

CENTRAL DELAWARE  
ADVOCACY GROUP



**An Open Letter to Councilman Frank DiCicco  
June 19, 2009**

Dear Councilman DiCicco:

The Central Delaware Advocacy Group (CDAG) wishes to express its sincere thanks for your efforts over the past three years to transform the Central Delaware waterfront through sound, long-term planning principles.

The passage of Bill 090170, creating an interim zoning overlay for the Central Delaware, marks a milestone in our history. It safeguards the waterfront while the City Planning Commission creates a Master Plan, and sets the tone for future planning citywide. Our communities are grateful for your perseverance, through two administrations and sometimes-contentious meetings and hearings, in making it happen.

As you know, CDAG has been charged with advocating for the principles and provisions of the *Civic Vision for the Central Delaware* and the accompanying *Action Plan*. So we are thrilled that the overlay includes a 100-foot waterfront setback, a recreational trail, strong language on 24/7 public access, and sensible use restrictions and active-use requirements. In that same vein, we support a 100-foot-or-20-percent setback formula, and will continue to advocate for the maximum feasible setbacks as the Planning Commission undertakes its work.

We appreciate your working so closely with CDAG on the overlay process, and we look forward to continuing to work with you and Brian Abernathy in the coming months and years, through the Master Planning process and beyond. Thank you for your dedication to a brighter future for our waterfront – a future in which our neighbors, our children, and our grandchildren can enjoy a vibrant, well-planned mix of residential, recreational, industrial and commercial uses on one of the nation's premier waterfronts.

Best,

Steven Weixler  
Chair, CDAG