

Rockfall Harming our Communities

By State Rep. Ann Flood (R-Northampton)

DELAWARE WATER GAP - Since December 2022, State Route 611 has been closed between Northampton and Monroe counties along the Delaware Water Gap portion of the roadway due to dangerous rock fall.

Being the second such closure over the past two years, our community and local businesses have been struggling. Local business owners have struggled to keep their doors open due to ongoing detours and the steady decline of visitors, which has ultimately resulted in the loss of employment. Many residents have found themselves needing to pay tolls just to go to the grocery store or to doctors' appointments due to the detours caused by the closure.

I have been working with multiple offices and government agencies for answers from day one and I am finally able to report on the status of the repairs.

Christopher Kufro, district director from PennDOT; Portland Borough Mayor Heather Fischer; Upper Mt. Bethel Township Manager Ed Nelson; House Transportation Committee Majority Chairman Ed Neilson (D-Philadelphia) and Minority Chairman Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre) joined us for an on-site meeting along the affected area.

We walked the mile-long stretch and viewed up-close the deterioration of the crumbling rock-faced walls that were falling onto the roadway. After months of speculation and unanswered

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Preservation of the 250th Farm in Northampton County

By Brittney Waylen

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY - County Executive Lamont G. McClure and the Northampton County Farmland Preservation Board celebrated the 250th preserved farm in Northampton County today, June 26, 2023, at the Good Work Farm property in Upper and Lower Nazareth Townships.

This small but crucial working farm is a testament to show even smaller farms add value to the agricultural output and stability of Northampton County's working farms. Small-scale farming plays a vital role in shaping our future and addressing the global challenge of feeding a growing population sustainably. Its numerous benefits make it essential to a resilient and thriving society. If you are passionate about making a positive impact on the environment and supporting local communities, consider joining a local Community Supported Agriculture or shopping at your local farmer's market.

Good Work Farm is a small, diversified, mixed-traction farm using both tractors and draft horses to produce vegetables for the small-scale wholesale market. Sustainable growing practices such as conservation crop rotation, contour farming, and cover crops provide fresh, healthy, and high-quality produce to local Community Sup-

ported Agriculture and other retailers in the Lehigh Valley. Good Work Farm is owned and operated by Anton Shannon and Lisa Miskelly.

Anton, born and raised in the Lehigh Valley, took on the opportunity to run the hand-worked farm after attending The Seed Farm incubator program, which trains beginning farmers and helps them prepare a business plan to one day have their own farming operation. Lisa, after a career in unique farming experiences, which included milking sheep, making artisan cheese, and working on various farming operations, co-operates the farm with Anton. In addition to her work on Good Work Farm, she works for Pasa Sustainable Agriculture, managing their pre-apprenticeship program in diversified vegetable production.

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