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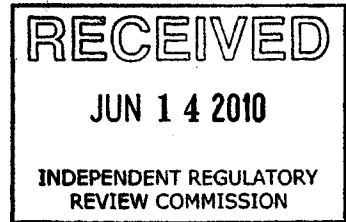
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June 14th, 2010

Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street
14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Re: Chapter 102, Erosion and Sedimentation Control. IRRC #2783. EQB 7-440.

Dear Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

Please consider this letter as my intent to show support of the streamside buffers and encourage the IRRC to approve EQB's recent revisions to its rules for Erosion and Sedimentation Controls, including its rule, particularly the section mandating 150 foot buffers for new development along Exceptional Value and High Quality streams.

There a widespread consensus of value in the scientific community regarding streamside buffers in Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvania's conservation community has also shown a broad and deep support for these rules and have been well documented.

As our Pennsylvania continues to grow, the pressure on our natural water supply becomes larger. Development adds pressure to the communities' ability to handle increasing volumes of storm water. It also inserts more nutrients and other contaminants into the drinking water supply for the majority of people on public water in our state. As ratepayers, we all pay more and more to clean out pollution that may be prevented from entering out water supply initially through forested streamside buffers. Forested vegetation does an excellent job of slowing the velocity of storm water, preventing erosion and filtering out contaminants. Most importantly, buffers protect property values. They do so by diminishing the likelihood of property damaging flood events to those those residing near the waterways.

I fully support stream side buffers in Pennsylvania and believe they also add scenic beauty to our forested communities. Please approve these regulations and allow them to be promulgated by the DEP without delay

If you have any questions about our support for this project please feel free to contact my office at 1 Marketway West, Suite 12A, York, PA 17401, 717-848-9595.

Sincerely,

Eugene A. DePasquale
State Representative

From: Kaufman, Kim
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Wilmarth, Fiona E.; Gelnett, Wanda B.
Cc: Outreach
Subject: Fw: DEP Proposed Regulation, support. Chapter 95 on Wastewater & Chapter 102 on Buffers (Erosion and Sedimentation control)
Attachments: Chapter 95_Wastewater Chapter 102_buffers 061410.pdf

FYI

From: Silvagnoli, Tanisha
To: Kaufman, Kim
Cc: DePasquale, Eugene ; IRRC; Fink, Shawn
Sent: Mon Jun 14 15:45:31 2010
Subject: DEP Proposed Regulation, support. Chapter 95 on Wastewater & Chapter 102 on Buffers (Erosion and Sedimentation control)
Ms. Kauffman, Executive Director- Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC);

Please consider the attached letters as Representative DePasquale's intent to show support of two proposed Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations. Chapter 95 on Wastewater (IRRC# 2806.EQB7-446) and Chapter 102 on Erosion and Sedimentation Control (IRRC# 2783.EQB7-440) recently passed through the Environmental Quality Board, and are headed to the IRRC for final approval on June 17th.

We are aware that the IRRC is going to be briefed on Thursday, June 10th about these regulations. The Representative asks that you give all due consideration of the above mentioned DEP proposed regulations. If you have any questions, you may reach Representative DePasquale in our Harrisburg office at: 717.787.7514 or in our York district office at: 717.848.9595.

Thank you.

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"Summer afternoon, summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language" Henry James