# Exploring Strategies for Sustainable Redevelopment of Industrial Properties from the Corporate Perspective

Redevelopment Trailblazers Webinar Series

Friday, April 19, 2024

12:00 PM EST



# Agenda

- Welcome Overview
- Speaker and Respondent Introductions
- Presentation
  - Wilmington, DE
  - Oakley, CA
  - Beaumont, TX
- Audience Q&A
- o Wrap Up



### Overview

### The Secret Sauce

- An in-depth reuse assessment to determine opportunities, constraints, and developable area was conducted for each site prior to contacting the market about the opportunity
- Consensus built internally around site challenges and opportunities
- Proposed terms were prepared, agreed upon internally, and communicated through an Expression
  of Interest package detailing site issues and opportunities
- For complex surplus properties, terms drive price
- Key factor in selection of buyer is an entity with sufficient assets, a viable reuse with long-term income potential, and a track record of successful and timely implementation

# **Speakers**



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## Chemours' Approach to Brownfields Property Disposition

- We work proactively with former operating sites (FOS) & other operating sites that come available, via business restructuring, through protective remediation and ultimately, to return the sites into productive new uses.
- We have limited internal resources, using variable outside resources to support transactions and to provide expertise/bandwidth
- We approach each opportunity including legal, real estate, remediation, business personnel, & FOS lead - in strategy discussions and implementation
- FOS leader, remediation, & enviro counsel currently report through Legal organization
- We are generally open to consider options for redevelopment that may include integration of remediation
- Our sites were all deed restricted industrial/commercial (by DuPont at spin)
- > 95% of our sites are U.S. based and tend to be large former chemical and polymer manufacturing sites
  - No office parks, existing residential, or shopping centers.

# Edgemoor Wilmington, DE

# Edgemoor Overview

- New Castle County, DE
- 112+ acre property
- Former titanium dioxide manufacturing plant
- RCRA site under DNREC
- Minimal wetlands and floodplain areas
- Excellent multi-modal access



# Edgemoor Disposition Considerations

#### **Timing of Disposition**

- Pre or post decommissioning and demolition
- Pre or post DNREC approvals

### **Disposition Structure**

- Possible transfer of assets and permits
- Liability transfer options

#### Stakeholder Relations

- Corporate considerations
- State, local, and union concerns



# Site Wetlands Estuarine and Marine Deepwater Flood Hazard 0.1 % Annual Chance /// 0.2 % Annual Chance

# **Edgemoor Infrastructure**



Site had over 35 buildings, wastewater treatment system, 3-bay water tower, specialized infrastructure and utilities. Additionally, it had rail assets and waterfront access.

#### Philadelphia PA Burlington Delaware Chester County Camden County County Fort Mifflin National Park CDF Camden County Oldmans CDF Pedricktown North CDF Wilmington Pedricktown South CDF NJ Gloucester County Killcohook CDF New Castle Salem 45 Feet County Salem County Deepened or Already Deep Artificial Island Contracts Awarded/Ongoing Cumberland Work Remaining Dover As of: OCT-2015 Kent Scale in Miles County Cape May County

# **Edgemoor Waterfront Access**



Channel depth 45'





### **Environmental Status at Time of Sale**

### **Completed:**

- Ponds A, B, C, and D
   Neutralization and stabilization (2002)
- Post Closure Care Plan
   Groundwater monitoring, maintenance of institutional controls, inspections
- Land Use Restrictions
  Cap must be protected
- Corrective Measures Study conducted & submitted (2013)

#### Remaining:

- Wastewater treatment pond & holding basin will require closure
- Pond F will require closure



### **Confidential EOI Process**

- The Edgemoor EOI process produced 11 interested parties and 3 Final and Best Offers
- Ongoing communications with State of Delaware and Port of Wilmington
- Factors considered included: new productive use for the site; job creation potential; asset transfers; environmental liabilities transfer; other.

# **Edgemoor Deal Structure**

- Diamond State Port Corporation, operator of the Port of Wilmington, was the Buyer
- Buyer assumed ongoing responsibilities in the RCRA Post Closure Care Plan and certain ongoing environmental responsibilities arising from Chemours' closing of the site
- Buyer accepted property with remaining industrial assets & buildings and completed demolition of facilities
- Buyer obtained Pollution Legal Liability (PLL) Insurance policy for the site and added Seller as second named insured

# Oakley, CA

## Site 1980's

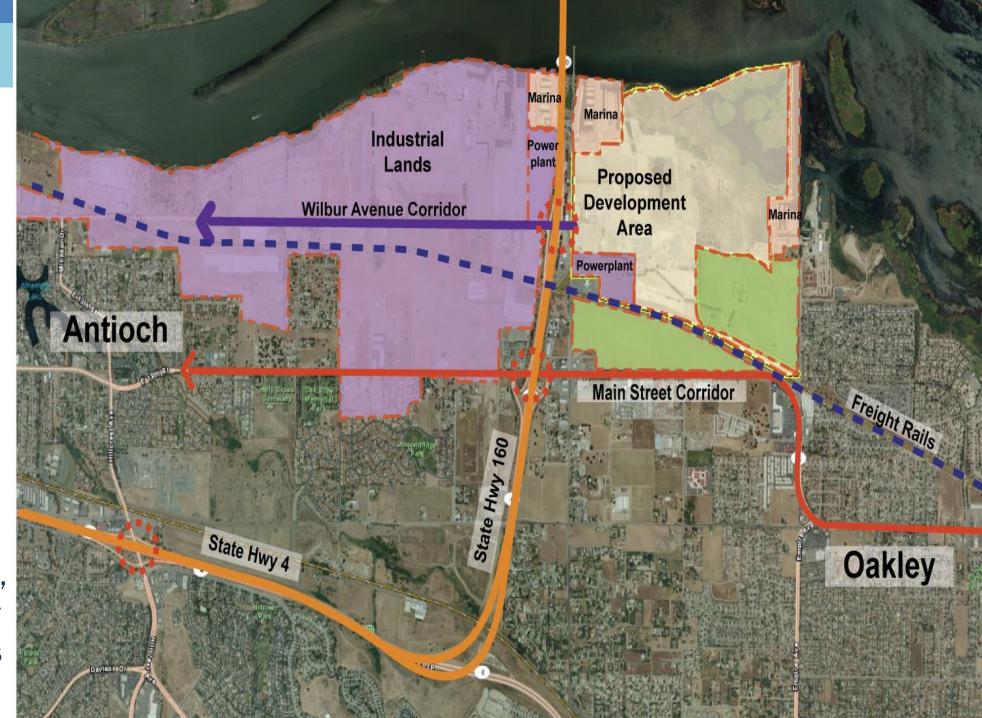


# **Site Today**

Located in the eastern Contra Costa County growth area:

- Key site for redevelopment of the Wilbur Avenue Corridor
- Significant

   infrastructure
   resources and
   industrial assets
- Easy access to rail, water and highway transport corridors



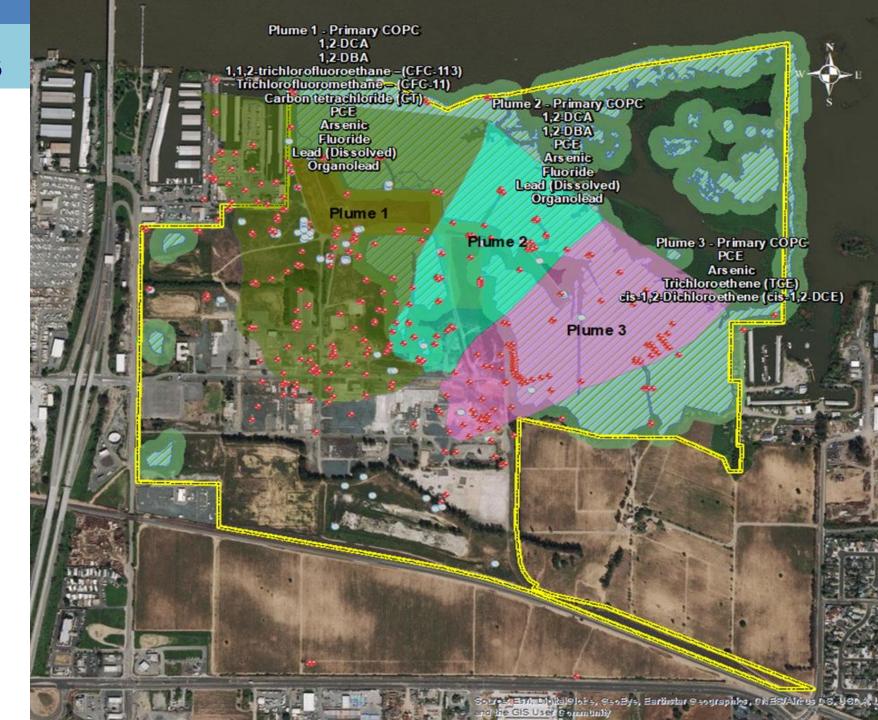
### **Challenges and Options**

# Major challenges on the site:

- Groundwater contamination separated into 3 plume areas
- Soil contamination

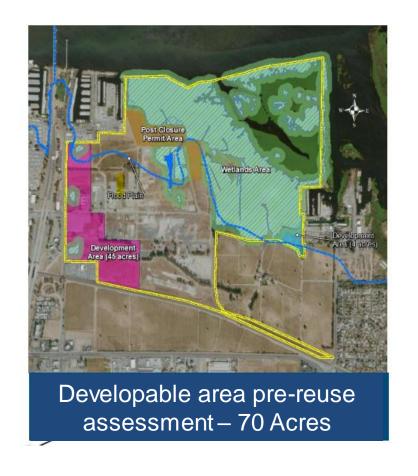
### Sellers options:

 Sell the site "as is, where is" or conduct environmental cleanup



# Oakley, CA

# In depth Reuse Assessment yielded significant value









### Results of In-depth Reuse Assessment

- 150 Developable Acres
- Generally flat
- 218 acres of San Joaquin
   Delta wetlands suited for preservation
- Growing East Bay region
- Excellent highway access
- Significant available infrastructure

# Final Built Out Image 1.7 Million Sq. Ft.

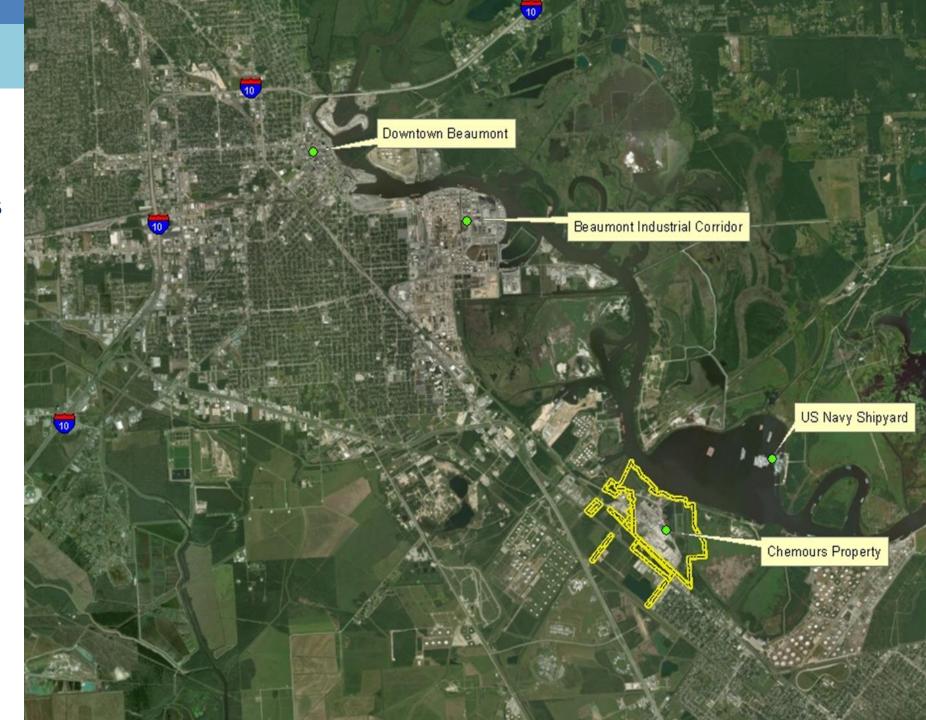


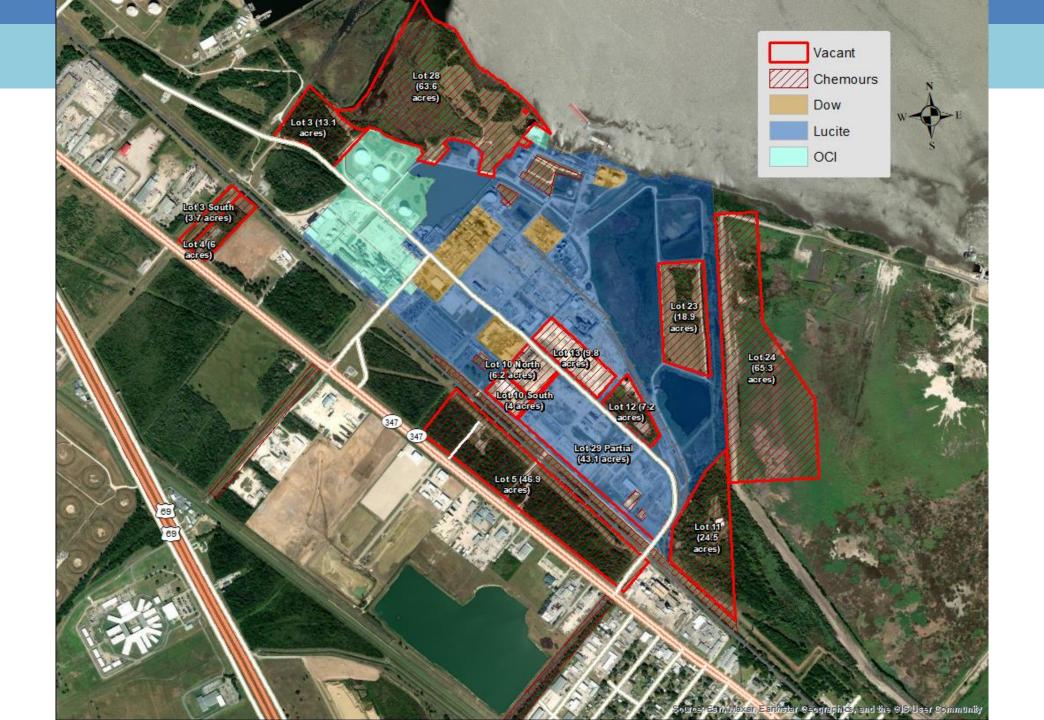
- structured
  disposition
  process, found
  buyer with strong
  track record and
  expertise
- Agreement on cleanup and environmental responsibility/ liability roles
- Site transferredSeptember 2019

# Beaumont, TX

## Beaumont, TX

- 606 total acres
- 125 developable acres
- Deep water access
- Excellent rail service
- Close proximity to I-10
- Serviced by all major utilities
- Active industrial park
- Part of the larger 793acre Beaumont Works
   Industrial Park
- Industrial use since1954





### **Site Historical Evolution**

In 1951 DuPont purchased farmland on site

In 1991 DuPont sold its methanol plant

In 2006 Lucite, one of the primary tenants, assumed the role of owner/operator for services and infrastructure (dock, rail, safety, security, water, steam, etc.)

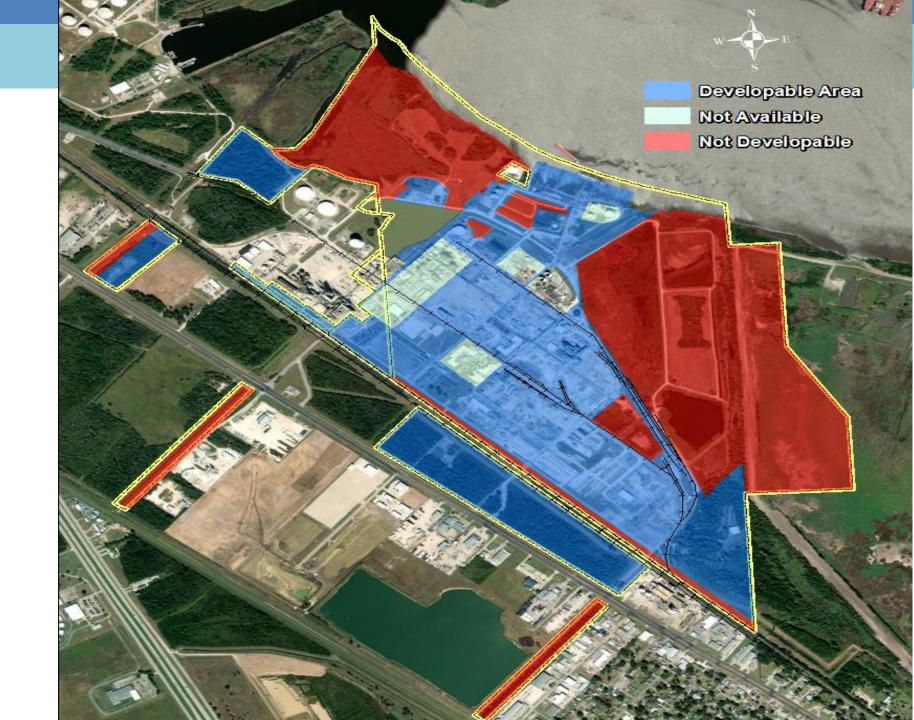
In 2016 Chemours sold its remaining Aniline business to Dow

In 2020 Lucite announced it would be closing operations in 2021

With Lucite leaving, total developable area available controlled by Chemours becomes ~360 acres



Comprehensive GIS analysis on opportunities and constraints led to clear discussion with buyers on what land was available.



# Ground water Impacts Easements Wetlands Soil Impacted Areas

### **Site Constraints**

### Easements

- Waste Material Disclosures
- Road Easements
- Pipeline Easements
- Reciprocity Agreements

### Physical Characteristics:

- Access
- Wetlands
- Flood Plain
- Barge Dock
- Services Agreement

### Environmental

- Capped Areas
- Known Soil Contamination
- Potential Soil Contamination
- Groundwater

### **Other Constraints**

OCI 5-Year Option (Executed 2016)

- Purchase (~5.5 acres)
- Easement (~4.2 acres)

Lucite 5-Year Right of First Refusal (Executed 2016)

- Purchase Lots 5 &11
- Lease Lots10North,10South &13

Current Lucite Lease (Lot 29 Partial)



### **Disposition of Beaumont**

- Sold in 2021 to FTAI
   Energy Partners, an affiliate of Fortress
   Investment Group
- Operations continue on site for existing chemical players
- Portions of the site to be developed for industrial, rail, port and logistics center
- Purchase transaction included discussions
   & resolution of infrastructure assets



# New Owner's 200 MW Green Hydrogen Plan



- Production of more than
   100 tons per day (TPD) of green hydrogen
  - Using electrolyzers from Plug Power
  - Renewable power supplied by Entergy
- Scalable to nearly 500 megawatts
- \$3.00/kg tax credit
   provided by the Inflation
   Reduction Act
- Strategically located on Neches River with proximity to industrial end users

### Website for Chemours' available real estate properties

IP INDUSTRIAL-PORTFOLIO.COM

ASSETS. INFRASTRUCTURE. OPPORTUNITY.

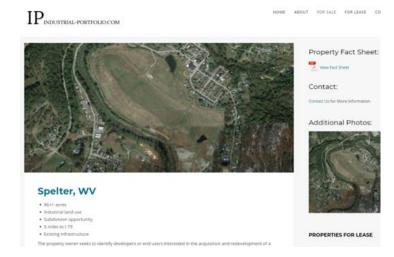
Chemours is a company with over 200 years of history and a real estate portfolio featuring more than 40 manufacturing and research centers worldwide. The company's real estate features superior infrastructure, valuable industrial assets, and competitive locations.

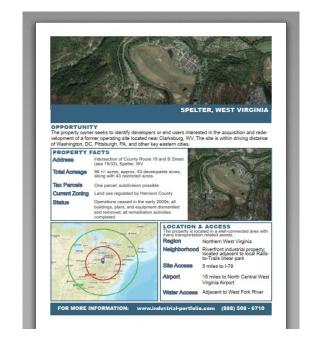
This website is a central location for site selectors, developers, and end users to find surplus land and facilities currently available for sale or lease from Chemours. We encourage you to contact us to learn more about these opportunities.

#### **Properties For Sale**

**Properties For Lease** 

https://www.industrial-portfolio.com/





# **Questions and Answers**

### **Thank You!**

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Friday, June 21st at 12 PM Eastern: Reviving Buildings that Create Jobs

Registration will open as we get closer to this date.

