



Providing wild and forested lands and clean waterways for our community, forever.

April 27, 2020

Chester Water Authority  
Attn: Board of Directors  
P.O. Box 467  
Chester, PA 19016

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lancaster County Conservancy, established in 1969, protects and conserves the land, water, and natural, and cultural resources within Lancaster, York, Dauphin, and Chester Counties for public recreation and educational, and in an ongoing and far reaching partnership aimed at working to clean our water. To date we have protected over 7,200 acres of natural lands for public use and habitat protection.

In 2008 the Conservancy partnered with Chester Water Authority, Chester County, Lancaster County, PADCNr, and private foundations and donors to protect 155 acres of the main stem of the Octoraro. We have continued to work with our partners along the Octoraro to keep our streams clean and protect our few remaining intact forests and forested riparian buffers.

This letter recognizes and commends the Chester Water Authority and the Authority's years of consistent efforts to improve water quality and safeguard drinking water in the Oxford region. We appreciate the foresight of Chester Water Authority and their ongoing work and partnerships with the local Oxford community that align with the Conservancy's mission, including:

- On-going water monitoring partnerships with Octoraro Watershed Association;
- Support for ongoing source water protection and water quality efforts that affect the reservoir;
- Enriching the local constituent's lifestyle through access to recreational opportunities, such as fishing and hiking, at the Octoraro Reservoir; and
- Ensuring and protecting the water quality in the reservoir through buffer protection and consistent land use through the acquisition of land that also preserve the natural habitat of wildlife, including bald eagles and herons.

Lancaster County Conservancy supports the long-term protection of the land and water resources that affect the Oxford Region and the work of the

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Chester Water Authority, whose partnerships with the Conservancy, and state and local governments and organizations has helped improve community engagement and water quality for its area residents and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Wenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phil Wenger  
President

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