

State to kick in \$2 million for Glade Run Lake restoration

With Gov. Tom Corbett (green coat) in the background, Sigmund 'Siggy' Pehel, president of the Glade Run Lake Conservancy, addresses the crowd after Corbett announced funds to reconstruct the lake and have it open for fishing and boating by Spring 2017 on Wednesday, April 23, 2014.

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Gov. Tom Corbett announced Wednesday the state will kick in \$2 million for the restoration of Glade Run Lake in Butler County.

At a press conference at the now-drained lake in Middlesex Township, Corbett said the capital budget money will help pay for restoration work at the site. The state Fish and Boat Commission drained the lake in June 2011 because the dam was leaking.

Plans for the \$4.3 million renovation project call for construction to begin in April 2015 and wrap up in June 2016. The lake, however, would take some time to refill and likely wouldn't be ready for fishing or other recreation until 2017.

The Glade Run Lake Conservancy, a grass-roots citizens group, has been spearheading efforts to restore the lake since it was drained. They've raised about \$300,000 for the project through a combination of fundraising and \$110,000 from Butler County that's earmarked for restoration work at the lake.

In addition to the \$2 million from the state's capital improvement budget, the fish and boat commission also has pledged \$2 million for the project.