

C H A R T I E R S C R E E K

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TIME TO JOIN ChCWA!

The Chartiers Creek Watershed Association has big plans for the year ahead--and after that as well. Please become a member and help the Association achieve its goals. Fill out the membership form on page 4 and mail it with a check to treasurer Carrilee Hemington, 107 Williams Drive, McMurray, PA 15301.

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CALENDAR

Jan. 4—ChCWA meeting. 7:00 pm.

Feb. 1--ChCWA meeting. 7:00 pm.

tba -- Update on Cleanup of Molycorp site in Canton Township. Program will be open to all. Watch newspaper for date and location. (Also, ChCWA will send notice to our regular mailing list.)

Mar. 8 —ChCWA meeting. 7 pm.

ChCWA regular monthly meetings: 2nd Wed., 7 p.m., (7:30 pm June-Sept.) Cooper-Hinds Building., Meadowlands

WILL 2006 BE A BANNER YEAR FOR ChCWA? A LOOK AT PROPOSED PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS

Initial planning for the year ahead occupied much of the December meeting of the Chartiers Creek Watershed Association. The program ideas proposed will make for a full schedule of events, and the projects now underway are expected to produce tangible results by the end of the year.

More detailed planning will be done at the regular ChCWA meeting on January 4.

Among the events in the planning are another Spring tour of the North Franklin Wetlands, a second program on reclamation of the Molycorp site in Canton Township (probably in February), activities at Canonsburg Lake as part of Scott Conservancy's June 11 Creek Sojourn, and a fall program on treatment of Acid Mine Drainage.

One of the major projects for the year is the continuation of efforts to preserve the North Franklin Wetlands. A second major project is to secure funding and schedule a significant workshop on Low Impact Development, a technique that will aid in flood prevention and control of stormwater.

A new project will get underway early in the new year. The project will encourage the use of rain barrels as a technique to improve stormwater management. More about that in the next issue of this newsletter.

Finally, the Association expects to continue publication of its newsletter, and has applied for a new Dominion Grant to help pay for it.

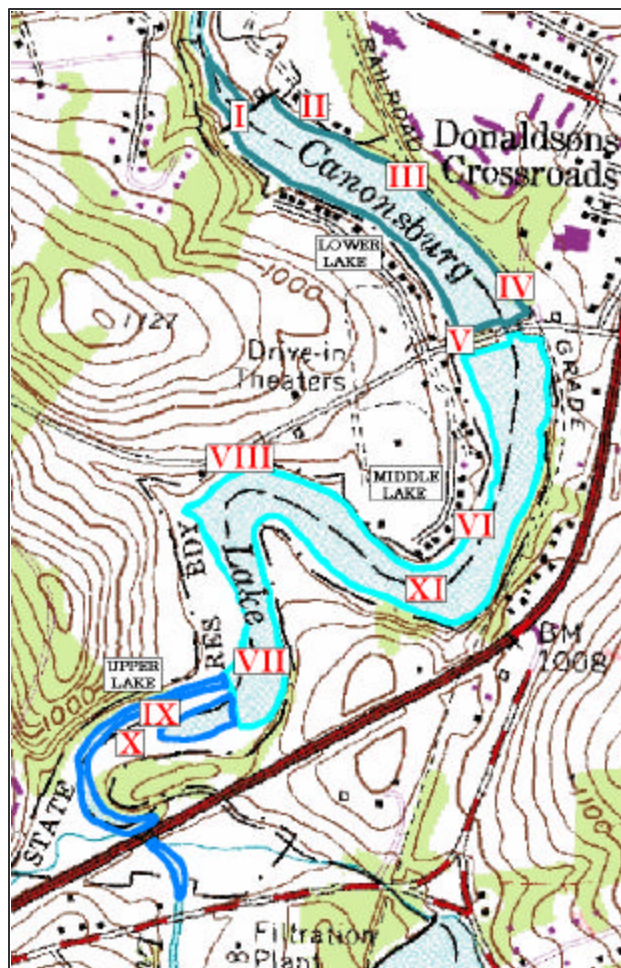
IDEAS FOR RECREATION AT CANONSBURG LAKE SHOWN AT PUBLIC MEETING #2—OCTOBER 24, 2005

The focus of the second of three public meetings for the Master Site Development Plan for Canonsburg Lake was on proposals for improving recreation at the Lake as consultants Mark Fickley and Pat Gavaghan outlined their preliminary recommendations. As before the meeting was held at the Little Lake Theater on McDowell Lane. on October 24, 2005.

The date of the third Public Comment Meeting, to be held in the spring, has not yet been set.

The proposals:

Area	Recommended Improvements
Lower Lake	I Repair Dam Structure
	II Improved signage, Information Kiosk, Lighting, Parking Lot Improvements, Picnic Area, Dumpsters
	III Improve Existing Trail, Signage, Trail Delineation Structure(s)
	IV Signage and Kiosk Improvements, Lighting Improvements, Composting Restroom Facilities, Boat Launch Improvements
	V Pedestrian Crossing Structure along the side of causeway, Crosswalk, Lighting, Signage
Middle Lake	VI Trail with signage and demarcation, Trash Cans, Benches
	VII Parking Lot with vehicular access, Boardwalk System, Bridge across the channel, Lighting, Signage, Benches, Picnic Area, Dumpsters
	VIII Access Road from McDowell Lane, Parking Lot, Lighting, Wetland Interpretive Center with signage, Information Boards, Boardwalk/Trail Development, Pedestrian Bridge across lake, Benches
Upper Lake	IX Sediment Storage Facility, Vehicular Access for sediment removal
	X Pedestrian Access via trail from Glen Cannon to proposed trail system, Wetland Interpretive Center
Other	XI Dredging of existing lake in order for this portion to return to navigable status



NOTE: The Canonsburg Lake study is financed by a Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Grant.

NEW PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM OFFERED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

A national corporation, Abitibi Consolidated Inc., has brought its paper recycling program to Washington County. For providing a site and promoting the collection of paper for recycling, the host organization earns money for its needs.

The program, well established in other parts of the U.S., is now available in five counties in the Pittsburgh area, including 13 locations in Washington County.

How the program works

Abitibi sets up a Paper Retriever--a green and yellow bin--at the host site to collect all types of clean, dry paper. Magazines, shopping catalogs, newspapers, office and school papers, mail--all types of paper can be left in the bins for the company's collection.

Abitibi's Recycling Division provides the program and collection service at no charge to the host organization. The paper is weighed on the trucks when it is collected. A monthly statement detailing the amount of paper collected for the month is usually accompanied by a check for the amount collected over the minimum of two tons.

The program is now operating in 23 metropolitan areas in the U.S. and Canada and providing more than 14,000 drop-off bins. Recovered paper is directed to processing centers where it is sorted into various grades and prepared for shipment. It is then routed to the company's de-inking facilities and mills where it is used to manufacture 100% recycled content newsprint. By diverting this paper from the waste stream, it is estimated that over 2.2 million cubic yards of landfill space is saved each year.

In 2004, Paper Retriever organizations received \$2.8 million to restore playgrounds, enhance libraries, award scholarships, provide team uniforms, support field and mission trips and many other projects. The community spirit and initiative to raise money for local non-profits has also raised awareness of the importance of recycling.

Drop-Off Sites in the Chartiers Creek Watershed:

- Christian Missionary Alliance, 17 E. Walnut St., Wash.;
- Faith Presbyterian Church, 163 Linwood Ave., Wash.;
- Faith Presbyterian Church, 900 E. Beau St., Wash.
- John F. Kennedy, Jr. School, 111 Spruce St., Wash.

GROWING GREENER GRANT FOR CATFISH CREEK

The City of Washington has been awarded a 2005 Growing Greener grant to develop a comprehensive stormwater assessment of Catfish Creek. The study area will include the municipalities of Washington City, Borough of East Washington, and Canton, North Franklin, and South Strabane Townships.

The stormwater assessment will provide the foundation for development of flood prevention measures in the Catfish Creek sub-basin of Chartiers Creek.

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.

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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

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