

APPENDIX A: Public Participation Program

Informational public meetings

A series of informational public meetings were held to introduce the Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan and solicit comments from residents, businesses, organizations and government agencies. Meetings were held on:

July 22, 1999, at the Upper Perkiomen Library in Red Hill, Montgomery County.

July 27, 1999, at the Milford Township Hall, Bucks County.

July 29, 1999, at the Washington Township Hall, Berks County.

Minutes were recorded at each public meeting, and are maintained by Natural Lands Trust as part of the project background files. A written list of conservation issues was presented by the Perkiomen Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (PVTU) at one of these meetings. Since these issues were discussed and recorded at the meeting, they have been incorporated as part of the public hearings comments. Subsequent correspondence from Trout Unlimited included a map with accompanying text describing known issues and proposed projects (**see Figure 9b: Potential Stream Health Concerns**).

A public survey was prepared to augment the input received at the meetings. The survey was distributed through a number of mechanisms. It was available at the municipal buildings in all of the townships or boroughs and was also placed in the Red Hill Library. Availability of the survey in these locations was announced through editorials in the three area newspapers: The Morning Call (Quakertown edition), the Quakertown Free Press, and the Boyertown Times. An advertisement was placed in the Town and Country. In Bucks and Montgomery Counties, the survey was distributed through the County Extension Services newsletters. In these two counties, the survey was mailed to a sample of land owners owning five acres or more. Washington Township in Berks County distributed the survey in its newsletter. Other efforts were made to distribute the surveys in Berks and Lehigh Counties by UPWC. Ninety-two of these surveys were returned although for six of these, the homeowner's township was either not filled out or was not within the Upper Perkiomen Creek watershed. A summary of results is included in Appendix C.

A municipal survey was sent to the twenty-one municipalities that have a substantial amount of land in the watershed, with a total of fourteen were returned. Phone interviews were also conducted with a cross-section of municipal officials throughout the watershed. In addition, phone interviews were conducted with Alan Everett of PA DEP, Beth Pilling of the Montgomery County Planning Commission, Michael Kane of the Bucks County Planning Department, and Frederick Brock of the Lehigh County Planning Department. The responses of these surveys and interviews are referenced throughout this document.

Presentation of Preliminary Findings Report

Three public meetings were held to present the preliminary findings report for the Upper Perkiomen Rivers Conservation Plan. The meetings were held on:

March 30, 2000, at the Washington Township Building in Barto, Berks County.

April 6, 2000, at the Milford Township Building in Bucks County.

April 10, 2000 at the Upper Perkiomen Library in Red Hill, Montgomery County.

Comments from all three meetings have been summarized and are on record with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The comments are limited to items specifically addressing the River Conservation Plan.

Presentation of Draft Rivers Conservation Plan

A second series of public meetings were held to present the Draft of the Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan and solicit comments. Comments from all three meetings have been summarized and are on record with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. These meetings were held on:

June 12, 2001, at the Washington Township building in Barto, Berks County.

June 14, 2001, at the Milford Township building in Bucks County.

June 19, 2001, at the Upper Perkiomen Library in Red Hill, Montgomery County.

Final Public Hearing

The final Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan was presented on November 29, 2001, at the Upper Perkiomen Library in Red Hill, Montgomery County. Public comments were solicited at that time. *Copies of public comments are available by contacting the Pennsylvania Environmental Council at (215) 563-0250.*

The Upper Perkiomen Creek watershed was toured on two occasions, in 1999 and 2001, by representatives from the Upper Perkiomen Watershed Coalition, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and Natural Lands Trust. The tour included the Northwest Branch and headwaters of the Perkiomen Creek in Washington and Hereford Townships, Berks County, highlighting a variety of specific sites such as Gabel Quarry, Forge Dale Park mobile home park, several hazardous waste and Superfund sites, new home construction near Bally, several streambank fencing projects, and the proposed Panda Energy International power generating plant site (Hereford and Upper Hanover Townships). The tour included the headwaters areas of Hosensack and Indian Creeks in Upper Milford and Lower Milford Townships, Lehigh County, with both high quality wetlands and Superfund sites. The tour passed through the Montgomery County portion of the watershed, including Macoby Creek and Green Lane Reservoir in Upper Hanover Township and the Boroughs of East Greenville, Pennsburg, and Red Hill. The diabase woodlands of the Unami Creek valley in Marlborough and Milford Townships was also included.

APPENDIX B: Opinion Surveys

The following Appendix provides a summary of the responses to the “Upper Perkiomen Landowner Survey”.

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APPENDIX C: Sources of Further Information

<p>Rivers Conservation Program Bureau of Recreation and Conservation DCNR Rachel Carson State Office Building, 6th Flr. P.O. Box 8475 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8475 (717) 783-4734 www.dcnr.state.pa.us</p>	<p>Riparian Buffer Ordinances Montgomery County Planning Commission Montgomery County Courthouse Norristown, PA 19404 (610) 278-3722 Center for Watershed Protection: www.cwp.org</p>	<p>Riparian Buffer Functions Stroud Water Research Center 512 Spencer Road Avondale, PA 19311 (610) 268-2153</p>
<p>Innovative Wastewater Treatment Chestor County Water Resources Authority 601 Westtown Road West Chester, PA 19382-4501 (610) 344-5400</p>	<p>Erosion Control and Stormwater Management County Conservation Districts – Montgomery, Berks, Lehigh, Bucks PA DEP Center for Watershed Protection: www.cwp.org</p>	<p>Watershed-Based Environmental Education County Conservation Districts Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy -- (610) 287-9383 Upper Perkiomen Watershed Coalition – www.upwctwatershed.org Wildlands Conservancy -- (610) 965-4397 Brandywine Valley Association -- (610) 793-1090</p>
<p>Conservation Easements and Land Conservancies Berks County Conservancy – (610) 372-4992 / www.berks-conservancy.org Heritage Conservancy – (215) 345-7020/ www.heritageconservancy.org Montgomery County Lands Trust -- (215) 513-0100/ www.mclt.com Natural Lands Trust -- (610) 353-5587/ www.natlands.org Wildlands Conservancy – (610) 965-4397/ www.wildlandspa.org</p>	<p>Water Quality Testing Programs United States Geological Survey 111 Great Valley Parkway Malvern, PA 19355 (610) 647-9008</p>	<p>Flood Hazard Mitigation Program PA Emergency Management Agency Disaster Field Office 3600 Vartan Way Harrisburg, PA 17110</p>

<p>Conservation Design/Ordinances --Brandywine Conservancy P.O. Box 141 Chadds Ford, PA 19317 (610) 388-2700 -- Heritage Conservancy 85 Old Dublin Pike Doylestown, PA 18901 (215) 345-7020 -- Natural Lands Trust Hildacy Farm 1031 Palmers Mill Road Media, PA 19063</p>		
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APPENDIX E: Sample Municipal Resolution

The following sample resolution should be considered for adoption by municipalities once the final Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan has been completed.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (Borough Council) recognizes the importance of conservation and improvement of the Upper Perkiomen Creek and its tributaries to the continued quality of life in _____ Township (Borough); and

WHEREAS, Resolution _____, passed on _____, 2001 stated _____ Township's (Borough's) support and endorsement for the efforts of the Upper Perkiomen Watershed Coalition (UPWC) and Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) to secure funding for an "Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan" from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Rivers Conservation Program; and

WHEREAS, the grant was received by UPWC and PEC and the Conservation Plan has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Plan contains a number of conservation recommendations suitable for utilization in _____ Township (Borough), and throughout the entire Upper Perkiomen Creek watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Conservation Plan has been reviewed and found acceptable by the Board of Supervisors (Borough Council);

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors (Borough Council) of _____ Township (Borough) do hereby endorse the Upper Perkiomen Creek Watershed Conservation Plan, and will endeavor to take appropriate action to implement its recommendations.

Resolved this _____th day of _____, 2001.