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Slab Cabin Run Initiative Has Reached Its Goal!

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Nittany Valley Water Coalition
State College, PA

Sep 20, 2017 — From Deb Nardone, Executive Director of ClearWater Conservancy:

It's with great joy and SO much appreciation that I send you this email. Thanks to generous community support, ClearWater Conservancy has reached our fundraising goal of \$2.75 million for the Slab Cabin Run Initiative.

We are finalizing the legal agreement with the Meyer and Everhart families and all 300 acres will be permanently conserved by the end of September.

I am so humbled by the engaged and passionate support of our great community. Together, we had the foresight to proactively conserve an important gem in the heart of a growing town while protecting our drinking water, improving our trout streams and preserving this gorgeous landscape. This achievement means so much for our community, the next generation, and all those who love this place. It would have never happened without you.

THANK YOU.

You'll likely hear more about this in the upcoming days and weeks as we make this news public. But starting today, you can pass by the beautiful landscape along University Drive and know that you played a vital role in its conservation.

To celebrate this significant achievement, please join us on Saturday, October 7th for a fun and family-friendly evening at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in State College. Guests can take in a gorgeous view of the property we've all worked so hard to conserve, listen to great music, enjoy food and drink from our local partners and celebrate what our great community can do together. This event is free, but we do appreciate your online RSVP by October 1.

I wanted you to be among the first to hear this really exciting news. Thank you for playing an important part in this impactful project. A thousand thanks for all you do!

-Deb Nardone

Nittany Valley Water Coalition News...

Toll Brothers executives and engineering consultants are continuing to assess the feasibility of an alternative student housing development site - on land also owned by Penn State - near the intersection of West College Ave. and Blue Course Drive (across from the Waffle Shop).

Penn State executives continue to be oddly cagey in their communications with NVWC representatives about the possible land swap.

Water coalition leaders continue to be concerned about the possibility that Charles Elliott of Toll Brothers and John Sepp of PennTerra Engineering align with the water coalition in supporting a land swap to protect public water supplies and give Toll Brothers a positive entrance to the State College market (which would be great!), only to run into obstructive Penn State executives and trustees who refuse to do the land swap and might even sue Toll Brothers for breach of contract in an attempt to force Toll Brothers to build on the public watershed.

That would be a super-strange outcome to this long, long water and farmland conservation campaign.

Further updates when available.

-Katherine Watt

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Rebecca Horwitt

Sep 20, 2017

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Eric Porterfield

Sep 20, 2017

Well done,
Deb and all who helped.

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MUCH THANKS TO YOU, DEB NARDONE for all of your energy and hard work to protect our land and water. Hats off to you!!

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