



Hereford Manor Lake Conservancy & Watershed Group, Inc.

Mr. John Hanger
Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
Rachel Carson State Office Building
400 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Dear Secretary Hanger:

We noted with interest your response to Rep. Jaret Gibbons (ltr dtd 2/22/10) and Ms. Patricia McSparran's DEP testimony at the House Majority Policy Committee hearing on March 29, 2010 regarding the future of Hereford Manor Lake.

Please see our group's official testimony from that hearing included herein.

We also note and applaud the efforts of Governor Rendell for facilitating the extension of the Title IV funding from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) until 2022. Your website projects those funds may reach \$1.1 Billion from 2011 through that program end date.

It is crucial to our planning with the PFBC and local officials for us to know how much of the \$1.1 Billion projected funds from SMCRA the DEP anticipates allocating through the AML Program to rehabilitate the Hereford Manor Lake area after the dams are breached and lakes drained. Please advise your intentions?

Sincerely,

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Cc: House Majority Committee Members, PFBC, Governor Rendell's office