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**Petition update**

## **Up to 15 Plaintiff Households on Board; Attorney Conference Call Tomorrow**



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Dec 7, 2015 — Central PA citizens have formed Nittany Valley Water Coalition to file a lawsuit to overturn the Ferguson Township supervisors' November 16 decision to approve the Toll Brothers "The Cottages at State College" luxury student housing development at the intersection of Blue Course Drive and Whitehall Road.

The group includes community homeowners and farmers working together to stop this destructive development project, fighting for clean water, productive agricultural soils, safe neighborhoods, and firm, citizen-controlled growth boundaries.

At this time, 15 plaintiff households are planning to sign onto the suit. We have engaged the services of Jordan Yeager and Paul Cohen of Curtin & Heefner LLC, and the plaintiffs will participate in a conference call with Mr. Yeager on Tuesday, December 8 to move forward.

We anticipate that the first phase of the litigation will successfully return the plan to the new Board of Supervisors for new votes.

However, Toll Brothers and/or Penn State are likely to fight back: request a zoning variance allowing stormwater management on RA land, request a rezoning of the 5.5-acre parcel from RA to R-4 and another backdoor bump-out of the Regional Growth Boundary, and/or redesign the project to fit entirely within the R-4 land inside the Regional Growth Boundary.

Beyond this specific development, municipal officials have said that Penn State's long-range plan is to fully develop more than 500 acres of university-owned land in the Slab Cabin Run watershed – traversed by an extension of Blue Course Drive between Whitehall Road and Route 45.

It is crucial for residents to stay engaged, drive the Toll Brothers development back into the R-4 zone, and continue the fight to protect farmland and water supplies by strengthening the growth boundaries around the

whole COG region.

## DONATIONS

To donate to the legal fund, please send PayPal transactions to [communitywisesc@gmail.com](mailto:communitywisesc@gmail.com) or mail a check to CommunityWise at P.O. Box 1256, State College, PA 16804-1256

For more information, look up “Nittany Valley Water Coalition” on Facebook, visit the Land and Water page at Steady State College, or email [nittanyvalleywater@gmail.com](mailto:nittanyvalleywater@gmail.com).

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