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Cherokee Redevelopment – Pennsauken Waterfront Redevelopment Project

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Pennsauken, NJ – New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing on the Township of Pennsauken/Cherokee Pennsauken, LLC wetland permit application and the DEP staff preliminary analysis on Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 11:00AM in the Public Meeting Room of the Pennsauken Township Municipal Building located at 5606 Crescent Boulevard (aka Route 130).

In an obvious attempt to avoid a comprehensive and responsible assessment of the full and cumulative environmental impacts of their 11 ½ mile project, Pennsauken/Cherokee has divided up their project into discrete subprojects for purposes of public review and agency permitting. The total project encompasses the Delaware River waterfront area roughly from the Betsey Ross Bridge to the Ben Franklin Bridge as well as Petty's Island and will have dramatic harmful impacts on the Delaware River and nesting Bald eagles in the area. Regulators have so far allowed this conduct which environmentalists believe violate and evade the requirements of the law. Thursday's public hearing is the first time the public will have the opportunity to see the final redevelopment plan as it impacts fisherman's wharf and to comment on it.