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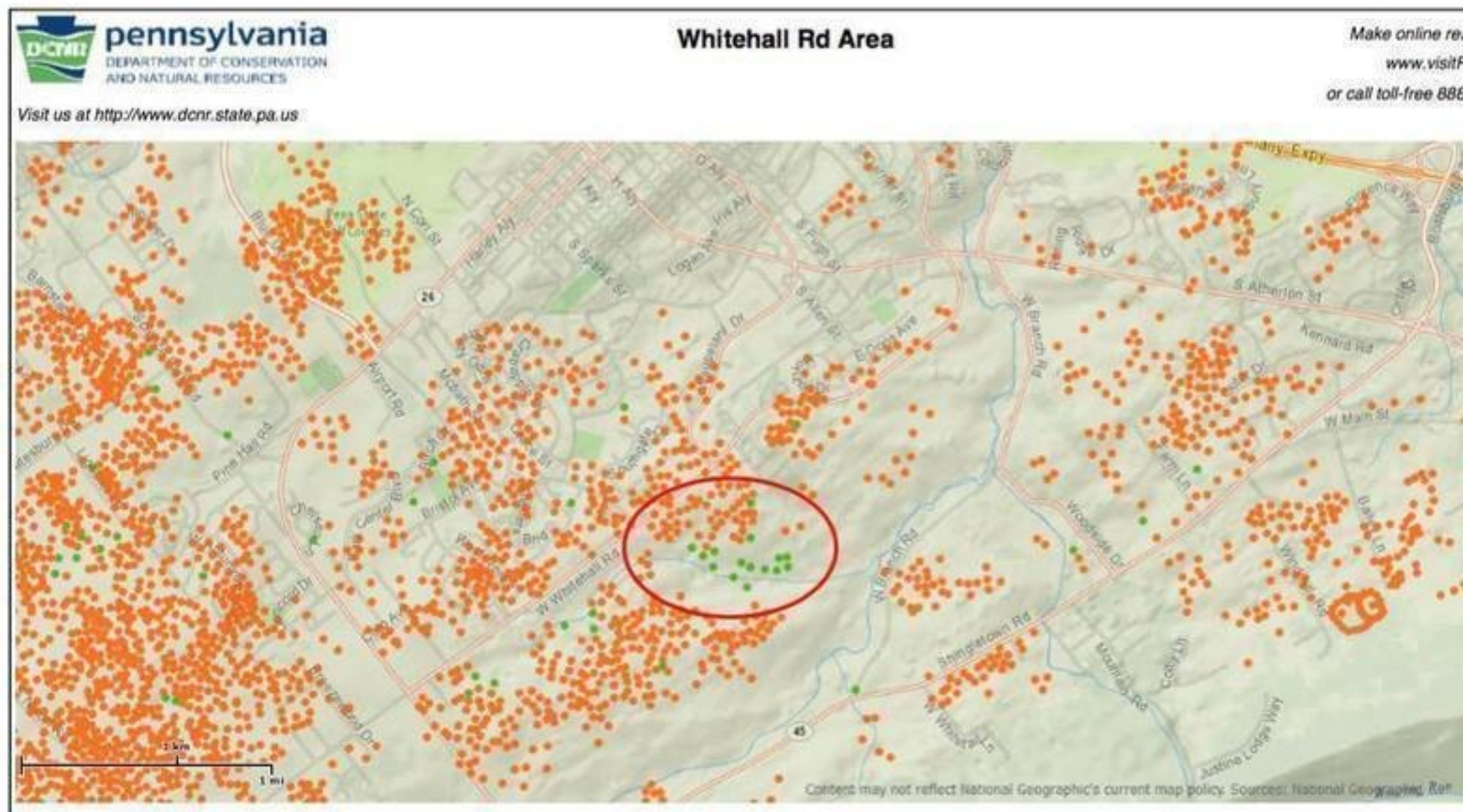
[Original 2015 Petition to Ferguson Township Supervisors \(Closed in 2016\)](#)

2K supporters

Petition update

Action Planned for Penn State Move-In; National Trend of Universities Swallowing Communities





Aug 8, 2017 — August 19 & 20 Action Planned

Moving in weekend is hard work! Nittany Valley Water Coalition will be providing water to parents and students moving into the dorms on campus during moving in weekend AND letting everyone know about the battle to prevent luxury student housing from being built over State College's watershed.

Look out for bicycles and trailers with water dispensers and, of course, the blue water coalition signs—which will make those bikes stand out!

For more information or to volunteer, check out the Facebook event page:

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

General Updates -

Nittany Valley Water Coalition reps are working to set up further land swap meetings with Toll Brothers and Penn State executives.

Penn State has asked the water coalition to remove the signs at the occupation site, and coalition reps have said they'll consider moving the signs when Penn State execs actually provide some solid evidence that they're working in good faith to find a suitable site for a land swap.

The coalition is also working to obtain clarification from State College Borough Water Authority, Ferguson Township Board of Supervisors, Centre Region Code Agency and other potentially relevant entities, about whether or not the development plan approved by Ferguson Township in November 2015 (and still under litigation) allows developers to use explosive blasting to excavate bedrock at the development site; if so, who will be legally and financially responsible for damage or destruction to public water wells; and if not, who will be legally and financially responsible for ensuring that blasting is not conducted?

Documentary evidence contradicts a recent SCWBA public statement on the issues; clarification will be forwarded if and when available.

(The linked map is the sinkhole and depressions map presented by water coalition reps at their August 2 meeting with PSU and Toll Brothers, showing the exceptionally high concentration of sinkholes at the proposed development site along the intermittent stream.)

Bigger Picture: National Trend

Does this sound familiar? No wonder the community is fed up with Penn State's behavior and utter lack of concern about our community.

“Campuses expand across cities, often choosing to bank land, awaiting its appreciation, rather than invest in services and infrastructure that would aid the local community.”

When universities swallow cities:

http://www.chronicle.com/article/When-Universities-Swallow/240739?key=f15y8715k1n0EpJg1p9khT0t2_loMvp-3OVLDYeEbiV7kBI5L-LGpXGUxnjIKXomY2QyOGRES2sxNnJnajdLOS0wQjNLTDJVOEczZkkwM3IzWEMzTHo4cEI2cw

The college that ate a city:

<https://nextcity.org/features/view/san-marcos-fastest-growing-city-texas-state-university-affordable-housing>

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