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The demolition contractor, hired by the developer, should not be fielding health risk questions. That should have been done by the State Department of Health, who was not there. The Department of Environmental Protection representatives did not answer the questions about protecting Monocacy Creek, the developer did. When there is a profit motive, data and advice to citizens should come from people who are impartial. The bottom line from the developer last night was clear: we only do what we are obligated by law to do. He referenced other development projects many times but did not seem to understand the scale of this project and its significance to the citizens of Bethlehem may require a better approach than “we did nothing illegal here.”

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