

APPENDIX K
LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Buffalo Creek Watershed Conservation Plan
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

MUNICIPALITY RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION # _____

WHEREAS, Act 1995-18 authorized the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to provide grant funds to local governments and nonprofit organizations for the planning, acquisition and development of watershed conservation plans; and

WHEREAS, Act 1993-50 authorized the Department to provide grant funds for various municipal projects; and

WHEREAS, the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania is applying for a Rivers Conservation Plan for the Buffalo Creek Valley Watershed; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the investigation of existing natural, cultural, and socioeconomic resources within the watershed, development of issues and concerns of the watershed communities, and recommendations of methods to conserve, enhance, and restore significant resources of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Creek Rivers Conservation Plan will help improve the overall health of the watershed, will not only take into account the water quality issues of the watershed, but also the economic, biological, recreational, historical, and social aspects of the watershed; and

WHEREAS, the general public and local government organizations will have the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the (board, supervisors, council) _____
OF THE Freeport Borough, PENNSYLVANIA, that the Borough of Freeport
Pennsylvania, hereby supports the efforts of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania and its partners in applying for a Rivers Conservation Plan Grant for the Buffalo Creek Valley Watershed located in Armstrong and Butler Counties.

APPROVED the 4th day of October, 2004

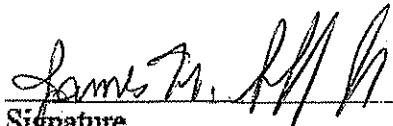
VOTE: _____ TO _____

CERTIFIED this 6th day of October, 2004



Signature

Grace Ravotti Borough Secretary
Print Name and Title



Signature

James M. Seagriff Jr. Council President
Print Name and Title



Armstrong Conservation District

Armsdale Administration Building
124 Armsdale Road, Suite B-2
Kittanning, PA 16201
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E-mail: c-drupert@state.pa.us

October 8, 2004

Audobon Society of Pennsylvania
Attn: Roy Lenhardt, Director of Development
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

The Armstrong Conservation District hereby expresses our support and commitment to the proposed Buffalo Creek River Conservation Plan for which your organization is currently seeking a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources.

We agree to provide support and staff time as available for the completion of this project. Specifically, we will assign David E. Beale to work with you on this project.

We commend your efforts in acquiring support from various interest groups in this endeavor.

The Armstrong Conservation District Board of Directors approved this action at the September 15, 2004 board meeting.

Sincerely,

David R. Rupert,
District Manager

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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James L. Kennedy, *Secretary*



Director of Adm./Chief Clerk
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Butler County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

September 28, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

RE: BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED - RCP SUPPORT LETTER

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Butler County Commissioners would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipalities in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

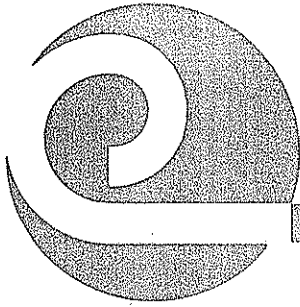
We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Butler County Board of Commissioners

Scott K. Lowe, Chairman

Glenn L. Anderson, Vice Chairman

James L. Kennedy, Secretary



BUTLER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

An Environmentally Concerned Community At Work

122 McCune Drive • Butler, Pennsylvania 16001-6501
Telephone (724) 284-5270 • Fax (724) 285-5515

September 27, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

RE: Buffalo Creek Watershed – RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

The Butler County Conservation District would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

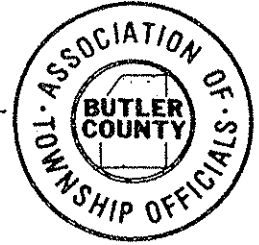
We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

Ryan Harr
Watershed Specialist
Butler County

BUTLER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

711 Saxonburg Boulevard Saxonburg PA 16036 724-352-9000



September 22, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh PA 15238

Re: BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED – RCP SUPPORT LETTER

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

The Butler County Association of Township Officials represents and supports township of the second class located in Butler County and supports the efforts of groups working to better conditions for everyone within the county. BCATO would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for Butler County municipalities located with in the watershed in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge DCNR to give favorable consideration to this funding request.

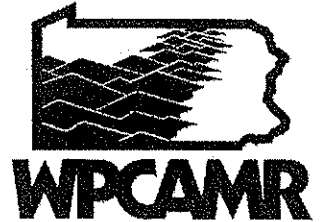
Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Zacherl
President, BCATO

Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

Donohoe Center, RD 12 BOX 202B, Greensburg, PA 15601

(724) 837-5271 (724) 552-0143 (fax) debsimko@yahoo.com AMRClearinghouse.org



September 23, 2004

Mr. Roy Lenhardt
Audubon Society of Western PA
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
614 Dorseyville Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1618

REF: Buffalo Creek Rivers Conservation Plan

Dear Roy,

Thank you for asking the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation to become a partner with you as you apply for a DCNR grant for a Rivers Conservation Plan for the Buffalo Creek Watershed (Armstrong/Butler counties). Please accept this letter as the **Letter of Support** toward the grant. Our commitment to you will be in-kind services for the following: a staff member to attend approximately 12 meetings; assist in media and public outreach and travel expenses.

Breakdown for the above services are as follows:

Staff time to attend approximately 12 meetings, media/public outreach

@ \$25/hr = \$1800

Travel expenses = \$525

Total committed in-kind services will be **\$2,325**.

Good luck with your grant application.

Sincerely,

Deb Simko
Watershed Coordinator

John Dawes *Administrator*

Phone: 814-669-4244

Fax: 814-669-1323

Email: RJDawes@aol.com



The Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program

www.WPAWP.org

October 12, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238-1618

Re: Buffalo Creek Watershed – RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

The Western PA Watershed Program would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for your municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed. The Western PA Watershed Program considers Rivers Conservation Plans as a program area and would likely be a funding partner for the cash match portion of this grant.

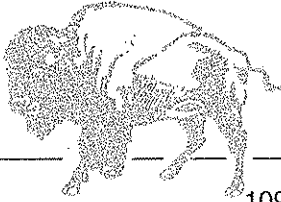
We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

R. John Dawes
Administrator

Buffalo Creek Watershed Conservation Plan
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

**LETTERS OF SUPPORT
(MUNICIPALITIES)**



Buffalo Township Supervisors

Butler County, Pa.

109 Bear Creek Road • Sarver, PA 16055 • (724) 295-2648 • Fax (724) 295-4004

September 23, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Re: Buffalo Creek Watershed – RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Buffalo Township would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

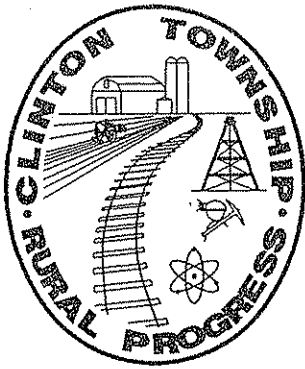
Buffalo Twp. Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janice Humes Zubrin".

Janice Humes Zubrin

Twp. Secretary/Treasurer

JHZ/mat
xc: twp. file



CLINTON TOWNSHIP

711 Saxonburg Boulevard, Saxonburg, PA 16056
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September 21, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh PA 15238

Re: *BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED - RCP SUPPORT LETTER*

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Clinton Township, Butler County would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge DCNR to give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

Donald F. Christy, Chairman

Leonard L. Haney, Vice Chairman

James H. Halstead, Supervisor

FAIRVIEW TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

1127 Kittanning Pike • Chicora, PA 16025
(724) 445-3604

October 6, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

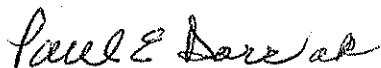
Re: Buffalo Creek Watershed-RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Fairview Township would like to offer its support only for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,



Fairview Township Supervisor
Chairman

EAST FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

R.D. #3, Box 211-A
Kittanning, PA 16201
Phone: (724) 548-2310
Fax: (724) 543-3015

October 6, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lendarth
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western PA
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

Re: Buffalo Creek Watershed – RCP Support Letter

Dear Sir:

East Franklin Township would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely yours,



Barry Peters, Chairman

Borough of Freeport

414 Market Street • Freeport, PA 16229 • (724) 295-2251 FAX (724) 295-2230

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh PA 15238-1618

October 6, 2004

Re: Letter and Resolution in support of a DCNR Grant
for a RCP of the Buffalo Creek Watershed

Dear Mr. Lenhardt,

Freeport Borough is in complete support of the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania's effort to find funding to develop a River Conservation Plan for the Buffalo Creek Watershed that runs through Butler and Armstrong County's and flows into the Allegheny River at Freeport.

The approximately 20 miles of the Freeport to Butler Trail is located in the Buffalo Creek Watershed and the 6 miles of the trail from the Laneville Section of Freeport to Monroe Road in Buffalo Township runs directly along Buffalo Creek and matches the beauty of any trail in the country.

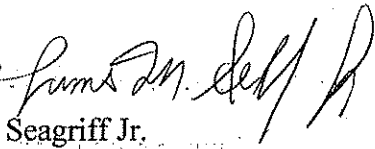
Hundreds of thousands of dollars from DCNR Grants, Transportation Enhancement Grants, public and private donations along with hundreds of hours of volunteer labor made the Butler to Freeport trail possible.

As the recent rains, erosion and flooding from Hurricane Ivan have shown unchecked development along the watershed has led to extreme damage to homes, public utilities, roads, personal property and recreational facilities.

Along with this letter of support I am enclosing a resolution passed October 4, 2004 by Freeport Council in support of your DCNR Grant application.

If you have any questions please contact me at (724) 295-2251

Sincerely,


James M. Seagriff Jr.
Council President

Cc. Mayor, Council

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

157 GREAT BELT ROAD
BUTLER, PA 16002

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Office Phone: 724/352-2324
Maintenance Garage: 724/352-4740

October 6, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

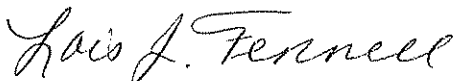
RE: Buffalo Creek Watershed - RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Jefferson Township would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed. We understand that Jefferson Township is not being asked to provide any financial contribution to the plan.

In conclusion, we fully back the efforts of the Audubon Society in applying for funding and urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to their funding request.

Sincerely,



Lois J. Fennell, Secretary
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

H/JJ

BOROUGH OF SAXONBURG

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William R. Gillespie Jr., President
Patricia J. Rinebolt, Vice President
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Linda L. Kovacik, Secretary-Treasurer
Thomas Grech, Superintendent - Asst. Zoning officer
Murrin, Taylor, Flach, Gallagher & May, Solicitor

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September 28, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

RE: Buffalo Creek Watershed - RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Landardt:

Saxonburg Borough would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Thomas
Manager

Sugarcreek Township Board of Supervisors
Armstrong County
RD#1 Box 215 Cowansville, PA 16218
724-526-3261

Supervisors

Robert J. Rodgers
CHAD CRAWFORD
James P. Buzzard

October 6, 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

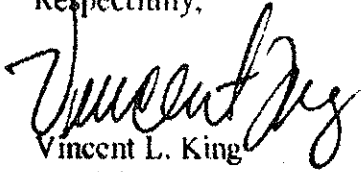
RE: Buffalo Creek Watershed – Rivers Conservation Plan Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Lenhardt:

Sugarcreek Township offers support for the grant application to be submitted to DCNR by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a useful tool for this municipality in establishing a regional watershed plan.

We would urge DCNR to give favorable consideration to the funding request.

Respectfully,


Vincent L. King
Municipal Secretary

BOROUGH OF WORTHINGTON

206 Church Street, P.O. Box 66
Worthington, PA 16262-0066

07, October 2004

Mr. Roy E. Lenhardt
Director of Development
Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania
614 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

RE: Buffalo Creek Watershed-RCP Support Letter

Dear Mr. Lenhardt.

Worthington Borough Council would like to offer its support for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant application being submitted by the Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania. The Buffalo Creek Watershed Rivers Conservation Plan would be a valuable tool for our municipality in establishing a regional plan for the watershed.

We would like to urge that DCNR give favorable consideration to this funding request.

Sincerely,
Worthington Borough Council

David B. Conroy Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer

Cc: file