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### **Brewster Yards Questions**

Dear Madams and Sirs:

In light of the fragile environmental and ecological area that Southeast encompasses, please address these concerns regarding the construction of the above listed project:

1. **Soft Surface to Hard Surface**—That the hard surfaces of asphalt, concrete, roofs, and Astroturf will replace grass, trees, and encroach upon wetlands, what plans are in place for rainwater runoff and collection?
2. **Charging Stations**—That we are moving towards electric vehicles, are there plans in place for electric charging stations in the parking lot?
3. **Garbage and Waste**—That people generate all kinds of plastic, paper, metal waste, effective waste management firms, such as TerraCycle™, collect and recycle every kind of waste. Will the management of Brewster Yards pay for and use easy to use TerraCycle™ boxes?
4. **Compost**—That food scrap collection for facilities larger than 10,000 square feet is state law since January 2022. Technically, Brewster Yards will not be a food service provider, but wouldn't it be a great civic duty to Southeast if Brewster Yards management stewards and pays for food scrap collection?
5. **Food Services**—Can local proprietors such as Salinger's Food Truck, Red Rooster, La Guadalapaña be given food concession exclusivity? Healthy food choices would be a nice option, since outside food will, justifiably, be prohibited.
6. **Construction**—Can local businesses be hired to build the facility?
7. **Maintenance**—Just as Southeast requires septic tanks to be emptied every five years, can Southeast require Brewster Yards to replace Astroturf on a similar timeframe? Can local business be hired to do this maintenance as well as electrical, plumbing, septic, and facilities maintenance, contracts to be bid upon for a limited amount of time?

Brewster Yards is a great continuing economic and community opportunity for Southeast. Additionally, good sportsmanship and good citizenship go hand in hand. The educational opportunities afforded by being part of a team should include caring for and respecting the environment and our citizenry.

Yours truly,

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