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Since information available at the North Providence RI Town Library indicates the record is open for public comment until Dec 4, please consider these comments for the record on the Centerdale Manor Superfund Site.

As a North Providence resident and taxpayer I have these concerns:

Public investment in cleaning the river and its banks should include public access to the river to the maximum feasible extent.

There should be some accountability with regard to who let the dioxins get dumped at the site. We do not want such a thing to happen again, there must be some deterrents to those political entities who can allow improper hazardous waste disposal. Similarly, we would also want to know what companies or private entities improperly dumped this stuff.

There should be a vision of cleaning up the area so that a viable Woonasquatucket Greenway is possible through the area. This should include being clean enough to hike, fish, wade, even swim in the waters, and to have a bikeway along the abandoned rail corridor on the Johnston side.

The Economic Development Corporation was given control of the former Stillwater Park area in the watershed (in Smithfield at the northeast corner of Route 116 and 104) originally they hoped to build a golf course. I think it is important to keep this bit in open space, the EDC however has never shown any concern for environmental quality of life concerns.

Thank you for considering these points.

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