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Maser Consulting P.A.

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Maser Consulting was hired by Northvale Borough to implement the redevelopment of the Tect/Danzig brownfield site for the construction of a 24,500sf commercial building for Inserra Supermarkets. Owning more than 22 stores with 400 employees, Inserra is a member of Wakefern Food Corporation, one of New Jersey's largest employers. The site soil and ground water, impacted in the 1950s/1960s due to various commercial operations, is being remediated pursuant to the NJDEP's Site Remediation Reform Act (SRRA). The program's goal is to increase the pace of remediation and environmental safety, decrease the contamination threat to public health, and quickly return underutilized properties to productive use. The new building will dovetail into a 15,000sf ShopRite addition providing jobs, shopping opportunities, environmental improvement, and the site will become a sustained ratable for the municipality. The new construction and ShopRite addition is being managed by Gregg Slater of Northvale Shopping Center Associates. Mayor Paul Bazela, his council and COAH, supported the SRRA program to realize this redevelopment from the site investigation, to remedial design and ground-breaking in less than one year compared to several years under the former NJDEP process.

