



Community to Meet on Glade Run Lake Restoration

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP/FEBRUARY 24, 2012: A public meeting to update the community on steps being taken to restore Glade Run Lake, Middlesex Township, will be held April 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the Middlesex Township Building (130 Browns Hill Road, Valencia 16059). The purpose of the meeting, organized by Glade Run Lake Conservancy (GRLC), is to update the community on actions undertaken toward restoration of the lake, solicit feedback, and invite individuals to become members of GRLC and get involved in the restoration effort. GRLC encourages anyone concerned about the lake restoration to attend this open meeting.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection declared Glade Run Lake unsafe in early 2011 and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), which has oversight responsibility for the lake, began to draw down the lake on May 24. The lake was completely drained by July 6, 2011.

A public meeting was held in late July where PFBC representatives described the reason for the lake drainage and their efforts to mitigate environmental damage during the drainage, as well as offering some direction for the community toward a potential future restoration. The restoration will cost a minimum of \$4 million. Other state and county officials attended the meeting and offered their support.

The upcoming meeting on April 11 is a follow-up to that initial meeting.

Importance of Glade Run Lake

Prior to its draining, Glade Run Lake was available as a fishing and recreational facility, hosting over 16,000 visitors annually and generating approximately \$1.2 million in revenue for the state and local businesses. The lake and surrounding wetlands support a rich ecosystem of fish, birds, amphibians, mammals and vegetation.

“The lake drainage is unfortunate,” said GRLC President Siggy Pehel. “It won’t be easy, but we are confident that by working together we can bring it back as other lake communities have done in similar circumstances, and,” he emphasized, “make Glade Run Lake even better than before.”

About Glade Run Lake Conservancy (GRLC)



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Glade Run Lake Conservancy (GRLC) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization (pending) dedicated to the restoration, ongoing preservation and improvement of Glade Run Lake and its adjacent lands. In addition, GRLC encourages its use for outdoor recreation and environmental conservation and education. For more information about GRLC and the restoration, go to www.savegladerunlake.com.