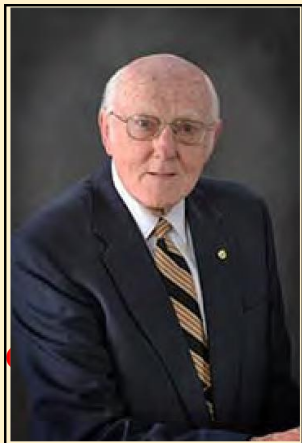


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## Mayor's Message

*On behalf of our Municipal Council*

**FORMER LAUREL MILLS SHOPPING**

**“LAUREL MILLS LLC.”**

**NJ DEP CASE # 23-0814135242**

Unfortunately, today, the Borough of Stratford was required to take official action to enforce State, County and Local laws regarding Stormwater Discharge runoff violations from the construction site at the former Laurel Mills Shopping Center on Warwick Road.

With Saturday's rainfall, our Department of Public Works, & Fire Department were asked to take immediate action to remediate the runoff sediment caused by the improper stormwater discharge from the site.

All labor and related expenses related to the clean-up are being billed to the property owner, Laurel Mills LLC. If necessary Stratford will levy a municipal lien to enforce our collection.

As of today, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is proceeding with action related to all violations under their jurisdiction. **This process begins with a violation notice and ends with enormous fines.** Likewise, Camden County Soil Conservations specialists are reviewing the site for enforcement.

Moreover, the Borough of Stratford is also proceeding against the owner for violations related to Stormwater Management Permits and related Municipal Ordinance violations.

**With more rainfall forecasted, the Borough will continue to do our best to remediate inordinate amounts of sediment that originate from the site.**

This afternoon, we contracted for streets sweeping services to be completed as soon as possible. In the coming days, homeowners will be asked to move parked cars from the road to maximize the street sweeper's capabilities and effectiveness. Thereafter, our stormwater systems will be jetted and or vacuumed to remove sediment.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to tackle the myriad of issues we face related to the former Laurel Mills Shopping Center.