



**SR 0202 Section 7WM
Bucks County
Kansas Road Mitigation Site**

**Community Meeting at Central Bucks South High School
January 30, 2008 at 6:00 PM
(Presentation at 7:00 PM)**

Meeting Summary

Purpose of Meeting: To provide information regarding the proposed Kansas Road Mitigation Site as part of the Route 202 Parkway Project including planned construction activities and project schedule.

Attendees:

Madeleine Fausto	PennDOT		610-205-6848
Bob Eppley	PennDOT		610-205-6713
Eric Frary	Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.		215-442-5312
Ken Corti	Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.		215-442-5354
Laura Bolton	Michael Baker, Jr., Inc.		215-442-5360
Mike Boles	Boles, Smyth Associates		215-561-2644
Pat Quigley	PAQ, Inc.		610-584-1829
Thomas Zarko	CKS Engineers		215-340-0600
Timothy Tieperman	Township Manager	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
Mike Mrozinski	Zoning Officer	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
Rebecca Kiefer	Township Supervisor	Warrington Township	215-348-6270
Paul Plotnick	Township Supervisor	Warrington Township	215-343-9350
Paul Gdanski	Director of Public Works	Warrington Township	215-343-9350

Herbert H. & Clare Mead Rosen	806 Geranium Drive	
Thomas E. & Janet Dooley	827 Geranium Drive	
Michael J. & Kathleen A. Sliner	836 Geranium Drive	
Paul M. & Carole A. Kilbride	844 Geranium Drive	
Robert & Patricia Lynam	850 Geranium Drive	
Werner & Nancy K. Cziriak	854 Geranium Drive	werner.cz@verizon.net
Mark S. & Suzette P. Eisenstock	875 Geranium Drive	
Raymond J. & Cheryl A. Kurpiel	879 Geranium Drive	
Darrell W. & Patricia A. Sandstrom	885 Geranium Drive	
Ruth & Timothy C. Seitter	887 Geranium Drive	
John J. & Ita McErlean	712 Wisteria Drive	
John L. Miller	740 Wisteria Drive	
Charles & Karen Weikel	743 Wisteria Drive	
Normas K. Cummings	758 Wisteria Drive	
Steve G. Pagano	616 Tulip Drive	215-491-9182
David P. & Carol A. Efrogmson	618 Tulip Drive	
Dennis R. & Judith P. Weisel	638 Tulip Drive	
James A. Corr & Elizabeth Field	648 Tulip Drive	
Terence J. McGlinchay	2337 W. County Line Rd.	



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1. PennDOT presented the details of the proposed mitigation site including: plans for the permanent protection of the project area from development, anticipated project schedule and an explanation of construction activities (see attached handout for details).
2. Residents asked who owns the wetland area and who will maintain it after construction. PennDOT is the owner and will continue to maintain the site after construction is completed. A resident asked if PennDOT would ever sell the land. PennDOT can 'transfer' land and this has been done before to other 'land conservancy' agencies. However, these agencies must adhere to the same restrictions on the property that will be placed on the site through the Declaration of Restrictions (no development of site, etc.).
3. A resident asked what measures are being taken to protect the new plantings in the wetland creation areas. To protect the wetland plantings from herbivory during the plant establishment period, the wetland areas will be temporarily fenced with common agricultural fencing at about 8 feet high to exclude deer. Someone asked how long the temporary fencing would remain around the wetland sites before it would be removed. The fence could remain around the wetland sites for up to 5 years after construction to protect over 13,000 plants from deer. The fence may be removed earlier or kept in place longer depending upon the permit conditions.
4. Several residents asked if they would be allowed to walk through the wetland area. 'No Trespassing' signs will be posted around the PennDOT property. Future public access is proposed through the site along a 4' wide passive trail that would be designed, constructed and maintained by Warrington Township. PennDOT has excluded a 10' wide right-of-way from the restricted site area for public access via the Township Trail. Several residents asked when it would be open for public use. PennDOT referred them to the Township for a construction schedule for the trail.
5. Several residents from the eastern end of the Bluestone development have experienced flooding of their units despite being above the 100-year floodplain and asked if the PennDOT project would exacerbate stream flooding in Little Neshaminy Creek. PennDOT explained that the wetlands creation and enhancement project does not introduce any new impervious areas and would leave the site in a naturally vegetated condition. The proposed wetland creation areas rely primarily on capture and retention of precipitation and stormwater runoff from upslope areas to provide the necessary wetland hydrology. This approach will promote infiltration and storage of surface water runoff and would not increase flooding to the creek. Furthermore, the proposed restrictive covenant required by the permit process calls for the site to remain undeveloped in perpetuity.
6. One resident asked about the wetlands becoming a source for mosquitoes. The team pointed out that this would be minimal since there are already over 30 acres of wetlands in addition to a very shallow creek system that provide existing mosquito habitat. The proposed wetlands would not alter the landscape much and are proposed to be flooded intermittently, mainly in late winter and early spring when mosquito breeding is expected to be limited. The ponds are



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designed to promote amphibian use and these animals will eat mosquito and midge larva so we expect a balanced ecosystem.

7. Several comments were made about the abundance of deer in the area. Some questioned whether the mitigation site would increase deer habitat and whether hunting would be allowed? PennDOT explained that hunting is not allowed and that the site will continue to be posted for no trespassing, except for the public trail area. The wetland mitigation site is designed to enhance wildlife habitat and will likely improve habitat for deer. PennDOT does not currently have a statewide deer management plan. The issues of deer abundance in this area will not change especially since the most favored travel corridors are the stream corridors and this site is one of the last large open spaces left in the Township.
8. A resident asked what was the total cost for this project. PennDOT stated that the anticipated construction cost for the wetland mitigation site is \$4 million.
9. A resident asked who owned the dam that is north of the wetland site. The Bradford Lake (aka Warrington Lake and Floodwater Retarding Dam PA -611) is owned by Bucks County and they maintain it.
10. A resident asked if restrictions could be put on the contractor for the time of day they work. Time restrictions can be placed on the construction activities, but it will take longer to complete the project. PennDOT stated that the contractor may work on the site only between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM Monday through Saturday (no work on Sunday) per current Township work restrictions for developers. PennDOT suggested that it might be best for the contractor to have minimal restrictions to allow the work to be completed as quickly as possible.
11. A resident was concerned that Kansas Road would be closed. Kansas Road will not be closed during construction. There will be flagging services on Kansas Road and County Line Road near the construction entrances to maintain safe traffic flow while construction vehicles are in the area.
12. A resident asked if the construction access areas would be removed after construction is completed. The geotextile and stone in the construction access areas will be removed and the areas will be restored, but PennDOT will retain an opening so there is an entrance for maintenance crews. There will be a locked gate at the entrance restrict public access.

Revisions to these minutes may be recorded by contacting Mike Boles at (215) 561-2644 within ten (10) business days.