



**Assemblymember  
Michael P. Kearns**

***Lackawanna Environmental Update***

## **SUPERFUND CLEANUP**

Recently I met with Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to discuss the Superfund site footprint at 2960 South Park Avenue in Lackawanna. A remedial investigation conducted last year found the land surrounding the former Lackawanna incinerator is more contaminated with heavy metals and carcinogenic chemicals than originally thought. Most of that additional area runs along the south bank of Smokes Creek from about 500 feet west of the incinerator site to more than a quarter-mile east of the Creek. The DEC is in the process of drafting a plan for remediating the incinerator property and Smokes Creek corridor. A 30-day public comment period, a public meeting to present the selected remedy, and response to all public comments are the next actions to be taken over the next two months.

## **FLOOD INSURANCE**

The Smokes Creek Flood Control Program has been completed by the Department of Environmental Conservation. The work involved removal of approximately 36,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment and soil material for the engineered channel of Smokes Creek within the limits of the Federal Flood Control Project. Working with your local Lackawanna officials, County officials, State Agencies, Federal officials and the Army of Corp of Engineers the project is expected to continue to help protect areas within the City of Lackawanna from flooding. In the next few months the final steps to certify the as-built conditions should be completed and I am hopeful these improvements will mitigate the need for Federal Flood Insurance.

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