville Road due to the actual 6 constraints of that road to handle any additional traffic. 7 No access allowed by whom? Q 8 A By Sudler. That was a restriction imposed by 9 the Planning Board when the Board acted on the subdivision 10 approval for the tract. 11 But the subdivision approval applies to Q 12 that portion to the east of tract 27? 13 Α No. 14 Is that correct? Q No. As well as tract -- as that portion known 15 A 16 as tract 27. The entire tract 27 as well as the adjacent 17 facilities existing recently constructed to the east, and having frontage along Corporate Place South, were 18 19 all subdivided at the same time in one application. When was that, approximately; what year? 20 Q 1979. 21 А Is the land itself encompassed within tract Q 22 27 suitable for residential development? 23 Given the -- well, the majority of the land could 24 Α withstand the development of residential use in terms 25

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1	of its topography and environmental characteristics, if
2	that were the only consideration, but given the continual
3	construction in the area, the access restrictions and
4	the adjacent land uses, I don't think it is feasible
5	that that tract would be developed residentially at all.
6	Q Well, what are currently the adjacent
7	land uses? To the south there is a farm; is that correct?
8	A That's correct.
9	Q To the east there is office space?
10	A Office buildings occupied and under construction.
11	Q Is there any manufacturing or light industrial?
12	A No.
13	Q And what about
14	MR. PALEY: Well, Mr. Gelber, light indus-
15	trial as we use the term in Piscataway, incorpor-
16	ates the kind of uses that are built in that zone.
17	I think Mr. Nebenzahl's answers that to his
18	knowledge there is no manufacturing facilities
19	there at the present time.
20	THE WITNESS: There is no manufacturing or
21	warehousing to any significant extent. It is
22	corporate offices, high technology tenants, so
23	to speak.
24	Q No warehousing?
25	A Not to my knowledge.

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 45
1	Q What about across the street in tract 28?
2	A I believe a portion of tract 28 lies between the
3	flood plain of the Ambrose Brook, and I believe that an
4	existing dwelling is located on that tract listed on the
5	National Historic Register. Both tracts 28 and 29 in
6	my view are not suitable for residential development,
7	because they are very susceptible to flooding. It
8	doesn't take the hundred year storm to inundate the
9	property.
10	Q Are they currently vacant, though?
11	A I believe our tax books show them as vacant, yes.
12	Q Then are they in any way incompatible with
13	the development of residential use across the street
14	from tract 27 and 30?
15	A There is no residential development across the
16	street. I'm not sure I understand your question, to
17	tell you the truth.
18	Q Well, you have just testified that develop-
19	ment of residential use in tract 27 would be inappropriate
20	given the surrounding uses, and what I am trying to do
21	is explore what those surrounding uses are. Let me
22	withdraw the question.
23	While we are in this area, would the area
24	identified as tract 59 be suitable for residential
25	development?

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1	A No.
2	Q Why not?
3	A It would be bisected by Centennial Avenue. A
4	portion of it lies within the flood plain of the Ambrose-
5	Doty's Brook, and the owner and developer of the adjacent
6	industrial park has already expressed interest in
7	developing the property for office use.
8	Q And who is the owner?
9	A Murray Construction Company, which may be known
10	as Centennial Industrial Park.
11	Q Is there an application on file relating
12	to that?
13	A There was a subdivision approval granted by the
14	Planning Board, yes.
15	Q When?
16	A 1983, I believe, or 1982. No site plans for any
17	of the lots created, but a subdivision approval.
18	Q Is there any portion of that tract that
19	would be suitable for residential development?
20	A No.
21	Q Now on tract 27 there is a subdivision
22	approval for the tract; is that correct?
23	A Correct.
24	Q Have there been any preliminary site appli-
25	cations, applications for preliminary site approval filed

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	Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 45
1	for tract 27?
2	A No.
3	Q Okay. What about tract 30?
4	A An application for subdivision for tract 30 has
5	been filed as of last week in our offices. The same
6	developer as Corporate Park I intends to develop that
7	tract, that being Sudler Construction, and has indicated
8	to me and to the Planning Board or to the governing body,
9	that he intends to develop that as he intends to develop
10	the remainder of Corporate Park I.
11	Q When do you anticipate that the Board will
12	act on the subdivision application?
13	A The site plan and Subdivision Committee of the
14	Planning Board will meet to review and set their agenda
15	this coming Wednesday afternoon.
16	Q Do you anticipate any action will take
17	place within the next month?
18	MR. PALEY: You mean final action by
19	the Planning Board as a body?
20	MR. GELBER: That's correct.
21	THE WITNESS: I don't know. It's a big
22	application, a relatively large application.
23	There will be a public hearing held in
24	accordance with the law, and the residents in
25	the area to the south have expressed great interest

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Nebenzahl - Gelber - direct 46 1 in that application, and it would not surprise 2 me if an action were not taken within a month, but again it is very difficult to second-guess 3 the Planning Board. 4 Did you say that there has been an applica-5 Q 6 tion for preliminary site approval as well as an applica-7 tion for subdivision? 8 No. А 9 There is no application for preliminary Q site approval on file? 10 No. 11 А Do you know if they intend to file one within 12 Q the next few weeks? 13 No. Α· 14 You just don't know? Q 15 А Correct. 16 What about 31? Well, is tract 30 still an 17 Q. operating farm; do you know? 18 Yes, I believe it is. 19 А And what about tract 31, do you know? 20 0 The latest information we have from the tax A 21 assessor shows the property, a large portion of the 22 property or ten acres of it, as being qualified farm 23 land for tax assessment purposes, which suggests that 24 some farming operation is being undertaken. 25

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1	Q Would that tract be suitable for higher	
2	density residential development?	
3	A I don't believe so.	
4	Q Why not?	
5	A It would be totally out of character with the	
6	single family residential uses located to the south and	
7	east, which have been developed in accordance with the	-
8	existing zoning, which is R-20, and given the limited	
9	width of the property and again potential access problems,	
10	I'm not sure whether the road that lies adjacent to it	
11	to the north is a public road. I think it is not. I think	•
12	it is a driveway for school access purposes only. So	
13	that all access would have to be borne onto South Randolph-	•
14	ville Road, and in my view that road at that location	
15	is incapable of handling that type of traffic. If the	
16	development were to tie into Holly Lane somehow, which	
17	would have to then be tied in through existing residential	
18	developments, I believe we would be dumping, so to speak,	
19	additional traffic onto those local roadways.	
20	Q Okay. Anything else about tract 31?	
21	A The tax map shows stream areas lying adjacent to	
22	that tract as well, and they may present significant	
23	problems to development.	
24	Q Okay. Tract 32?	
25	A Tract 32 is traversed by a pipeline.	
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Q Does that prevent development for residential use?

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A It does not prevent it. It decreases the desirability. For instance, some people find it unsafe to reside, I would think, underneath a power line. I am not sure whether a power line or pipe line is there. Those are high tension power lines which in my view form a potential hazard. I certainly would not wish to reside underneath one of those or in any near proximity, because in case of a mishap I would think that the extent of danger would be quite a distance. They impact the property from an aesthetic point of view when considering residential use as well.

14 Q Is that area currently wooded?
15 A Portions of the property are wooded, and portions
16 of the property also lie within flood plain of Doty's
17 Brook.

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19 A The northerlymost portion of Tract 32.

20 Q Is it possible to develop the easterly 21 portion of the tract for residential use, by establish-22 ing, let's say, a wooded buffer or fence to the east 23 of the power line?

A I suppose it's possible. I don't know if it is
necessarily feasible, or whether that would be a desirable

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1	living area again.
2	Q For what reason?
3	A Due to the conditions I just mentioned.
4	Q The conditions of the power line?
5	A Yes. I might also point out that South Washington
6	Avenue itself, which would be the only access for that
7	property, experiences great travel volumes comparatively
8	speaking. It would pose great access problems for
9	residental use again.
10	Q Okay. Anything else about that tract?
11	A Nothing comes to mind.
12	Q How about tract 33?
13	A Tract 33 is presently now used as a trapshoot and
14	farming operation. I have suspicions about that property
15	and as to its soil content due to my observation of various
16	foreign materials being piled on that property, and that
17	appears to be done by the owner of the farmland on the
18	other side of South Washington Avenue. Before that
19	MR. PALEY: Off the record.
20	(A discussion off the record.)
21	THE WITNESS: Again, tract 33 is traversed
22	by high tension power lines.
23	Q In which portion of the tract; the far
24	westerly portion?
25	A No. It actually cuts at an angle from the easterly-

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most portion northward at an angle towards the westerly portion.

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Would the southwesterly portion be suitable 3 Q for residential development away from the power lines? 4 I don't think it would be suitable for high density 5 Α residential development. I think it's suitable for lower 6 density residential development due to the access that 7 would entail. Again it appears to me that any access 8 would necessarily have to be tied into existing local 9 roads, which have been developed with R-10 and R-20 10 zoning. 11

12 Q Okay. What about tract 34?

A That tract is known as Block 496, Lot 12. It is
traversed by the transmission lines at its easterlymost
portion, and is traversed by the Texas Eastern Transmission
Corporation, I believe that's a pipe line, in an east
to west direction.

18 Q Would those prevent development of that19 tract for residential use?

20 A In my view it makes development of residential
21 property very unattractive for those reasons I mentioned
22 previously dealing with the pipe line and the overhead
23 transmission wires.

24 Q What about the pipe line?
25 A The pipe line would pose serious problems with

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1	regard to design or may pose serious problems with the
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	design of any residential development.
3	Q In what respect?
4	A No dwellings, for instance, could be constructed
5	over the pipe line. I'm not sure whether a public
6	right of way could be constructed over the pipe line.
7	Q Couldn't you avoid the problem by clustering
8	the housing away from it?
9	A I think at the acreage that is left for clustering,
10	I doubt seriously whether any significant housing could
11	be constructed on the tract even clustered. It appears
12	to me that only eight or so acres would be developable,
13	and again given the nature and the character of the
14	existing residential uses immediately adjacent to it,
15	that type of development would be totally out of
16	character.
17	Q Out of character with what?
18	A With the existing residential uses on Woodland
19	Road, I believe.
20	Q What about tract 35?
21	A Tract 35 is a working dairy farm.
22	Q If it were to be developed for residential
23	use, would it be suitable for higher density residential
24	use?
25	A Again there are tremendous traffic problems

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1	associated at that location. Any increased density	
2	will contribute to those problems. Any large scale	
3	development will pose problems with regard to traffic	
4	and again increase in density will increase the amount of	
5	trip generations at that location.	
6	Q Doesn't that site allow access to both South	
7	Washington Street and Metlars Lane?	
8	A Yes, it does, and presently the traffic which backs	
9	up on Metlars Lane, that traffic attempting to proceed	
10	to South Washington Avenue in a p.m. rush hour, for	
11	instance, would extend along the entire frontage of that	
12	property on most p.m. peak hours.	
13	Q Would access be possible to Stelton Road	
14	from the westerly portion of the tract, or the easterly	
15	portion of the tract, I'm sorry.	
16	A Not unless I don't think so. I believe access	
17	would have to traverse an existing private school, the	
18	St. Pius High School property. The property adjacent	
19	to this tract is owned by the Arch Diocese and I don't	
20	believe that they will have any inclination to allow	
21	increased traffic which would pose a danger to the students	
22	which travel to the school.	
23	MR. PALEY: It's really the Diocese of	
24	Trenton.	
25	THE WITNESS: Or now Metuchen, or whatever.	
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1	Q Any other reason why this tract might
2	not be suitable for residential development?
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	A I think if the property were, for instance,
4	rezoned for a higher density residential development,
5	the likelihood that the farming operation would remain
6	would be diminished, and I see that as a contravention
7	of stated goals and policies in both our Master Plan
8	and State policy.
9	Q Are you saying that if it were to be
10	rezoned for higher density residential use it's likely
. 11	to be developed for that use?
12	A I don't think so at any rate. My limited knowledge
13	of the farmers who own the property indicate to me that
14	they really would have no intention of selling that
15	property, or developing it. They have operated the
16	farm for many years and to my knowledge, intend to do
17	so in the future, given their recent activity before
18	our zoning Board of Adjustment for variances for the
19	construction of a silo, for instance, and their
20	acquiescence in providing for the construction of a
21	very large fence in terms of length to keep the cows
22	and horses which graze on the land, off the roads.
23	Q When was the silo constructed?
24	A The silo was constructed approximately five years
25	ago. It was constructed without municipal approval, and
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became a source of litigation, where actually the Township was withheld initially in its denial, and then subsequently the Board granted approval for the silo, with conditions.

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Q What about tract 36? A Tract 36 is comprised of two corner lots on a very busy intersection of two County roadways. The Judge of the Superior Court of Middlesex County issued an opinion that one of those tracts was not suitable for residential development when an application was made for an office use before the Zoning Board of Adjustment and denied, but the Zoning Board was overturned when it denied the use for a veterinarian clinic.

MR. PALEY: That's the northerly portion.

15 What is the surrounding use? Q 16 To the north on Stelton Road lies various commer-Α 17 cial facilities such as restaurants and basically fast 18 food restaurants. As you proceed north from Stelton 19 Road there are various mixed commercial uses and a 20 fuel oil storage facility. To the west on Metlars Lane 21 lies a few -- I believe one vacant parcel I believe of about one acre in size. There is a single family 22 23 detached housing development lying to the southwest and south, and on the South Plainfield side or the easterly 24 25 side of Stelton Road.

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Q You mean along Coventry Circle?

2 A Yes, it's all developed single family, detached R-10.
3 Q You said there was a vacant parcel to the
4 west?

A I believe there is a vacant parcel, very small piece in here.

Q But that has not been indicated in the
answers to interrogatories concerning vacant parcels?
A No, it's very small in size, insignificant in
terms of its ability to withstand any development for
any multifamily residential use, for instance.

Q Okay. What about tract 37?

13 А Tract 37 is comprised of approximately six acres. 14 Well, it is actually comprised of 7.82 acres, a portion of which lies within the general business zone, that 15 portion being or having frontage along Stelton Road. 16 On the west it is bordered by municipal park land. On 17 the north it is bordered by a fire squad or fire fight-18 19 ing facility and volunteer First Aid facility. Would that be suitable for residential 20 Q

21 development?

A I believe it is suitable for residential development. I believe multifamily residential development
would be out of character with all of the surrounding
residential development to the northwest, which has been

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developed with quarter acre single family housing.

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2 Q I notice that along Tuxedo and Haines; is 3 that correct?

A Along the northerly side of Haines Avenue. MR.PALEY: Between Haines Avenue and Metlars Lane, Mr. Gelber, for your information, is one extensive single family housing development that was constructed virtually at the same time, called Gramercy Park.

10 Q Okay, and Mr. Nebenzahl, what is the current 11 use of the southerly side of Haines Avenue just north 12 of tract 37?

13 A Municipal park land.

14 Q And I'm sorry, but you may have mentioned 15 this earlier, but what is the use just to the west of 16 that tract?

17 A Municipal park lands. I thought that was the18 area you were just referring to.

19 Q No, I was referring to the area just
20 north of the tract along Haines Avenue.

21 A Just to the north of the tract along Haines Avenue
22 lies the fire fighting facility.

23 Q And again to the south of the tract?
24 A Existing single family uses.

Q And across the street, across Stelton Road?

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1	A Existing commercial uses, a MacDonald's fast food
2	operation and shopping area, a little shopping area.
3	Q Is this area between School Street and
4	Poplar, just to the west of Water Street, is that
5	developed?
6	MR.PALEY: It's along Poplar and
7	it's along Water and it is along School Street.
8	THE WITNESS: The answer is yes. It is
9	developed in single family detached residential
10	uses on relatively narrow but long lots.
11	Q Let me show you 17, a page of the aerials
12	which were plaintiff's exhibit 6. See if you could help
13	me identify Hidden Hollow. Is that a development?
14	A Yes.
15	Q Has that been developed since 1980?
16	A Yes.
17	Q What about tract 38?
18	A 38 is for the most part municipally owned lands,
19	and in my view is suitable for multifamily development,
20	and has been earmarked as such in the Master Plan
21	and Zoning Ordinance.
22	MR. GELBER: Okay. Let's go off the
23	record just one second.
24	(A discussion off the record.)
25	Q Okay. Mr. Nebenzahl, would your statement

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also apply to what has been marked as tract 39?

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4 А It appears to me that that land is severely impacted 5 by the Ambrose-Doty's Brook for its entire length along 6 Stelton Road, and in my view is most suited for general 7 business when considering adjacent land uses, and the need for services to be provided for the residents of the housing under construction directly to the east and 10 to the south in Edison Township.

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What about tract 40? 0

12 Tract 40 presents serious problems in terms of Α 13 residential development, but not in terms of, for instance, a shopping center, for which it is zoned. 14 It is traversed by overhead power lines. 15

In which portion of the tract? Q 16 At the southwesterly portion on the north side А 17 of the Ambrose-Doty's Brook. So for instance where a 18 parking lot could be constructed underneath those power 19 lines, housing really shouldn't be. In addition, again 20 I see that site fulfilling a very real need in terms of 21 providing these shopping facilities for the very large 22 numbers of residents who would be located in the vicinity. 23 Would a portion of the tract be suitable 0 24 for residential development? 25

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A Assuming that the shopping center, or some portion of the property were to be developed for shopping, I think a very small portion of the property could be developed residentially with no significant detrimental impact.

Q What about tract 41?

There is an industrial subdivision which has been 7 Α 8 under construction for the last ten years approximately 9 along Ethel Road West, which provides the access to that property. The same concerns that I raised regarding 10 industrial use being located adjacent to residential 11 uses previously would apply in this instance as well. 12 Some of the facilities occupied along Ethel Road West 13 are warehousing facilities, and involve truck traffic, 14 for instance, and noise. I don't believe anyone would 15 develop any of that property for residential use, and I 16 understand that there is a tremendous demand for the 17 type of buildings which have been under construction 18 there for the last ten years from the owner of the tract. 19 I would be most inclined to believe that the owner of 20 those properties would continue to develop that property, 21 sell those individual lots that are left that appear 22 on the map, for industrial purposes, and that it would 23 not be developed for residential use even if it were so 24 zoned. 25

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1	Q Would it be possible to develop residential
2	use on the tract adjacent to Stelton Road on the easterly
3	portion of that area?
4	A I don't think so.
5	Q Why not?
6	A A portion of that tract lies within the flood
7	plain of the Ambrose-Doty's Brook, and it would be
8	subject to severe flooding problems.
9	Q Is information about this area contained
10	in the study you referred to early about the Ambrose
11	Brook?
12	A Yes, I believe it is.
13	Q Do you have any other information other
14	than what is recorded and what is studied concerning
15	that tract, and potential flooding problems?
16	A I have indications from the owner of the property
17	that that land is undevelopable, verbal conversations
18	with him, and as a matter of fact the last time I spoke
19	to him he was negotiating with the County so that
20	the County would acquire that property.
21	Q What about the two tracts that face
22	Sutton Lane?
23	A They are surrounded by industrial uses, and again
24	could not be developed residentially from any developer's
25	point of view.

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11) 121	Q Isn't there residential use directly	
2	across the street, across Sutton Lane, from the tract	
3	in the upper left-hand corner?	
4	A No, that is Rutgers University.	
5	Q What is the current use of that area?	
6	A I believe for the most part that is vacant.	
7	On that map you see an Avenue D and to the left of that	
8	may be located the high rise dorms of Livingston College.	
9	There is also large parking areas that serve the Rutgers	
10	Athletic Center within that area.	
11	Q What is the current use of the area just	
12	north of School Street north of the tract we are	
13	referring to?	
14	A That is under development as part of University	
15	Heights Planned Residential Development.	14
16	Q Okay. And what is the use immediately to	
17	the left of the tract at the corner of Ethel Road and	
18	Sutton Lane?	
19	A You're pointing east and you mentioned west.	
20	Q I'm sorry. East.	
21	A I believe an existing warehousing facility,	
22	although I'm not sure. There is certainly no residential	
23	use along Ethel Road West. It is all industrial use.	
24	Q Are there any noxious uses?	
25	A By noxious do you mean odor or noise?	
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A Other than heavy truck traffic which travels on Ethel Road and noises which are attendant to the warehousing uses, I cannot presently think of any noxious characteristics.

6 What about tract 42? Q Okay. 7 Α Tract 42 is known as the Smith farm. Mr. Smith 8 has indicated an interest in preserving the land as 9 a working historic farm. In the middle of the property 10 lies an existing dwelling which is, I believe, listed 11 on the National Historic Register or the Registry of 12 National Historic places, and the administration is 13 presently working with her to preserve that area. 14 0 Is there an area suitable for residential 15 development? 16 If one ignores the goals of preserving historic Α

properties and providing open space, that land couldbe developed in residential use.

19 Q You mentioned that this is an historic site;
20 is that correct?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Does that have a designation from the23 National Trust of Historic Preservation?

24 A I believe it is listed on the National Historic25 Registry.

1	Q Is that one building, or the entire farm?						
2	A I'm not sure.						
3	Q Is that a sizeable portion of the tract?						
4	A It's located directly in the center of the tract,						
5	I believe. Let's find out. There are various farm						
6	structures, such as a barn, stable, an area where						
7	horses are exercised, I imagine, in addition to the						
8	existing dwelling.						
9	Q Are they all on the Register?						
10	A I'm not sure.						
11	Q Okay. That area is currently surrounded						
12	by residential development; is that correct?						
13	A Correct.						
14	Q What about tract 43, is that suitable						
15	for residential development?						
16	A Yes, I believe it is suitable for residential						
17	development.						
18	Q Tract 44 is recently rezoned to R-15A;						
19	is that correct?						
20	A Correct.						
21	Q Isn't it surrounded on either side by						
22	cemeteries?						
23	A Yes.						
24	Q Okay. What is the intended use for that						
25	tract?						

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1	A Townhouse development.					
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	Q Has there been an application filed?					
3	A There has been an application filed for sub-					
4	division of the property.					
5	Q What is the name of it?					
6	A The Castle Group.					
7	Q Has there been an application filed for					
8	preliminary site approval?					
9	A No.					
10	Q Has there been any action taken on the sub-					
11	division application?					
12	A The application was deferred pending the submission					
13	of maps for filing, which can be more clearly understood					
14	by the members of the Planning Board in terms of the					
15	structures and the existence of the cemetery uses, and					
16	the lack of any public roads other than Morris Avenue					
17	frontage.					
18	Q What is the proposed density?					
19	A Five units per acre.					
20	Q In your opinion is that tract suitable					
21	for higher density residential development?					
22	A In my opinion it is not when considering that					
23	directly across the street there will be in the very					
24	near future 550 dwelling units, and the fact that major					
25	traffic improvements are scheduled, but not yet					

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1 completed from Morris Avenue.

2	Q What are the proposed improvements?
3	A Widening of Morris Avenue is projected in the
4	Master Plan, which would accommodate an additional two
-5	lanes of traffic. That will have to be phased in as
6	development occurs along the roadway. In addition,
7	Hoes Lane, Section 4, is being presently designed as
8	we understand it, by a consultant for the New Jersey
9	D.O.T. That road would be further south of Morris
10	Avenue and would connect into the R-10A area, which we
11	have labeled as item 46.
12	Q Why don't you draw on the map the proposed
13	extension.
14	MR. PALEY: Wait. Excuse me. Do you
15	want it on that map which has been marked?
16	MR. GELBER: Oh, yes. Why don't you
17	put it on here.
18	THE WITNESS: Okay.
19	Q Once these traffic or road improvements
20	have been completed, would tract 44 then be suitable
21	for residential development in your opinion?
22	A I think it is now suitable for residential
23	development at five units per acre. I think any
24	additional density is questionable in terms of traffic
25	generation, even though there would be roadway improvement

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1	in that area. In addition, I should note or point out					
2	that existing residential development on the southerly					
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4	side of Morris Avenue is comprised of single family					
	dwellings on minimum of half acre lots; that tract 46					
5	will be developed at a density of approximately ten					
6	units per acre; and that there comes a certain point					
7	where it becomes unreasonable to keep drastically					
8	changing density in terms of impact upon those existing					
9	single family residential uses. It's very difficult to					
10	quantify at what point to that impact would be felt,					
11	but I think it is understandable that those residents					
12	who exist in the area can be given some assurance that					
13	the entire vacant stretch along Morris Avenue should					
14	not be developed so drastically differently than the					
15	density that they have been living with.					
16	Q The tract that has been identified as 45,					
17	is that the same tract that we discussed two days ago					
18	and have labeled Roman numeral I?					
19	A Yes.					
20	Q What about tract 47, is that suitable					
21	for residential development?					
22	A Yes.					
23	Q Is that part of the R-20A zone?					
24	A No.					
25	Q That is currently zoned as R-20?					

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2 0 What about tract 48? What is your opinion 3 about tract 48?

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4 That tract I believe is comprised of two lots Ά with a depth of 600 feet and relatively narrow width of 250 feet. There is an existing single family development on all sides in accordance with the R-20 half acre zoning, and if that were developed at high density it would be plopping that density right in the midst 10 of already developed single family housing. I don't 11 think that would be good planning, and I don't think 12 that the land is suitable for that type of development 13 because of that. There is also a flood plain area in 14 the vicinity, which may have an impact on the development of that site.

16 You said the land is not suitable. Do you 0 17 mean there are any physical or environmental restraints? There may be. There may be flooding considerations. 18 Α 19 A portion of the property, which would be the southerly 20 portion fronting on Zirkel has streams crossing through I believe there is generally flooding problems 21 them. 22 in that area of the Township in that particular block. 23 Okay. What about tract 49? Q 24 A It appears to me that that vacant area is 25 comprised of a number of individual lots that lie in the

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1 midst of Rutgers University property, Rutgers Chapel, 2 I know, and Rutgers dormitories, eating halls. 3 Are all those facilities located to the 0 south of Davidson Road? 4 5 А No. 6 What is located to the north? 0 7 А Well, of the subject property there would be 8 private ownership of land developed in single family, 9 detached, half-acre lots on Artis Avenue. To the north, 10 To the south would exist various Univerthat would be, 11 sity properties and the chapel, and proceeding north 12 on Davidson or westerly on Davidson Road would be the 13 other University uses and properties I mentioned, such 14 as the Davidson Hall dining facility and dorms. So what is your answer to the question as 15 0 16 to whether or not it would be suitable for residential 17 development? I'm not sure at this point. 18 А 19 0 The information that we have received in answers to interrogatories concerning vacant land, does 20 that include or exclude Hoes Lane, or that area that 21 has been condemned for the Hoes Lane extension? 22 We would have to add it up to check it, compare Α 23 to the listing. I don't believe that we included the 24 right-of-way for Hoes Lane in the computation. 25

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1	Q Now once Hoes Lane is completed, wouldn't
2	that be a fairly suitable place for residential develop-
3	ment?
4	A If all the properties, all the vacant lots, were
5	incorporated into one.
6	Q Okay. Tract 50. Do you know the
7	character of the area surrounding tract 50?
8	A Immediately adjacent to this tract 50 on the
9	easterly side I believe exists a garage for buses,
10	and then to the east of that would be single family,
11	detached housing in accordance with half-acre or R-15
12	requirements.
13	Q Okay.
14	A And to the north would be the municipal offices
15	and complex separated by a church. To the south on
16	Lincoln Avenue is the cemetery.
17	Q The municipal complex is located south
18	of Sidney Road in this area?
19	A Correct.
20	Q I see. Let's go back here just one second.
21	Do you know what the current use of this area is that
22	is presently vacant?
23	MR. PALEY: You are pointing to an
24	area which is to the south of Lot 31, which
25	appears to be bisected by the Texas Eastern Pipe
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1	Line in part between South Randolphville Road
2	and Stuart Road?
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	A Yes.
4	Q What is the current use?
5	A The current use is of a large church and some
6	single family dwellings.
7	Q Yes, it is vacant?
8	A No.
9	Q It is not vacant?
10	A No, it's not vacant.
11	Q Okay. Let's go to 51.
12	A All right.
13	MR. GELBER: Off the record.
14	(A discussion off the record.)
15	Q I have asked about tracts 51, 52 and 60.
16	A Those tracts are comprised of numerous individual
17	properties, and although environmentally do not pose any
18	restriction in terms of their development for the most
19	part, it tends to make any large scale residential
20	development infeasible due to the various and numerous
21	ownerships, for one, the existence of roadways which
22	bisect all of the properties, the use of much of the
23	property by the Board of Education by Piscataway Township
24	as playground facilities. There are large areas utilized
25	for municipal recreational facilities.

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1	Q Are the latter two categories reported in
2	answers to interrogatories 27-D and 33, as vacant land?
3	A It's very difficult at this juncture for me to
4	answer that with any degree of accuracy, and for trial
5	our office is going to have to look at this area in
6	more detail than we have thus far, to determine which
7	areas are in fact developed by the Board of Education
8	and/or Piscataway for recreational use, and exactly
9	where the schools lie, and that sort of thing. I don't
10	think that this area could feasibly be developed or
11	packaged by a developer for large scale residential
12	development.
13	Q Do you know if there are any sizeable, let'
14	say, any areas within this that are contiguous under
15	single ownership that would be four or five acres?
16	A I don't believe there are, but I would like to

17 check the list to make sure.
18 MR. PALEY: Let me say we have had a

MR. PALEY: Let me say we have had a conversation regarding lots 51, 52 and 60 as shown on BD-1 exhibit, and we will undertake to provide you with a more exact analysis of the uses of that property, a substantial portion of which is currently park lands and other substantial portions are proposed park lands. We will also attempt to obtain for you any

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1	contiguous ownerships within that tract which are
2	not so designated, and which may be available for
3	residential housing.
4	MR. GELBER: And I might add to the extent
5	that you consider those tracts to be unsuitable
6	for residential development, as to that, infor-
7	mation should be provided at least as to some
8	indication of the grounds.
9	MR. PALEY: Fine.
10	Q Now tract 53, I believe we talked about
11	that two days ago, is the Senior Citizens Housing Tract;
12	is that correct?
13	A Correct.
14	Q Is that tract suitable for higher density
15	residential development irrespective of the use of
16	the Senior Citizens?
17	A It's very difficult for me to answer that question
18	knowing the need, or realizing the need for Senior
19	Citizen housing, the work that has been done to date to
20	effectuate that need or to implement a plan to proceed
21	with meeting that need, and realizing that if the land
22	were developed for other type of housing, that it
23	would not then be available for the necessary Senior
24	Citizen housing. I think it's very suitable f or Senior
25	Citizen housing because the Senior Citizens Center is

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1 located in the very close proximity to it, that there 2 is planned park lands adjacent to it for Senior Citizens, for instance, to enjoy. 3 Q What is the proposed density for that site? 4 5 The Zoning Ordinance allows twenty units per acre. A 6 The proposal set forth by the Senior Citizen Housing 7 Corporation before the Zoning Board of Adjustment pre-8 viouslywere for, I believe, 150 units on that tract. 9 0 What about tract 54? Tract 54 lies in the midst of existing single 10 А family residential developments developed in accordance 11 12 with R-15 and R-10 zoning requirements, so that the 13 compatibility of any dense multifamily housing would be questionable. 14 Is there any other reason why that tract Q 15 would be unsuitable for high density residential develop-16 ment? 17 Other than the limitations posed by its size and Α 18 therefore any amenities that might be offered to resi-19 dents of a higher density development, I can see no 20 environmental constraints. 21 Is the area across Hoes Lane from the 0 22 Municipal Center both north and south, is that fully 23 developed? 24 No, there is a site plan approval for a large Α 25

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1	tract adjacent to A.T. & T.'s property. I believe it
2	is owned by a construction company.
3	Q The site plan has already been approved?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Are there any other vacant parcels across
6	Hoes Lane north of Vista Avenue?
7	A Not to my knowledge. There may be very small
8	parcels.
9	Q We are looking at pages 9-E and 16-A of
10	plaintiff's exhibit 6, which are aerial photographs. We
11	are trying to identify if there are any other vacant
12	parcels in the Hoes Lane area.
13	A Roman numeral V is that area which received the
14	site plan approval, I believe, if I am reading this map
15	correctly.
16	Q You are on page 16-A?
17	A Yes.
18	Q Is that the portion you have identified
19	as 51 and 52?
20	A Correct.
21	Q Okay. And the area behind which you have
22	identified as 5 right in here?
23	Q That is all this?
24	A It is all a portion of tract 60 wherein we are
25	going to get you more information. You can see on the

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1	aerial photograph the existence of a baseball diamond.
2	Q It is currently used as park lands?
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	A Correct.
4	Q On page 9-E, is that Behmer Road?
5	A Yes.
6	Q So that the aerial shows vacant land to
7	the southwest corner of Hoes Lane?
8	A That land is now developed.
9	Q And across the street on the easterly
10	section, the southerly side of Hoes Lane?
11	A There lies the high school and land which
12	received approvals for office use. Ground breaking is
13	scheduled for April of 1984.
14	Q Okay. Tract 55?
15	A Tract 55 is owned by Rutgers University, and is
16	zoned for educational uses.
17	Q Okay. Tract 57 is also owned by Rutgers
18	University?
19	A Correct. Rutgers University has indicated a
20	desire to develop that property for multifamily housing.
21	The Planning Board and the Mayor and Council have
22	obviously agreed with the proposal, and zoned the area
23	for PRD.
24	Q Is there other areas of vacant land owned
25	by Rutgers University that might be available for

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residential development?

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A No, there is not. The land surrounding that area that we have marked 57 is an ecological preserve. It has been designated as such by the Board of Governors of Rutgers University, and has been designated as a teaching area in that regard.

7 Q What about the areas adjacent to Tract 558 and 56?

A Meaning their nature?

10 Q Are they available? Is it possible? Are 11 they available for residential development?

12 The area to the west is the home of the Colgate-Α 13 Palmolive Research Center. They have never indicated 14 any desire to do anything other than to continue with their research operation. I understand they are committed 15 16 by the corporate policy to even expand their research in terms of their corporate obligation. The land to 17 the north is already developed as single family housing 18 19 in accordance with our R-15 zoning requirements. The land to the south of Hoes Lane comprises the Rutgers 20 University golf course, and it has been indicated to us 21 by the University officials that the golf course will 22 be an integral part of the hotel-conference center, and 23 that there are no plans for anything other than the 24 golf course use. 25

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1	Q Why don't we mark that area.
2	A The golf course?
3	Q Yes.
4	A Okay.
5	Q Are there any areas within the Township
6	other than those tracts 57 that are currently owned by
7	Rutgers that in your opinion would be suitable for
8	residential development?
9	A I really haven't no, I don't know. I'm not
10	sure.
11	Q Could you, if it's possible, draw the
12	boundaries of the areas owned by Rutgers on the e x hi bit?
13	Is that possible?
14	MR. PALEY: No.
15	THE WITNESS: That area is already desig-
16	nated by the Zoning designation of E and ER in
17	that southwest portion of the Township, which
18	comprises an area of approximately 1200 acres.
19	Q So everything designated as Zone E is owned
20	by Rutgers?
21	A Only in the portion of the municipality of which
22	we are speaking.
23	Q I see. Okay. What about the R-15 tract
24	in that area?
25	A That area is completely developed.

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		Q What about tract 61, 62 and 63?
	2	A If either tract 61, 62 or 63 were to be developed,
	3	we would be violating the public trust, in that when
	4	the properties were subdivided all notice to parties
	5	during those hearings as well as those who have purchased
	6	dwellings within those subdivisions, and municipal officials
	7	earmarked those tracts as being forever preserved, in my
	8	opinion, in accordance with sound planning principles.
	9	Q Does that also apply with respect to
	10	tract 64?
FORM 2046	11	A NO.
07002 F	12	Q Would tract 63 be suitable for development?
V.J. 07	13	A I believe tract 63 is traversed by a stream,
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 CO	15	single family homes on all sides on half-acre lots,
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	17	MR. PALEY: Mr. Gelber, you have asked
	18	for a summary, if you will, as to the existence
	19	of applications on any of the parcels which we
	20	have covered, and I think that the easiest
	21	way to do that instead of trying to characterize
	22	the parcels for any purpose, is just to go through
	23	them, okay, and to let you know if any applications
	24	are pending.
	25	MR. GELBER: Okay.

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	2	you can correct me, there are no applications
	3	pending on parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,6 or 7.
	4	THE WITNESS: Correct.
	5	MR. PALEY: There is an application pending
	6	on parcel 8, which is the subdivision application
	7	he referred to between Halo Carbon and Reometrics.
	8	THE WITNESS: Correct.
	9	MR. PALEY: There is no application pend-
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FORM 2046	11	correct?
01002	12	THE WITNESS: Correct.
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	17	pending for lot 15,16 or 17?
	18	THE WITNESS: NO.
	19	MR. PALEY: 18, 19 or 20?
	20	THE WITNESS: No, I don't think so.
	21	MR. PALEY: 21?
	22	THE WITNESS: No.
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3	MR. PALEY: That is neither of the two?
4	THE WITNESS: Oh, the one on the southwesterly
5	corner of Metlars Lane is the subject of an appli-
6	cation before the Zoning Board for the tire ware-
7	house.
8	MR. PALEY: 37?
9	THE WITNESS: No.
10	MR. PALEY: 38?
11	THE WITNESS: NO.
12	MR. PALEY: 39?
13	THE WITNESS: No.
14	MR. PALEY: 40?
15	THE WITNESS: No.
16	MR. PALEY: 41?
17	THE WITNESS: Portions of 41 have been
18	submitted for site plan approval of warehousing
19	type of facilities.
20	MR. PALEY: Those portions of the area 41
21	shown as vacant now?
22	THE WITNESS: Yes.
23	MR. PALEY: 42?
24	THE WITNESS: No.
24	MR. PALEY: 43?
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1	THE WITNESS: No.
2	MR. PALEY: 44?
3	THE WITNESS: The subject of a subdivision
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5	application was mentioned previously.
6	MR. GELBER: That is the Castle Group?
7	THE WITNESS: Yes.
8	MR. PALEY: 45?
	THE WITNESS: NO.
9	MR. PALEY: 46?
10	THE WITNESS: Preliminary discussions and
11	informal public hearings have been held on the
12	PRD application of Hovnanian, Inc.
13	MR. PALEY: 47?
14	THE WITNESS: No.
15	MR. PALEY: The Hovnanian application does
16	not include 47; is that correct?
17	THE WITNESS: Correct.
18	MR. PALEY: 48?
19	THE WITNESS: No.
20	MR. PALEY: 49?
21	THE WITNESS: No.
22	MR. PALEY: 50?
23	THE WITNESS: No.
24	MR. PALEY: 51?
25	THE WITNESS: No.
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1	MR. PALEY: 52?
2	THE WITNESS: No.
3	MR. PALEY: Anything in the area known
4	as 60?
) 5	THE WITNESS: No.
6	MR. PALEY: The Senior Citizens Center, 53?
7	THE WITNESS: No.
8	MR.PALEY: 54?
9	THE WITNESS: No.
10	MR. PALEY: 55, 56?
11	THE WITNESS: NO.
12	MR. PALEY: 57?
13	THE WITNESS: No.
14	MR. PALEY: 58? That is a portion of
15	the Seeley Drive develoment?
16	THE WITNESS: I don't think so.
17	MR. PALEY: 59 we have talked about. 60
18	we have talked about.
19	THE WITNESS: No, no.
20	MR. PALEY: 61, 62 or 63?
21	THE WITNESS: No, no, no.
22	MR. PALEY: Okay.
23	MR. GELBER: That's it.
24	(Witness excused.)
25	(Proceedings concluded at 5 o'clock p.m.)

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I further certify that the witness was duly sworn by me according to law, prior to testifying.

I further certify that I am not an attorney or counsel for any of the parties, and that I am not financially interested in this case.

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