

---

Subject: : Conservation

Topic: : Save Spring Creek, Centre County

Save Spring Creek, Centre County

Author: : troutbert

Date: : 2008/5/22 14:46:28

URL:

palffyfish.com members and readers,

Thank you for your interest in this issue regarding Spring Creek.

Rep. Hanna has tried several times previously to transfer this big chunk of public land (roughly 1500 acres), which are currently Rockview Penitentiary lands. Most of the stream corridor land, often called Spring Creek Canyon, would go to Benner Township. The PFBC would get some stream corridor lands near their hatcheries. The biggest chunk of land, the uplands that flank both sides of the Canyon, would go to Penn State, specifically PSU's Ag Science Department.

Penn State intends to farm the land and to build ag research buildings, on these lands flanking the Spring Creek Canyon.

There is very strong public opposition to this in Centre Cty and around the state. The sentiment here in Centre County, and among many other Pennsylvanians, is that the land should be conserved by a public resource agency, to protect these lands, to protect Spring Creek, and to insure future public access for open space recreation in this rapidly urbanizing area. Flyfishers are concerned about the land usage in regard to protecting the future health of Spring Creek from polluted runoff from ag lands and excessive volumes of stormwater runoff from developed research building sites and accompanying roads, parking lots and utilities.

The intense opposition has, so far, prevented Hanna from getting his legislation through, but he just won't quit. His own bill has been stymied, so he is now trying to get this highly controversial transfer of this big chunk of public land run through by adding it as an amendment to a non-controversial bill from Sen. Corman, which would just transfer small parcels of land near the Benner Pike.

The Hanna amendment to divest these lands will be considered soon by members of the House Government Committee. The members of that committee are who you should contact. I put the contact info below.

Please write your message in your own words, but the message can be very simple and short. For example:

---

Re: Hanna amendment to SB 740, Rockview lands

Dear Representative,

Please vote against the amendment to SB 740, offered by Representative Hanna, which would transfer the Rockview lands to Penn State. I want the land owned and managed by a resource agency or conservancy that

If you get a reply back from a representative, saying all the groups who objected to the transfer are now satisfied, or something similar, write them back and tell them that just isn't so. Hanna has been telling this to other Reps, who don't live in the area. It's not so, and he knows it. It's up to us to let the other Reps know just how the public really feels about it.

Most posts are put on this message board for discussion. There's nothing wrong with that. But I'm hoping that flyfishers who fish Spring Creek will ACT on this.

You have to contact these Reps to have any effect on this issue. We can beat this thing. Rep Kerry Benninghoff is on our side in wanting to conserve that land. We can get that land permanently conserved, to protect the long-term health of Spring Creek. If you do contact legislator(s), please let me know. Thanks in advance.

Below is the list of the members of House Government Committee. You can email one or all of them. If you recognize a legislator from your area, be sure to tell them that you live in their district. If one of your legislators is on the committee, you may also want to call them on the phone.

The list is given twice. The first is a list of the representatives, with their email address. The second is a long, connected list of the email addresses, that you can cut and paste into the address window, if you want to email the whole group at once. You can send paper letters too. A Google search on any of these Reps will bring up a mailing address. Contact them any way you think best. They will be meeting on this issue soon.

Contact information for the members of the House State Government Committee:

Josephs, Babette, Chairman [bjosephs@pahouse.net](mailto:bjosephs@pahouse.net)  
Blackwell, Thomas W., Vice Chairman [tblackwe@pahouse.net](mailto:tblackwe@pahouse.net)  
Gibbons, Jaret, Secretary [jgibbons@pahouse.net](mailto:jgibbons@pahouse.net)  
Baker, Matthew E., Chairman [mbaker@pahousegop.com](mailto:mbaker@pahousegop.com)  
Mantz, Carl W., Secretary [cmantz@pahousegop.com](mailto:cmantz@pahousegop.com)  
Carroll, Mike [mcarroll@pahouse.net](mailto:mcarroll@pahouse.net)  
Cohen, Mark B. [mcohen@pahouse.net](mailto:mcohen@pahouse.net)  
Curry, Lawrence H. [lcurry@pahouse.net](mailto:lcurry@pahouse.net)  
Fabrizio, Florindo J. [ffabrizio@pahouse.net](mailto:ffabrizio@pahouse.net)  
Freeman, Robert [rfreeman@pahouse.net](mailto:rfreeman@pahouse.net)  
Kortz, II, William C. [bkortz@pahouse.net](mailto:bkortz@pahouse.net)  
Kula, Deberah [dkula@pahouse.net](mailto:dkula@pahouse.net)  
O'Brien, Michael H. [dobrien@pahousegop.com](mailto:dobrien@pahousegop.com)  
Oliver, Frank Louis  
Parker, Cherelle L. [cparker@pahouse.net](mailto:cparker@pahouse.net)  
Ramaley, Sean M. [sramaley@pahouse.net](mailto:sramaley@pahouse.net)  
Vitali, Greg [gvitali@pahouse.net](mailto:gvitali@pahouse.net)  
Youngblood, Rosita C. [ryoungbl@pahouse.net](mailto:ryoungbl@pahouse.net)  
Benninghoff, Kerry A. [lbennington@pahouse.net](mailto:lbennington@pahouse.net)  
Clymer, Paul I. [pclymer@pahousegop.com](mailto:pclymer@pahousegop.com)  
Creighton, Tom C. [tcreight@pahousegop.com](mailto:tcreight@pahousegop.com)  
Gingrich, Mauree [mgingric@pahousegop.com](mailto:mgingric@pahousegop.com)  
Grell, Glen R. [ggrell@pahousegop.com](mailto:ggrell@pahousegop.com)  
Marshall, Jim [jmarshall@pahousegop.com](mailto:jmarshall@pahousegop.com)  
McIlhattan, Fred [fmcilhat@pahousegop.com](mailto:fmcilhat@pahousegop.com)

Quigley, Thomas J. [tquigley@pahousegop.com](mailto:tquigley@pahousegop.com)  
Rapp, Kathy L. [klrapp@pahousegop.com](mailto:klrapp@pahousegop.com)  
Vereb, Mike [mvereb@pahousegop.com](mailto:mvereb@pahousegop.com)  
Watson, Katharine M. [kwatson@pahousegop.com](mailto:kwatson@pahousegop.com)

Here's the whole email list:

[bjosephs@pahouse.net](mailto:bjosephs@pahouse.net), [tblackwe@pahouse.net](mailto:tblackwe@pahouse.net), [jgibbons@pahouse.net](mailto:jgibbons@pahouse.net), [mbaker@pahousegop.com](mailto:mbaker@pahousegop.com),  
[cmantz@pahousegop.com](mailto:cmantz@pahousegop.com), [mcarroll@pahouse.net](mailto:mcarroll@pahouse.net), [mcohen@pahouse.net](mailto:mcohen@pahouse.net), [lcurry@pahouse.net](mailto:lcurry@pahouse.net),  
[ffabrizio@pahouse.net](mailto:ffabrizio@pahouse.net), [rfreeman@pahouse.net](mailto:rfreeman@pahouse.net), [bkortz@pahouse.net](mailto:bkortz@pahouse.net), [dkula@pahouse.net](mailto:dkula@pahouse.net),  
[dobrien@pahousegop.com](mailto:dobrien@pahousegop.com), [cparker@pahouse.net](mailto:cparker@pahouse.net), [sramaley@pahouse.net](mailto:sramaley@pahouse.net), [gvitali@pahouse.net](mailto:gvitali@pahouse.net),  
[ryoungbl@pahouse.net](mailto:ryoungbl@pahouse.net), [lbennington@pahouse.net](mailto:lbennington@pahouse.net), [pclymer@pahousegop.com](mailto:pclymer@pahousegop.com), [tcright@pahousegop.com](mailto:tcright@pahousegop.com),  
[mgingric@pahousegop.com](mailto:mgingric@pahousegop.com), [ggregg@pahousegop.com](mailto:ggregg@pahousegop.com), [jmarshall@pahousegop.com](mailto:jmarshall@pahousegop.com),  
[fmcilhat@pahousegop.com](mailto:fmcilhat@pahousegop.com), [tquigley@pahousegop.com](mailto:tquigley@pahousegop.com), [klrapp@pahousegop.com](mailto:klrapp@pahousegop.com),  
[mvereb@pahousegop.com](mailto:mvereb@pahousegop.com), [kwatson@pahousegop.com](mailto:kwatson@pahousegop.com)