

Mayor: 3M Will Remain Responsible For Taxes, Open Space Preservation An Option

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Hillsborough Mayor Anthony Ferrera has stated that the Township will work with Somerset County in determining the best potential use of the 3M quarry site, which 3M has announced will be closed sometime in 2009.

“Whether the site should be preserved, 3M’s responsibility for environmental cleanup and the company’s potential sale of the property to another entity should all be part of the discussion,” Ferrera stated.

“Right now 3M is still there and will be into 2009. And the property will remain on the Hillsborough tax rolls whether there are operations going on at the site or not. We are, however, very concerned about how 3M will handle the demobilization of the workforce,” the Mayor added.

“Preservation of the site as open space is always on the table, however, there will have to be an in-depth study on the issue, including value and cost, environmental cleanup and the area’s suitability as an open space site,” Ferrera concluded.