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CALENDAR

Sept. 7—ChCWA regular monthly meeting. 7:30 pm.

Sept. 15—*"The Fire Next Time"* - free showing at W & J, Burnett Center; 7 pm.

Sept. 17—Watershed Council Releases Stormwater Directory; —Carnegie celebrates comeback from Ivan.

Oct. 5—ChCWA regular monthly meeting. 7 pm.

Oct. 24—Canonsburg Lake Public Meeting #2

Nov. 2—ChCWA regular monthly meeting. 7 pm.

ChCWA regular monthly meetings: 1st Wed., 7 p.m., (7:30 pm June-Sept.) Cooper-Hinds Building., Meadowlands.

**CANONSBURG LAKE STUDY—
PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING #2—
TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2005**

The second of three public meetings for the Master Site Development Plan for Canonsburg Lake has been scheduled. The meeting will be held at the Little Lake Theater on McDowell Lane on October 24, 2005 at 7 p.m.

The evening's program will provide a progress report on work done so far. There will also be ample opportunity for comment by all those interested in the possibilities for future recreational activities at Canonsburg Lake.

Agenda highlights:

- Studies of the lake's tributaries; mapping of habitat areas ; other data obtained;
- Information about sources of sediment entering the lake;
- Options for the future—coordinating what people have said they want with places where these activities could be located;
- Impact of the proposed Southern Beltway route on development of the Master Site Plan.

For those who missed the first meeting, held on August 1, Mark Fickley, the consultant conducting the study will briefly review the material presented at that time. (See page 2 for a summary of the first Public Comment Meeting.)

CANONSBURG LAKE: SURVEY SUMMARY

Results of the Recreational Survey for Canonsburg Lake have been compiled. They show strong interest in preserving and improving the lake, considering it to be a valuable community asset

Some 500 survey forms were gathered at Ag Days in the spring and at the Public Participation Meeting and the Washington County Fair this summer. The opinions expressed in the survey will be incorporated in recommendations of the Master Site Development Plan.

SUMMARY:

- ◆ Fishing is by far the most common current activity reported. Other major activities included boating, nature observation, hiking and picnicking.
- ◆ Desirable improvements included a number of practical measures—trash cans and dumpsters, restroom facilities, and a handicapped fishing pier are high on the list, along with improved access.
- ◆ Specific recreational improvements high on the list included more fishing opportunities, picnic areas, nature observation platforms, and hiking trails.
- ◆ Removing sediment from the lake also had strong support.

Financial support for this project is provided by the Dominion Foundation which is dedicated to the economic, physical and social health of the communities served by Dominion companies.

This grant program is administered by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy's Watershed Assistance Center. Through the Center, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy committed to its core mission of conserving water, land, and life.

"KEEP IT NATURAL" — GOAL FOR CANONSBURG LAKE DEVELOPMENT

"Whatever you do, keep it natural!"

That comment from one person seemed to have general support from the crowd—more than 80 people—that attended the Public Participation Meeting for the Canonsburg Lake study.

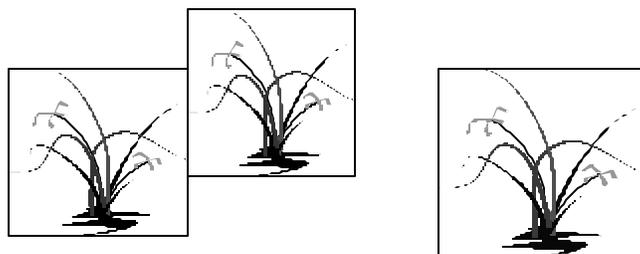
The most immediate concern? The impact of one of the proposed Southern Beltway routes. The route is not yet firmly set but the most likely choice will take the highway near or across the end of the lake.

Other comments supported a variety of recreational activities, as well as improvements in public facilities and in the lake itself.

At the meeting, consultant Mark Fickley also described plans for the next several months. The Steering Committee for the study expects work on the plan to be completed in 2005.

The Public Participation Meeting was held on August 1 at the Little Lake Theater. Two more such meetings will take place as the Canonsburg Lake Master Site Plan is developed.

NOTE: This project is sponsored by a Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2 Grant).



New Stormwater Management Primer for SW PA To Be Introduced Sept. 17

It has been nearly a year since the back-to-back hurricanes Frances and Ivan dumped record amounts of rain on western Pennsylvania. Chartiers Creek rose far above the 100-year flood stage and approached the mark reserved for 500-year flood events.

On the anniversary of that event, the Lower Chartiers Watershed Council (LCWC) will present a short program at 1:00 pm on September 17th at the 3rd Street Gallery in Carnegie. The program will mark the release of a Stormwater Management Primer for Southwestern Pennsylvania. Also on the program—3-Rivers Wet Weather Demonstration Program will announce an exciting initiative regarding stormwater management throughout the watershed.

Flooding is not new to the Chartiers Valley nor are projects designed to control floodwaters. However, the characteristics of the watershed change yearly as the amount of development increases and runoff from rooftops, streets, and parking lots produce rapid rises in stream levels.

For a copy of the Stormwater Management Primer for SW PA please call the Washington County Conservation District, 724-228-6774.

Planning and managing for stormwater has a huge impact in determining how quickly and how high streams will rise.

LCWC has been developing a primer focused on the management of stormwater in southwest Pennsylvania. This publication is a guide to the policies and regulations that apply to stormwater management, the innovative best management practices available to manage water on site, and the multi-jurisdictional approaches that will be required to truly address the issues.

State representatives, municipal officials, municipal staff and interested residents are expected to attend the program.

SEPT. 15 SCREENING OF FILM "THE FIRE NEXT TIME" AT W&J COLLEGE

The non-fiction film "The Fire Next Time" by Patrice O'Neill will be presented at 7:00 pm on September 15 at Washington and Jefferson College. The film will be shown in the Yost Conference Room, 114 Burnett Center. There is no charge to attend this event .

The screening, sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program at the college, will be followed by a program of discussion and debate.

"The Fire Next Time" recounts the experience of a Montana community being torn apart by severe conflicts—including discovery of a terrorist cell's plot to kill local leaders and loss of local jobs in timber and mining that many blamed on environmentalist. The "fire" was fueled by talk radio.

For more information, call or email Dr. Robert East (tel. 724-250-3358; reast@washjeff.edu).

Carnegie Remembers

September 17:

Commemoration and Renewal

11:00 a.m. Non-denominational Worship and Gathering, All Saint's PNC Church

1:00 p.m. Presentation, Stormwater Management Primer for SW PA

3:00 p.m. Performance, "New Hope", Pittsburgh Music Academy

5:00 p.m. Dedication, Carnegie Mural

All day, beginning at noon: CVFRB Big Flood Anniversary Celebration

Sponsor: Carnegie Volunteer Fire and Rescue Bureau

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Chartiers Creek Watershed Association

Purpose: to enhance, protect and develop the ecosystem
of the upper Chartiers Creek Watershed in Washington
County, PA

Membership: open to anyone who lives in the watershed,
as well as individuals, businesses and organizations that
own property or are actively involved within the boundaries
of the watershed.

Please join us! Annual Dues: Individual, \$10; Family, \$15

MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

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