

# MAYOR HORNİK'S LETTER TO SWAC

**From: The Office of Mayor Jonathan L. Hornik**  
**Re: Atlantic Tree Application – Class B Recycling Facility**

Dear SWAC Members:

My name is Jonathan Hornik and I am the Mayor of Marlboro Township ("Marlboro"). I would like to once again thank SWAC for holding its February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting concerning the above referenced application (the "Application") at our facilities in Marlboro. I believe the level of public attendance at the meeting demonstrated that holding the meeting in Marlboro was the right decision.

However, there were aspects of the meeting that greatly concerned me and the residents of Marlboro. Specifically, the applicant was not asked by SWAC to provide a presentation concerning the proposed project. As you know, the applicant and SWAC have indicated that the applicant has updated and amended the Application since last year. Without an explanation/presentation concerning these amendments, the residents were unable to truly comment on the application in a meaningful way.

Perhaps even more disturbing, is the fact that SWAC decided not to vote on the Application while in Marlboro. This unfortunate decision prevented the residents from taking part/witnessing SWAC's ultimate decision making process. It is my understanding that SWAC does intend to take a vote on the Application at its upcoming March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. At present, SWAC's on-line calendar indicates that the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls. I believe it would be far more beneficial and respectful to Marlboro and its residents for SWAC to hold its March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in Marlboro.

To this end, I am offering a facility in Marlboro for SWAC to hold its meeting on this crucially important issue. Given that SWAC began the final phase of the evaluation process of the Application in Marlboro, at which Marlboro residents presented their issues and concerns, I believe it is only fair for SWAC to undertake its final vote on the matter in Marlboro. Whatever decision SWAC may reach concerning the Application, it should be done so in the presence of those most significantly impacted.

Further, I would like to formally request that SWAC revise its by-laws to ensure that in the future public hearings concerning the addition or modification of new facilities within the County's Solid Waste Management Plan be held within the community or communities within which the new or modified facility will be/is located.

SWAC represents the entire County, but is for all practical purposes serving as the affected community's local zoning and planning boards. By ensuring that meetings are located within the affected communities, SWAC can be certain that the affected community is properly notified and given the chance to be involved in SWAC's evaluation and decision making processes. I believe that amending the by-laws to hold SWAC meetings within the affected communities is the best method for accomplishing this objective.

In conclusion, it is my hope that the SWAC will address the concerns I have raised by holding a vote in Marlboro, and amend its by-laws so that host communities are given the opportunity to engage on proposals that will impact their quality of life. I once again offer SWAC the use of Township facilities for the upcoming meeting. Please contact me when you receive this letter so that the necessary arrangements may be made.