

# Appendix R

## Buffalo Creek Protection Plan Draft

### Public

### Comments

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#### History

- Include mention of the McGuffey Reader.  
*A section was added to include information on McGuffey Reader.*
- Note the KKK meeting site above the general store in Taylorstown.  
*Comment noted.*
- Not that the entire town of Taylorstown is on the National Historic Register.  
*Section changed to make it clear that entire town is Historic Site.*
- Some info on possible origin of name of “Buffalo”.  
*Information added that this is possibly because an old Buffalo trace went through the area.*

#### Project Area

- Are there Ag Easements in East Finley Township? —not mentioned in plan.  
*There are no agricultural easements in the township (Table 1-11).*
- Landowner concerned about mining in East Finley Township scheduled to occur 8 or 9 years, the mining company has been there to do studies.  
*‘Project Area Characteristics: Coal Mining’ addresses rights of landowners in coal mined area and agencies and organizations available to help.*
- In the Executive Summary, 164 “acres” should be “square miles”.  
*Correction made.*
- On page 1-19 “potentially” should be taken out. Abandoned and unregistered oil and gas wells do exist.  
*Correction made.*
- Not all agricultural security areas or easement areas in watershed are shown on the map.  
*Mapping information is not available for areas added after 2001. This explanation is added to the map.*

#### Water Resources

- Landowners concerned about amount of brush in creek—needs to be removed.  
*Comment noted.*

- Note that Washington County is in the initial stages of a countywide stormwater management plan. Each watershed will be looked at individually, starting with the Chartiers Creek Watershed  
*This information is added to the Water Resources section.*
- Need a heading on Table 3-6 (USGS sampling results)  
*Correction made.*
- Add a section explaining pH and iron, in addition to the other chemical parameters.  
*Section added.*
- Add “Table 3-12” to Table 3-12.  
*Correction made.*
- Include updated agricultural statistics (2003-2004)  
*Updated statistics added.*
- Do not say that Washington County is the “least forested” county. This is not true. Just say that it is 50% forested.  
*Wording changed to say “50% forested versus 60% for state as a whole.”*
- Darken the secondary roads on the Dirt and Gravel Roads map and change color of “applications pending” areas to be more visible.  
*Correction made.*
- It is mentioned on page 3-24 that a photo shows erosion from crop grazing; this is actually slip that is not at all related to grazing. Also, more mention should be made of rotational grazing and other management practices to prevent erosion. A well-managed pasture will greatly reduce soil erosion.
- *More information added about practices that can prevent erosion on pastureland.  
Comment noted.*
- One page 3-13, paragraph 2, line 6, omit the use of “were considered.”  
*Correction Made.*

### **Natural Resources**

- More distinct mention should be concerning the Natural Heritage Inventories.  
*There is an entire section on the Natural Heritage Inventories, pages 2-20 and 2-31.*
- Note high quality of mammal life in the area.  
*This is noted in the Natural Resources Section.*
- More info on Natural Heritage Report by Wagner.  
*There is a very detailed description of this in the Natural Resources Section, pages 2-30 and 2-31.*

## Outdoor Resources

- “Rails to Trails” should be mentioned.  
*The Rails to Trails program is mentioned in this section and in Chapter 1, Project Area Characteristics under Open Space and Greenway Protection*
- More emphasis on eco-tourism generally.  
*More detailed information added on eco-tourism.*
- More emphasis on desirability of restoring Dutch Fork Lake and its importance to eco-tourism.  
*The importance of Dutch Fork Lake for eco-tourism is mentioned in Chapter 5 , Issues and Recommendations and in Chapter 3, Water Resources.*
- Buffalo Creek in Pennsylvania is not trout-stocked.  
*Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission contacted to verify stocked sections in the watershed. Buffalo Creek is not trout-stocked in Pennsylvania and this segment was removed from the map as a trout-stocked section.*

## Other

- A list of steering committee members should be included in plan.  
*A list of steering committee members added.*
- One of the pictures in front should be replaced with a photo of streambank fencing.  
*Change made.*
- Note that there is money out there for municipalities to apply for grants for historic preservation.  
*This is mentioned in Chapter 5, Issues and Recommendation and in Funding Sources, Appendix P.*
- List of related funding sources for municipalities.  
*Appendix P. lists funding sources for municipalities and other groups.*
- More examples of relevant generic ordinances.  
*A riparian zone ordinance is included (Appendix F.). Other example ordinances may be obtained by contacting other municipalities in Pennsylvania.*