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Toll Brothers identifies alternative sites for student housing



Nittany Valley Environmental Coalition
State College, PA

Aug 17, 2017 — Nittany Valley Water Coalition (NVWC) held a follow-up meeting with Charles Elliott of Toll Brothers developers on Wednesday, August 16 to discuss Toll Brothers' recent review of alternative State College sites for student housing.

On August 2, NVWC presented Toll with detailed information about PSU lands suitable for building closer to campus.

NVWC has been leading a community effort to pressure Penn State, the current landowner, and Toll to relocate a planned development on Whitehall Road to a site that does not risk local water safety. The current 44 acre site is located uphill from the Thomas-Harter wells.

Elliott and his team have now ranked several PSU properties with respect to zoning and infrastructure and identified several as viable alternatives if township officials and PSU officials will facilitate a "land swap" and any needed approvals. The top ranked site is located on West College Avenue in front of the Blue Course golf property. Elliott stated that while further corporate economic and structural viability assessments are needed, the alternative site was attractive for its proximity to campus and downtown amenities.

Concerned citizens have occupied the Whitehall Road site continuously for 75 days and will continue community efforts to stop the Whitehall development.

Incoming PSU students and their families will be informed of the issue with a water and flyer distribution on Saturday, August 19.

Meanwhile, a citizen appeal is pending in the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

For additional information, contact Terry Melton, terrymelton321@gmail.com, 814-883-8154, or visit nittanyvalleywatercoalition.org

KEY MEETING AT WATER AUTHORITY TODAY (August 17) 4 p.m. at 1201 East Branch Road.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/125382414762324/>

From Save State College's Water Supply:

Come ask the SCBWA board why they said in their public statement

<https://www.scbwa.org/news/scbwa-position-springton-point>

that the Tolls have a no blasting policy for their development plan. That is incorrect.

There IS BLASTING permitted in the development plan for our watershed.

Why would the board issue a public statement with such a massive oversight?

The Water Authority missed this but the citizens did not.

Blasting is THE MAJOR THREAT during construction phase.

We can't get sloppy now.

While seeming quite promising for a land swap, the negotiations may still fall through.

Come to the water authority board meeting. Let them know we're watching even when they aren't.

REMINDER - Volunteers helping at Move-In Day August 19 would be Great!

From Organizer David Hughes

This weekend on Saturday between 1045 and 2pm we will be handing out water and information for parents and new students/current students

<https://www.facebook.com/events/163821884166323/>

We had a great day August 16 and made significant progress with Toll Brothers.

But we really need to keep the pressure on PSU and this weekend is a great opportunity to share information.

Please do join if you can and let me know if you will so we can organize. We will have some students join from the young Dems.

To volunteer - Contact David Hughes at davidpeterhughes@gmail.com

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