

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak before the committee today. The boro of DWG is approximately 1 square mile in size and has over 700 residents and 400 homes. We have 2 major manufacturing plants and many small businesses located in the boro. The operating budget for the boro is around \$300,000 a year. We have 2 fulltime employees and all elected officials work gratis.

The boro main business district has been flooded in 2004 2005 2006 each time worse than the previous event. The cost for each event is as follows. 2004 : 2,523
2005: 31,600
2006: 31,138. All costs were reimbursed through Pema and/or Fema. We received these within 3 months after requested. Our boro clerk /secy has the highest respect for how Pema responded to us. The support and assistance that we received from the county emergency management team was excellent in alerting us for the coming water and their help doing the flood. Pema and Fema along with various state agencies and our elected officials both state and Federal was greatly appreciated.

Our boro took a very aggressive approach in cleaning up after the flood. Through our emergency plan our superintendent had dumpsters and pumps reserved and ready to be delivered and put into operation before the water receded. Basements were pumped out within 24 hours. Electric was reconnected within 36 hours. (We had a list of all homes where the boxes are above the flood level and these meters were not pulled.

Seven days after the flood we celebrated our founder day, which was postponed one week because of the flood.

Have we recovered from the flood? NO we still have businesses that are not completely operating at the level they were prior to June 2006. We have a hotel that was still renovating its 1st floor from the 2005 flood it is still renovating that floor and only about 50% operational. We have other businesses that the debt servicing from the 3 floods is making it almost impossible to continue.

DWG has the distinction of having a major international firm that makes shielding devices that are in approx 90% of the cell phones made in the world. The plant was in danger of being closed and the operation shipped to China and NC. But the quality of the work at DWG surpassed anything being made at these 2 locations that the Corp moved the manufacturing back to DWG. This Corp has a \$13million payroll a year and employs 300 to 340 people. Starting wages are \$8to9 an hour with most making \$15+ hour. There are many Technical positions such as toolmakers making over \$70,000 annually. Half of the employees have been here for over 20 years.

This plant has flooded 3 times. For over 50 years everyone who operated here was told that route 80 was filled with material that would prevent the Delaware river

from coming through the road bed. This was incorrect. Since funds could not be obtained from the State or Federal gov the company spent \$1 million of its own to complete a new third section of dike to prevent water from coming into the plant. Last year flood water was within 12 inches of going over the top to the dike.

There is also on this site a 40,000ft building that use to be the admin office that is located outside of the dike this building is not being used except for storage of finished goods.

These are just a few of the current situations that exist in the boro. And I offer the following concerns that I think you should consider.

Economic: Cost of flood insurance it goes up with every lost you have.
Lost of jobs because business move or close
Reduction of property values (property for sale no takers)
Cost of business recovery and firture operations

Moral: Affect on life style
Affect on Health
Affect on family
A disregard by neighbors about what there actions are doing to Others.

*Floods in winter or colder months
are Ice jams.
Streams are lowering before the
winter arrives from next*