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complete, natural environment in which a particular wine is produced] of their growing regions. That is why there cannot be one dominant varietal grown here in New Jersey, as each region has its own growing season and particular grape varietals that flourish in their respective growing areas. Sustainable efforts are at the forefront of winery practices. Many of our wineries still pick grapes by hand. They also leave cuttings to be absorbed into the soil. A number



of wineries use solar panels to power all their operations. Most importantly, our wineries help preserve open space with 18 wineries on preserved farmland.



**GEI Consultants, Inc.**Jessica Rosenberg, Project
Professional

In New Jersey, in order

to obtain a license, new daycare centers are required to have a final remedial document for the environmental status of the property. One of the biggest obstacles new daycares have been facing is identifying buildings or properties that will not require them to spend tens of thousands of dollars in environmental costs to investigate the site before they even open. A daycare owner came to GEI hoping to find a new location for their business. We were able to assist them by reviewing available New Jersey database resources and identify "red flags" on properties they were interested in before committing to

a lease. By spending a little more money up front, we saved them thousands of dollars in the long run, and found them a suitable, safe property for their daycare.



**Gibbons P.G.**By Camille V. Otero, Esq.,
Chair, Environmental
Department

Our Environmental
Department is assisting a major investor
in high-quality infrastructure in securing the environmental permits for
the redevelopment of a 1,600-acre
brownfield site into a multi-use,
deep-water seaport and industrial
logistics center. To secure the necessary
approvals for this state-of-the-art
facility, Gibbons has led the client
through environmental studies and
challenging negotiations with the
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the
USEPA, the National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration, the

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National Marine Fisheries Service, the NJDEP, U.S. Coast Guard, and Delaware River Basin Commission. In addition to coordinating review and approvals among several agencies with overlapping jurisdiction and sometimes divergent interests, we devised creative solutions that considered host community and environmental organization concerns. Gibbons built on the compelling narrative of this project, which will return what was once a manufacturing

"company town" into a new economic engine that thoughtfully accommodates environmentally sensitive areas and invests significant resources in environmental mitigation. Through the collaborative efforts of private investors and regulators, what has emerged may well be a model for continued private investment in infrastructure, with this project being one of the largest in the state, enhancing port capacity in the southern New Jersey, Philadelphia region.





Greenbaum, Rowe, Smith & Davis LLP David A. Roth, Esq., Partner, Environmental Department

Our firm represented a municipal client seeking to return a contaminated property that had been abandoned by the owner to productive use. The NJDEP conducted a publicly funded environmental cleanup and filed "super liens" against title (as authorized by the Spill Compensation and Control Act) for cleanup costs that exceeded the property value. We assisted the client with a tax lien foreclosure, however, the Spill Act super liens could not be foreclosed. We worked with the NJDEP and its attorneys to structure a creative solution that will facilitate the sale of the property for redevelopment. The NJDEP agreed to release its super liens and extend assurances to the client and a future buyer in exchange for sharing in the sale proceeds and certain other con-

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