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## **Westinghouse done in by state bureaucrats**

**John Kinder could not do anything.  
John Crecco could not do anything.  
Jim Gasparini is not doing anything.**

**Can any township leader save the rapidly deteriorating Westinghouse tract, the most spacious, unused private property in Bloomfield?**

**Until Mayor Gasparini can perform a miracle before the next mayoral election in November, still another term of office will have gone by with the Westinghouse tract remaining idle.**

**Why?**

**The reason is simple: No Bloomfield politician or cadre of politicians has yet been able to defeat NJ Department of Environmental Protection and Energy efforts to make a lifelong job of alleged contamination of the vast land in Watsessing. NJDEPE bureaucracy seemingly enjoys making Bloomfield suffer this deadly loss in ratables (tax revenues).**

**The Westinghouse tract is not the only property in Bloomfield sitting on its butt doing nothing — not producing badly needed dollars for municipal and school purposes. The Gordos property on Glenwood Avenue is another; so are two spacious board of education properties, the former Brookside and South Junior High School sites.**

**The Westinghouse and Gordos tracts, among others, are undeveloped because of NJDEPE red tape and “no-growth” ideological preference.**

**Brookside and South Junior are undeveloped because of bad judgment by the board of ed in waiting too long to dispose of the properties.**

**Without leadership, without vision, the once great Westinghouse property will decay into an outright industrial slum, as in a Newark or South Bronx, rotting away in one of the oldest and once most progressive industrial-commercial-residential centers in New Jersey and in America, for that matter.**

**Westinghouse it seems has only haunted ghosts of its glories past. And Town Hall has done nothing to bring them back to life....**