

**GROWING GREENER PLUS
GRANT APPLICATION
AUGUST, 2011**

STREAMBANK RESTORATION at LAKE AUGUSTA

ATTACHMENT 3

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

**Sunbury Airport Inc.
SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority
SEDA Council of Governments
Point Township
Upper Augusta Township**

**Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce
Susquehanna Greenways Partnership
Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition
Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau
Lake August Outfitters
PA Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver**

James Gilfert
d/b/a
Sunbury Airport Inc.
800 Park Drive
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August 24, 2011

TO: Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street
Northumberland, PA 17857

RE: PA DEP Growing Greener Grant Application
August, 2011

Dear Mr. Carl,

Sunbury Airport Inc. is pleased to cooperate with the Borough of Northumberland on the Streambank Restoration at Lake Augusta Project. This letter serves as official commitment from Sunbury Airport Inc. for the following:

- Cash contribution of \$46,188 as Sunbury Airport Inc. share of the required match. It must be noted that Sunbury Airport Inc. has already spent \$6,000, bringing the remaining total cash contribution to \$40,188.
- In-Kind contribution of \$6,000 as Sunbury Airport Inc. share of the required match
- Upon completion of the project, potential increase of campground size from 200 to 285 campsites and the possible hiring of a full time seasonal campground assistant.

Thank you for the opportunity to cooperate with the Borough of Northumberland on this mutually beneficial endeavor.

Sincerely,

James Gilfert

James Gilfert, e-signature



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August 12, 2011

Ann August
Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street
Northumberland, PA 17857

Re: Design Grant Match

Dear Ann,

I am pleased to let you know that the SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) has approved contribution of up to \$2,500.00 towards the local match required for the design phase of the Borough's future project to stabilize the north bank of the Susquehanna River between the Route 147 and Norfolk Southern bridges.

The JRA's logic for participation is based upon the benefits it will enjoy upon completion of the project, i.e. stabilization and improvement of the riverbank adjacent to the JRA's North Shore Railroad, improving the long-term viability of the railroad fill and embankment.

The JRA also would ask that it be provided copies of all design plans for its files.

Also, a further outcome of our meeting was that the borough would work with the JRA to improve safety at the Hanover Street crossing in regards to interaction with the Acorn Little League activities. As you are aware, the railroad has experienced difficulties while working in the area, specifically with trespass, cars parking and blocking the railroad (requiring trains to stop), and unauthorized use of JRA property for situating stands, port-a-potties and picnic tables. While the JRA is supportive of Little League events, it does have a greater responsibility to protect its assets and provide a safe working environment for railroad employees. To that end we discussed having the streets department paint no parking zones and the police department enforcing trespass laws. Successful implementation of those two items would greatly enhance public safety, rail operations, and would protect JRA assets.

When the local match is determined, please submit proof of the cost and an invoice so we can forward the funds to you in an expeditious manner.

Also, please confirm the above statements by letter.

The JRA looks forward to partnering with the borough on this and future projects. Together we can make a significant impact on the quality of life in Northumberland.

Sincerely,

George Fury
Property Manager



Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street
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SEDA Council of Governments is a public development organization serving 11 Central Pennsylvania counties including Northumberland County.

SEDA- COG is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Growing Greener Plus grant application for the Borough of Northumberland. The goals described in the grant application are included in number of SEDA COG projects in the region and will help move them forward, specifically:

- The goal of stabilizing and enhancing the riverbanks around the Borough of Northumberland are included in two projects SEDA COG is currently undertaking:
 - First, constructing a stone embankment and walking path and enhancing the aquatic habitat around the Susquehanna River point of confluence in the Borough of Northumberland are included in the goals and objectives of SEDA-COG's project to address impediments for safe, walking, and bicycle-friendly communities in the Sunbury, Upper Augusta and Northumberland. The riverbanks in the Borough of Northumberland are a natural part of a walking/biking path in these communities. However, current conditions of the riverbank do not allow safe pedestrian access or use. SEDA-COG therefore, supports this grant application to undertake this endeavor.
 - Second, this same work of restoring and enhancing the Susquehanna River banks in the Borough of Northumberland are included in SEDA-COG's "Lake Augusta Gateway Corridor Plan" as part of the idea to create a walking/biking trail around the entire Lake Augusta area.
- In addition, the goal of promoting, expanding and sustaining sustainable business development that enhance the quality of life and economic vitality in the Rivertowns of the Central Susquehanna River Valley is included in the goals and objectives of the Lake Augusta Gateway Corridor Plan. SEDA-COG therefore, supports this grant application to stabilize and restore the Susquehanna River banks along the north end of Packer Island. This work will allow the campground and Sunbury Airport to continue existing operations without the imminent threats caused by eroding banks and provide opportunities for future expansion.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dennis E. Robinson", is written in a cursive style.

Dennis Robinson, Executive Director
SEDA Council of Governments



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Borough of Northumberland
Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
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August 9, 2011

RE: Erosion Control Project

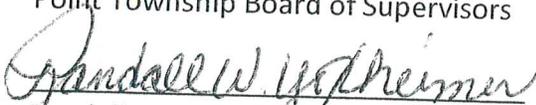
Mr. Carl,

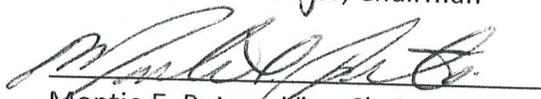
The Point Township supervisors are in support of your Erosion Control project along the Susquehanna River.

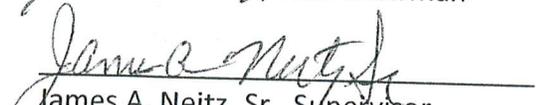
The Borough of Northumberland has a unique position on the Susquehanna River. Situated at the confluence of the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna, it offers the opportunity to be a "gateway" to both. Point Township also has a border on both branches and recognizes the significance of the river to its economic growth and its recreational opportunities.

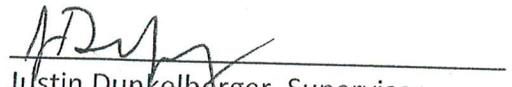
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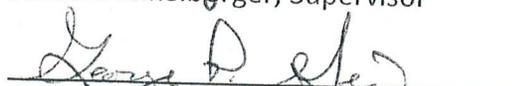
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Ed Markowski, Jr.
Rebecca A. Ray
Supervisors

August 18, 2011

*Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street
Northumberland, PA 17857*

*Attention: Mr. Greg Carl
Borough Council President*

Dear Mr. Carl:

The Upper Augusta Township Supervisors recognize both the ecological and economical value of the Stream bank Restoration at Lake Augusta project and are, therefore, pleased to provide this letter of support for the PA DEP Growing Greener Plus grant application.

First, the Supervisors recognize that 8,400 lineal feet of riverbank at the north end of Packer Island is in perilous condition and in need of immediate stabilization to prevent further soil erosion from affecting the ecology of the Susquehanna River.

Second, the Supervisors also recognize the economic value that the Sunbury Airport and Campground brings to Upper Augusta Township and the entire Lake Augusta area.

Sincerely,


*Ed Markowski, Jr.
Supervisor Vice Chairman
Upper Augusta Township
Board of Supervisors*



GREATER SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Connecting Business & Community.

August 10, 2011

Borough of Northumberland
Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
175 Orange Street
Northumberland, PA 17857

Dear Mr. Carl,

Economic development in any community needs anchors. Chief among them in the Central Susquehanna River Valley is Packer Island. Lying in Northumberland County and home to the Sunbury Airport & Campground the island's natural integrity is under an enormous threat due to the Commonwealth's construction of an inflatable fiber dam, which creates "Lake Augusta" in the River each summer season, and the increased recreational boat traffic. The latter generates wave action that takes away the soil that holds the trees in place. The dam confines the wave action and makes its effect more serious. If the trees and soil are lost, a valuable tourism and recreational asset will be lost. This grant application would stop that.

Members of the local Lake Augusta community have agreed on viable solutions to stabilize the areas on the north point of Packer Island and reduce erosion with a stone embankment. In turn, aquatic and wildlife habitat could be restored with plantings and strategic placement of stabilizing features and the addition of a recreational walking path on the stone embankment as a segment of the broader plans for a walking/biking trail around the entire Lake Augusta Community could be realized.

As an 800-member regional chamber of commerce serving four counties, two on either bank of the river, surrounding this project, we see the tremendous economic power of this project in improving our anchor asset. Please consider this grant for streambank restoration as one of our highest priorities.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


Charlie Ross
President and CEO

August 22, 2011

Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
175 Orange Street
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RE: Letter of Support for Northumberland Borough

Dear Mr. Carl,

On behalf of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership I would like to express our support for your efforts to stabilize the Susquehanna River's banks in your area, and prevent additional sediment from entering the river.

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is a leading champion for the Susquehanna River Watershed, Pennsylvania's most important natural asset and the largest tributary to the Chesapeake Bay. We advocate for public and private efforts to connect people with our natural and cultural resources, and promote a sustainable and healthy environment.

We applaud your efforts to:

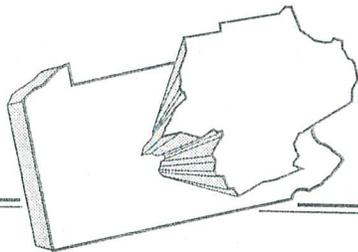
- Construct a stone embankment and replant the riparian forested buffer to anchor the areand reduce soil erosion;
- Restore and enhance aquatic and wildlife habitat via strategic placement of stabilizing features; and
- Create a recreational walking path on the stone embankment as a segment of the broader plans for a walking/biking trail around the entire Lake Augusta Community.

We support you in your quest to acquire continued funding for this project through Pennsylvania's Growing Greener grant program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Trish Carothers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Trish Carothers
SGP Program Director



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August 17, 2011

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RE: SRHCES Support Letter

Mr. Carl:

The Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies (SRHCES) is a nascent watershed organization whose geographic focus is the entire Susquehanna River West Branch and the lower North Branch watersheds in Pennsylvania.

The SRHCES is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Growing Greener Plus grant application for the Borough of Northumberland. The goals described in the grant application are included in the goals of SRHCES projects in the region and will help move them forward.

Specifically, the goal of stabilizing the riverbanks and re-planting the riparian forest buffer will help achieve the SRHCES goal of reducing non-point source pollution in the Susquehanna River.

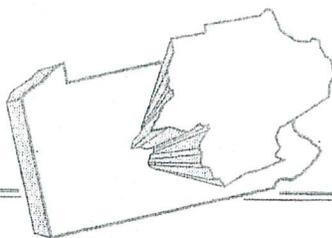
In addition, the goal of establishing enhanced aquatic habitat along the riverbanks coincides with SRHCES goal of improving the overall ecology of the Susquehanna River.

Sincerely,

Skip Wieder, Chair
Susquehanna River Heartland Coalition for Environmental Studies

Supporting Organizations

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania ◦ Bucknell University ◦ Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit ◦ Evangelical Community Hospital ◦ Geisinger Health System Foundation
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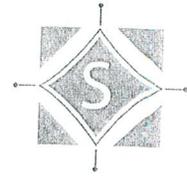
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Dear Mr. Carl,

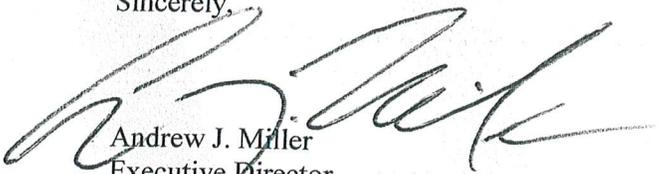
The Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau is a three-county, State recognized, destination marketing organization whose mission is to promote the Susquehanna River Valley as a destination for tourists and travelers. The Susquehanna River Valley includes Snyder Northumberland and Union Counties and is the geographic area where the two branches of the Susquehanna River meet. The Susquehanna River Valley not only includes the river but all of our scenic valleys and country sides that make our tri-county region an attractive destination for many.

Tourism is the number two industry in the Commonwealth. The 2009 Global Enterprises Report on the Economic Impact of Travel and Tourism states that direct spending by tourists in our tri-county area for the year 2006 is over \$278 million.

Pennsylvania is #1 for outdoor recreation in our region, surpassing New York, New Jersey and Maryland. Outdoor recreation – relative to the Susquehanna River – is part of a new renaissance movement that has taken hold in our region. Instead of fearing the river for its historic floods, our communities have begun to embrace the river and all its potential. Up and coming projects include an Environmental Education Center, City Waterfront Riverscape, new 18 acre park featuring a boathouse and goals to host competitive rowing events, watertrails and land trails along both branches of the Susquehanna River, just to name a few.

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau supports the Streambank Restoration Project at Lake Augusta. The timing of this project could not be better. As the Susquehanna River experiences its new potential, restoring the streambank at Packer Island is an important piece of the puzzle that will make Lake Augusta and the surrounding communities a destination for tourists and visitors, helping the economies of our region plus instilling a sense of pride and hope for the future and embracing the heritage of the Susquehanna River as part of the quality of life to be enjoyed in the Susquehanna River Valley.

Sincerely,



Andrew J. Miller
Executive Director



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Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
Borough of Northumberland
175 Orange Street
Northumberland, PA 17857

Dear Mr. Carl,

Lake August Outfitters (LAO) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Growing Greener Plus grant application for the Streambank Restoration at Lake Augusta project. LAO recognizes both the environmental and economical benefits of restoring the Susquehanna River banks along the north end of Packer Island and the Borough of Northumberland.

Lake Augusta Outfitters is an independent small business located on Packer Island in the middle of Shikellamy State Park Marina. LAO offers recreational opportunities on the magnificent Susquehanna River that bonds families and friends together and connects them with the rich history and environmental beauties of the Susquehanna River Valley. LAO services include: rental of pontoon boat, Jet Skis, canoes, kayaks and bikes; retail shop offering ice cream, snacks, beverages, bagged ice, and boating and fishing supplies; on-water gasoline sales and towing service to watercrafts on the river. A significant percentage of LAO customers are seasonal residents at the campgrounds on the north end of Packer Island.

If the restoration of the river banks is not undertaken, increased sediment load in the Susquehanna River bed would damage the overall ecology of the Susquehanna River, and severely impede if not totally halt operations at Lake Augusta Outfitters. Simply put, the rise of the riverbed would preclude most boating operations on "Lake Augusta" even when the Adam T. Bower dam is inflated. As a result, my newly-founded business would go bankrupt and the five full time seasonal positions currently at LAO would be lost.

If however, the restoration of riverbank is undertaken, and the additional campsites are constructed at Sunbury Airport and Campground, LAO would possibly need to expand operations to accommodate the increase in boat rentals, sales of gas & other amenities.

If this increase occurs, Lake Augusta Outfitters is also considering adding food service to its business. This would result in not only the retention of the current five employees but the addition of two more full time seasonal staff at Lake Augusta.

Sincerely,

Angela L. Troutman, Proprietor
Lake Augusta Outfitters

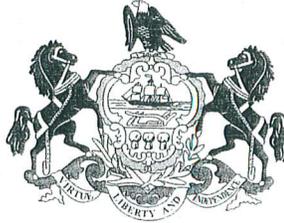
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August 22, 2011

Mr. Greg Carl, Borough Council President
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RE: Stream Bank Restoration at Lake Augusta

Dear Mr. Carl:

I would like to express my full support for the Stream Bank Restoration Project at Lake Augusta.

The Central Susquehanna River Valley is poised on the brink of a new age. Various and numerous organizations both private and public have invested time, energy and money in the Valley; striving to improve the economic, educational, and recreational opportunities available to its citizens. These efforts include the Sunbury City Waterfront Riverscape and the Environmental Education Center.

An important element to this renewal is the appeal of its recreational opportunities to visitors. The financial benefits tourism brings will provide the encouragement needed for future investments. The Susquehanna River is an important *national* resource.

The West Branch Susquehanna River Trail was recently designated as a National Recreation Trail, joining the larger Susquehanna Water Trail network. With the addition of the 228 mile West Branch water trail, the Susquehanna Water Trail now totals 494 miles, and is the largest river-based water trail system in the National Recreation Trail program. It is imperative to maintain the ecological balance of the river not only for itself but also for its effect on the Chesapeake Bay.

This Stream Bank Restoration Project will greatly enhance our ability to maintain that balance. I fully support this project not only for its intrinsic value but also for its alignment with the goals of Growing Greener Plus.

Sincerely,

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Lynda Schlegel Culver
108th Legislative District