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[Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors: Deny Toll Brothers development plan](#)

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Petition update

VOTE TIME: Toll Bros Plan Going to FT Planning Commission Nov. 9, Supervisors Nov. 16



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Oct 21, 2015 — Update from Laura Dininni via Save State College's Water Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/savestatecollegewater?fref=nf>

October 15 - UPDATE FROM LAURA:

An hour ago I left the Water Authority Board Meeting. It was there where I learned that the Toll Brothers submitted their final plan to Ferguson Township on October 13th.

As I suspected, the rumors* were untrue. It's hard for me not to identify the motive for those rumors as manipulation to calm the public.

Perhaps it will have the opposite effect on you, as it has on me.

JOIN ME IN continuing the fight: COME TO THE FERGUSON TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

VISIT AND CALL Ferguson Township

EMAIL the Supervisors

<http://www.twp.ferguson.pa.us/Board-of-Supervisors>,

CALL and EMAIL John Lichman (jllichman@scbwa.org), Director at the State College Borough Water Authority.

URGE the Water Authority to set aside the time it will take to review such a hazardous plan as thoroughly as needed.

URGE them to ask for an extension if they need one.

At the October 15 Authority Board meeting I learned that they went \$9,000 over budget in unexpected professional fees. I urged the Authority to BILL FERGUSON TOWNSHIP the portion of the \$9,000 that was due to the need for extensive expertise created by Ferguson Township Supervisors authorizing a build in such a vulnerable area.

There is no reason for water rate payers across the region to pay for bad choices a select few Ferguson Supervisors made.

It is important to understand the effect of this type of decision - expansion of our growth boundary, sewer and roadways onto the wellhead recharge area of our regional drinking water. Bad decisions cost A LOT of money. Sometimes they cost us our water quality.

And they always cost the trust of the people.

It is important to HOLD the people who make the bad decisions ACCOUNTABLE.

If you live in Ferguson Township VOTE FOR CHANGE ON NOVEMBER 3. The Chair of the Board is up for re-election and I'm his Ward 1 opponent. Help me take back our township. VOTE NOV 3. SHARE this information.

Also, Jeremy Hartley at Centre Daily Times wrote an update:

<http://www.centredaily.com/2015/10/19/4975108/municipal-matters-deadline-extended.html>

Laura added:

The vote on the Toll Brothers plan will happen on November 16. PLEASE COME to the Ferguson Township meeting, 7pm, to urge the supervisors to VOTE NO. Prior to the plan vote there will be a municipal election. In Ferguson Township there is only one supervisor that has an opponent and he is in favor of this plan. Urge your Ferguson Township friends to make a statement at the polls on Tuesday November 3. It would be very powerful to hold this supervisor accountable through our democratic process.

*September 30 Post by Laura Dininni:

I can report that it is confirmed that Toll Brothers have requested a plan review deadline extension until November 17.

Although there have been some rumors circulating that the Toll Brothers development has been abandoned, I just wanted to tell folks that at this point, to the best of my knowledge, those are rumors, not fact.

I know that there are so many people in our community that are working on this, watching this issue, hoping against hope that in true partnership, with aligned priorities, we can truly build the community we all know is possible, based on new land use concepts that value our green infrastructure as much as our grey. We love our

community, and here on the precipice of the growth boundary we look to each other to stand strong for what we believe in.

As many of you know because you ARE those people, lots of people are working diligently to make that community vision a reality. There has been a strong political response to reconsider the wisdom of this project. Many have been involved in trying to mitigate possible disaster associated with it, including opening policy talks to address threats to our regional growth boundary and end the threat to the drinking water buffer.

Individuals have traveled to DEP offices in Williamsport and inspected the currently available Toll submitted permitting documents.

And although my right to know request for the current Toll plan was denied by Ferguson Township, Centre County, Pennsylvania another individual received the plan from another official agency so we have that large document available for those who would like to help review it (contact me - lmd242@gmail.com).

The PSU property has not yet been sold. I and others have made personal pleas to those in power at PSU to make the tough choice to stop this plan and reenvision their future to acknowledge the new budgetary reality: buying cheap then selling off community farmland is no longer a slam dunk way for PSU to ensure a quick influx of cash.

There are too many serious public costs associated with that strategy.

Good development seeks to do the opposite, to keep public costs as low as possible. I know that many of you have kept the fire of change burning in your hearts during these days spent in the space between.

Don't stop what you're doing.

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