



## **Maxatawny Community Coalition**

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### **To All Who Care About the Future of Maxatawny Township**

We are seeking your support in opposing development of two massive truck warehouses (1.6 million square feet) near the intersection of Long Lane and State Route 222. We are asking all who care about maintaining the harmony and fabric of our community to show your support by signing on in opposing this development. To begin, please send an e-mail in support of our efforts to [MaxatawnyCommunityCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:MaxatawnyCommunityCoalition@gmail.com). We welcome your comments and support.

This development as proposed would make our community unsafe, destroy local history and negatively affect everyone in our township.

### **New Warehouse would make our Community Unsafe**

- Forecasted increase in Rt. 222 traffic: 1,948 truck trips plus 5,122 car/small truck trips add to already congested traffic area.
- Semi-trucks *already* routinely ignore road restrictions, damaging our roads and causing unsafe conditions - *especially* for bicyclists, pedestrians, and horse carriages.
- Traffic study did not include Rt. 737, Monterey, Maxatawny (town), all roads North of Rt. 222 and the Mennonite Community.
- Long Lane & Seigfriedale Roads (State roads) *already* prohibit tractor trailer traffic yet are routinely used by them as shortcuts from I-78 to Route 222.
- PA State Police do not enforce those prohibitions.

### **We Must Preserve the History of our Rural Community**

- Warehouse would destroy the Kemp Historical Burial Ground (a.k.a. Kemp Family Graveyard) founded in 1762, containing graves of Revolutionary War notable Capt.

George Kemp and descendants of the Levans, Trexlers, Wink and other prominent Maxatawny Township figures.

- Maxatawny Township is rural in nature and honors its history - it is essential to local character that the Graveyard remain undisturbed and maintained for future generations.
- Maintain the nature of our rural community by planning future development using responsible and sustainable options.

## **We Support Smart Development, not Destruction of the Fabric of Our Community**

- We respect property rights & support smart development. But warehousing development would dramatically change our community and invite other negative development.
- This warehouse plans to use 56,000 gallons of aquifer water *daily* and likely harm those already using the local aquifer through private and public wells.
- Warehouse development in open farmland is not ecologically sound - in this case impacting wetlands, introducing heat, noise and light pollution resulting in a massive increase in local air pollution that has been linked to increased COVID-19 mortality rates and respiratory ailments.
- More than 1,400 employees would commute to this new warehouse, many from Reading and Allentown areas. Our community is not equipped to sustain these employees.
- Warehouse jobs are not needed in this area and will become automated in near future. Nearby warehouses routinely advertise openings.

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