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Opening Day of Trout Season at Minsi Lake

By Michael Ortoski / Co-Chair of Friends of Minsi Lake

UPPER MT. BETHEL - Friends of Minsi Lake along with Northampton County and Pa. Fish & Boat celebrated opening day of trout season at Minsi Lake on a beautiful but frigid Saturday morning. 'Friends of Minsi Lake' co-chair John Mauser led the event detailing some of the improvements his group have accomplished so far, and outlined this years projects.



Mauser then acknowledged Lamont McClure Northampton County Executive for all of his support for the groups plans. McClure has invested over \$500,000 towards all the upgrades to Minsi Lake Park to date.

McClure spoke about the Minsi Lake Greenway plan and how Northampton County is leading the way in our area.

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L-R Bob Kilbanks (Rep. EmricksOffice), John Birmingham (UMBT), Brian Cope (NORCO), John Mauser (FOML), Lamont McClure County Executive, Brian Fenstermacher (Senator Scavello office), Zac Rudd (Fish & Boat Waterways Officer)



Brian Cope Northampton County Parks & Rec Director



L-R John Mauser (FOML), Lamont McClure County Executive



Women of KIRKRIDGE Retreat and Study Center

By Kirkridge

BANGOR - Creative, smart and deeply committed to working toward the creation of a more just and sustainable world for everyone, Marissa Metelica is a positive force of nature. As founder and director of Equity Allies, Marissa works in New York City as a theater artist and social justice educator. Multi- talented and energetic, Marissa also serves as the Director of Programs at the Applied Theatre Collective, an adjunct professor at Drew University and directs the Bronx Acting Ensemble, a troupe of teen actors who create and perform social justice-themed plays through the DreamYard Art Center.



Marissa Metelica



Justine Johnson

Marissa uses her applied theatre background as a way to broaden participants self- awareness working toward the goal of creating a more equitable and just world for all. Marissa's work has touched many survivors around the globe including Afghan women refugees in the US, and survivors of war and genocide in Rwanda, Uganda, and Northern Ireland.

Marissa presently serves on the Governing Board of Kirkridge where her communication skills, justice work and anti-racism commitment are gifts toward the work of the whole Kirkridge community. As a new mother, Marissa Metelica is balancing a few more challenges, loves and passions in her life. What is clear to all who know her, being a mother will only deepen her resolve to bring justice and equity into this world for each and every

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