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I am disappointed to see that there are virtually no water quality provisions being considered for this project, and there is an effort to remove even the minimal (secondary) measure on a large section of the system. There was a definite sentiment expressed in the opinion survey done at the beginning of this project, and at numerous public meetings (and for many other public projects) that Chester citizens care about water quality and the health of our environment. The landscape architect who did the (entire) interview presentation and question responses touted their environmental awareness, and context sensitive and green design philosophy.

Yet the current designs contain barely a nod to those concepts and the impacts on the Town and abutters to the project will be significant. Why? Are all the ideas and design philosophies presented at the interview no longer valid? Or is there an inability to actually implement green and context sensitive designs?

There are certainly many opportunities to incorporate green design into a project like this, and generally at little or reduced cost to the project. And the basic goals of improving infrastructure without unduly impacting citizens (or our pocketbooks) while not changing the character of the Town can certainly be achieved - but not with this design.

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