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2nd Public Meeting for the Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway & Stewardship Plan

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The County of Northampton will conduct its second virtual public meeting for the Minsi Lake Corridor Greenway and Stewardship Plan on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. This meeting can be accessed online at https://tinyurl.com/MinsiPublicMtg2

or by phone at 1-412 447-5128 (Conference ID: 838 034 288# - audio only)

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 and includes Minsi Lake, the Bear Swamp and Archery Complex, and the 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 Stewardship 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.

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

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