


Public Meeting 1

Please join us for the first public meeting

Time: February 17th, 2021 at 7pm to 9pm

Meeting Link: Microsoft Teams - <https://tinyurl.com/yyfugh9c>

Participate by phone: 1 412-447-5128 - Conference ID: 13449801# (audio only)




Stewardship Plan Purpose & Intent

The plan will address the compatibility of outdoor recreation with the conservation of sensitive environmental habitats. It will include recommendations for an interconnected system of passive recreation infrastructure and conservation initiatives, linked by a system of trails that allows access throughout the corridor.

Any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us:



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Public Meeting for the Minsi Lake Corridor

By Sherry L. Acevedo
 EASTON -The County of Northampton will conduct a virtual public meeting for the Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway and Stewardship Plan on Wednesday, February 17th, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This meeting can be accessed online via the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yyfugh9c>

The approximate 3.7 mile long corridor is located in the northeast corner of Northampton County, in Upper Mount Bethel Township. The Corridor's contiguous 1,100 acres of land is owned or leased by Northampton County, PA Fish & Boat Commission, and The Nature Conservancy includes: Minsi Lake, Bear Swamp and Archery Complex, and Totts Gap Conservation Area.

Today, the Minsi Lake Corridor provides opportunities for fishing, non-motorized boating, hiking, walking, birdwatching, archery and hunting. The corridor is home to a complex network of flora and fauna and environmentally sensitive lands.

"The conservation and passive recreational value of these lands are truly remarkable", notes Bryan Cope, Superintendent of the Northampton County Parks and Recreation Division. "The creation of this plan gives area residents an opportunity to assist the County in developing a stewardship vision for these lands".

The County has retained the team of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture of Norristown, PA, and Applied Ecological Services to assist in the preparation of the Greenway and Stewardship Plan. The plan will address the compatibility of outdoor recreation with the conservation of sensitive environmental habitats. The consultant team is evaluating an interconnected system of passive recreation improvements, trails, and conservation initiatives.

The County is seeking public participation via public meetings and an online opinion survey. A total of four (4) public meetings will be held throughout the planning process. Information will be posted on the County's website www.northamptoncounty.org

and Facebook NorCo Parks and Trails. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, public meetings will be online until further notice.

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NJ Lawmakers Question Dot Projects To Stop Falling Rocks On Highways

By Tara Mezzanotte

DELAWARE WATER GAP - Successful actions - More Citizens & Politicians Unite - Update on the I80, I78 & Devils Tea Table Rockfall Battle - the battle field expands - \$150 Million could fix bridges & tunnels instead! (Northjersey.com).

WELL DONE!!! OUR ANGST REACHES DC, STATE LEGISLATION, BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP & KINGWOOD COMUNITIES RAISE UP!

I've never seen a more united group of Democrats, Republicans, congressmen — both sides of the aisle, there's no one who wants that project," said Wirths, who is hoping to shore up more support and sponsors for the bill this year. "People are extremely frustrated and don't feel like they're being told the truth."

Misused taxpayer funds, misrepresentations of the truth, and when you see that going on — this is a bigger story that needs to be told. Other people need to be involved; we need to raise the red flag on this," Knowlton Mayor Adele Starrs

Gottheimer ask FHWA Washington to investigate (see questions asked in the article) Senate Chair comments on NJ bill to stop funding (Senate Transportation Chair reacts) Citizens and Towns on Rts 78 & 29/Devils Tea Table raise up against Rockfall Projects.

You look at the cost of it and you look at other things we could be doing other than this, and me personally, I don't think they have been thought of enough," Oroho said. "We just want to push for alternatives."

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 600+ letters sent to FHWA asking for a STUDY – CLICK TO ADD YOUR SIGNATURE.

3125+ signatures on our petition to Gov. Murphy & NJTPA to pause the funding until an EIS is conducted with a request to study FIX THE S-CURVE – CLICK TO ADD YOUR SIGNATURE.

1800 Group Members - Like, Share & Comment on our posts - this helps FB give us better attention and "INVITE" friends
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AN ACT concerning capital projects of the Department of Transportation and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. The Department of Transportation shall not plan for, design, or construct, or use funds for the planning, design, or construction of, a rock wall between milepost 1.00 and milepost 1.50 on Interstate Highway Route 80.
- b. For any departmental project for rock fall mitigation between milepost 1.00 and milepost 1.50 on Interstate Highway Route 80, the department shall conduct a full analysis of all feasible options for rock fall mitigation, provided that any such option shall not include the construction of a rock wall.
2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill prohibits the Department of Transportation (department) from planning for, designing, or constructing, or using funds for the planning, design, or construction of, a rock wall between milepost 1.00 and milepost 1.50 on Interstate Highway Route 80. The bill also requires the department, for any project for rock fall mitigation between those mileposts, to conduct a full analysis of all feasible non-rock wall options for rock fall mitigation.