

September 9, 2009
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Dear Mr. Moorman:

I invested in Norfolk Southern for the energy efficiency of rail transport and the world's finite fuel supply. The past three years I've been actively promoting community open space/green-infrastructure for children and adults; we can't all afford second homes at the shore. I write to you now as a very concerned citizen of Lancaster Pennsylvania because we are embroiled in a controversy involving: Franklin and Marshall College (F&M), Lancaster General Hospital Corporation (LGH), Manheim Township Board of Commissioners, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County; East Hempfield, Lancaster and Manor Townships, and Norfolk Southern Corporation.

I am requesting your personal involvement and presence to actively listen to our concerns as citizens of Lancaster County and its communities, and to assist all of us in finding a safe and responsible solution for the proposed expansion and relocation of Norfolk Southern's switching yard here in Lancaster Pennsylvania.

I read your 2008 letter "Working for the Thoroughbred of Transportation" in Norfolk Southern's Annual Report, and familiarized myself with the Norfolk Southern "Creed, Vision and Values" on the corporate website:

www.nscorp.com/nscportal/nscorp/investors

I greatly respect what you said and what you said and what Norfolk Southern stands for and I quote:

"At Norfolk Southern, our good name stands at the heart of who we are and who we have been for over 175 years... Understanding and living these Core Values and the Thoroughbred Code means more than just an awareness of them. It means each of us taking responsibility for our own conduct at Norfolk Southern by acting in both a legal and ethical manner. Conduct drives reputation, and a company's reputation takes years to build but only seconds to lose. It is imperative we continue to work together to maintain our good name."

I am part of a large group of very concerned citizens here in Lancaster County, especially those whose homes are within walking distance of the site which it looks like is all but being rammed down their neighborhoods/respective throats. I met a good number of these people while fighting a \$100M, 600,000 square-foot streetscape

shopping center, “The Crossings at Conestoga Creek”, to be sited on a farm on Harrisburg Pike, across from Long’s Park. This shopping mall would abut the N.W. corner of Norfolk Southern Corporation’s proposed new switching yard. Our citizens group continues to meet over concerns for the relocation and expansion of Norfolk Southern Corporation’s switching yard as well as the proposed shopping center because of encroachment on nearby neighborhoods, remediation of the old city dump for its sale to F&M for exchange with NSC’s Dillerville rail yard, traffic congestion, exacerbated flooding, and the project partners withholding information especially about less costly safer alternate sites.

How the Problem Got Started: “Citizens gather signatures (2,196) opposing proposed “Crossings at Conestoga Creek” shopping center: it will add excessive traffic, lengthening commute time and creating more noise and air pollution. The center would cover the environment with roofs and blacktop, making the streams more likely to flood, and increase pollution. It will unnecessarily raise our taxes to enhance the infrastructure there. What might be a better use of this land, perhaps to enlarge Long’s Park or become a golf course? This land has the water, the Little Conestoga and two tributaries, and a mix of woods and fields. This area needs to soak up rain, to be a floodplain, to provide habitat for wild chicory, cattails, songbirds, a few deer and foxes, and open space for kids to explore, hunt for tadpoles...” * From postcard to be sent to the Manheim Township Commissioners, January 2008

The Problem Continues to Grow “Wall to Wall, From city to Route 741, Harrisburg Pike is being developed. Can flow on county’s second-most congested road be helped by a new shopping center? (Nov. 26, 2006)*: ‘This is a major thoroughfare going into the city,’ said Mayor Rick Gray. ‘Whether we want to congest it even more is the question’... Including The Crossings at Conestoga Creek, some \$270 million in new building or expansions are in the works along Harrisburg Pike: Physician’s Surgery Center, Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital, Woodcrest Villa, \$5 million expansion at Park City Center, R. R. Donnelley & Sons’ 97,000 square foot expansion, Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority complex expansion and major renovations, Lancaster Arts Hotel, College Row’s 200,000 square-foot-mix of retail, residential and commercial space...”

“Lancaster County’s 2005 Management Systems Report, a 132-page summary of the county’s traffic situation named Harrisburg Pike the most congested corridor in the county, after Route 741. And the situation has worsened considerably since 2003, when Harrisburg Pike was ‘only’ the fourth-most-congested roadway in the county...”

*Smart, Gil, Associate Editor, Sunday News, (Nov. 26, 2006) “Wall to Wall”

NOW WHAT? Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSW) Purchases its Predecessor’s Dump in 2002. Remediation begins in preparation for sale to F&M for eventual “Land Swap” with Norfolk Southern for expanded switching yard:

The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority purchased the 75-acre parcel in 2002 to protect itself from liability and to control use of the property. The property, owned by its predecessor, was originally a brickyard turned dump/brown-field containing hazardous materials. The dump was closed down in 1962, more about this later.

- Lori Van Ingen, Intelligencer Journal Staff, (Feb. 20, 2007) “Land Swap draws fire. Residents oppose rail-yard plan.”

Contamination Concerns:

California Environmental Protection Agency Resources Board: “Health Risk Assessment for the Union Pacific Railroad Commerce Rail Yard”, Stationary Source Division (Nov. 2, 2007):

In this California study, they stated the individuals at greatest risk were children under the age of eighteen, and adults over the age of sixty-five. What struck, offended and concerned me initially about the new rail yard site was the very close proximity of sensitive public places! These facilities include: The Women’s and Babies Hospital, Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital, Hospice of Lancaster County, The Health Campus, two day-care centers, three elementary schools, Country Day School (Pre-K through 12th), Mennonite Home Communities (nine-hundred residents), Park City Center (one-hundred-eighty stores), and Long’s Park (our premier park with an amphitheater that hosts several thousand people every Sunday evening all summer long).

Concentric Circles, Where Are Our Most Vulnerable Citizens?

I purchased a new map of Lancaster City and drew a one-mile radius with the Norfolk Southern Corporation proposed switching yard at the epicenter. I then drew additional radii at ½ mile intervals, up to 3 ½ miles. Initially highlighting public elementary and secondary schools on the map to get a better grasp of what was out there, the list of impacted facilities grew. It expanded even more upon researching the 2009-2010 *Yellowbook* for daycare, care for disabled infants and children, after-school programs, private schools, and religious schools. It grew longer still with services for the elderly: retirement communities, senior centers and fitness centers, adult day care, assisted living, nursing homes. Kept as completely separate entities were hospitals and out-patient-services; lastly parks and open spaces.

Totals: Over 75% of the ninety-three (93) facilities are downwind of the existing and proposed rail yards; see complete lists of facilities at the end of this document under the appendix.

Because NSC’s present location, The Dillerville Rail yard, and the proposed site on the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority’s contaminated former dump are within 3 ½-4 miles of the heart of downtown Lancaster, a lot of sites are/will be adversely impacted both during remediation of the dump, when the rail-yard(s) are in operation, or a toxic spill.

From my rough calculations, within a 3½-mile radius, there are ninety-three facilities for children and the elderly, with over 75% downwind of the rail yard. The ninety-three facilities do not include any post-secondary schooling because those persons are generally over the age of eighteen years.

A Quick Look at Which Facilities Fall Within the One-through-Three-and-a-half Mile Radii:

	1-Mile	1½-Mile	2-Mile	2½-Mile	3-Mile	3½-Mile	Totals
Pre-school							
Day-Care	2	0	4	2	6	0	14
Special							
Education	0	0	2	1	1	0	4
Elementary							
Secondary	3	2	18	8	14	3	48
Education							
After-School							
Care		1	1				2
Senior							
Centers &							
Clubs	0	1	1	2	0	0	4
Assisted-							
Living &							
Boarding							
Homes	0	2	1	0	0	2	5
Nursing Homes							
& Retirement							
Communities	1	0	6	3	0	5	16
TOTAL:							
CHILDREN:	5	3	25	11	21	3	68
TOTAL:							
ELDERLY:	2	3	8	5	0	7	25
TOTAL:							93

The Following Entities Are Not Included With the Above Facilities for Children and the Elderly:

Out-patient Services

& Hospitals * ** ***

*Within 1 mile:

- ❑ Women's and Babies' Hospital
- ❑ Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital
- ❑ Out-patient Surgery Center
- ❑ Hospice of Lancaster County

**Within 1 ½-2 mile radius, Lancaster General Hospital Corporation’s Health Campus:

- Physicians: 214
- Practices: 45
- Orthopedic Clinical Services: 32

**Lancaster Regional Medical Center, 1½ miles

***Lancaster General Hospital, 2 miles

Post-secondary Education

- F&M and the Lancaster Theological Seminary, 1½ miles
 - Pennsylvania College of Art and Design, 1½ miles
 - Pennsylvania Academy of Music, 1½ miles
 - Lancaster Bible College, 3 miles
 - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, 3 miles
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Parks

Open Space

Recreation	3	2	5	1	1	3	15
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The American Lung Association in their “State of the Air 2009” report presents the following data for Lancaster County:

- High Ozone Days 2005-2007

Orange	red	purple	weight average	grade
45	1	0	15.5	Fail

- Particle Pollution Days 2005-2007

24-hour					
Orange	red	purple	weight average	design value	pass/fail
16	0	0	5.3	15.9	Fail

- At-Risk Groups 2005-2007

Total Population	Under 18	65 and Over
398,465	125,753	71,955

- Lung Diseases

<u>Pediatric</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Chronic</u>	<u>Emphysema</u>
<u>Asthma</u>	<u>Asthma</u>	<u>Bronchitis</u>	
11,432	34,753	13,025	6,767

- Cardio Vascular Diabetes

<u>Disease</u>	
141,433	30,724

July 2009 Air-Sample During LCSWA Brickyard Dump Remediation Shows “Friable Asbestos”; RESULTS DENIED:

- In July 2009 an air-sample taken during the remediation process at the LCSWA’s dump site showed “friable asbestos”. The results are being denied. This has been a very major concern for neighbors from the very beginning. The unlined dump contains debris from the demolition of old structures in Lancaster City, asbestos from the Armstrong Corporation, and other toxic substances. Operation of this dump ended in 1962+, not 1955 as citizens were led to believe.
- LCSWA is trucking the debris from the Brickyard dump to Landfill RD2, Conestoga.

Groundwater Contamination On Old Dump Site and Escalating Floods Threaten Local Environment and the Chesapeake Bay:

The groundwater on the site is contaminated but as of now there are no plans for any groundwater remediation. The Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWA) purchased the seventy-five acres of open and forested land in 2002 to protect itself from liability and to control use of the property, formerly known as the Lancaster Brickyard.

*Crabbe, Ad, Outdoor Trails, Lancaster New Era (June 2, 2009), “Grand rebirth of a dump. It could have continued as an old sealed-off dump, closed to public access.”

Public Concern Escalates as Project Partners Refuse to Release Studies, Data on Other Site Locations:

The public’s concern about friable contamination, unsafe living conditions has only escalated because the project partners, Franklin & Marshall College (F&M), Lancaster General Hospital, High Corporation, and the Lancaster Solid Waste Management Authority, and unfortunately also Norfolk Southern Corporation have refused to release studies, data, other site locations. The local press has been covering these concerns, but until legal pressure had been brought to bear by a large group of involved Lancaster residents, TRRAAC, nothing was forthcoming.

Request for Information Denied:

- The Rail Road Action and Advisory Committee (TRRAAC) has requested Norfolk Southern Pennsylvania Officials for the original expansion plans which did not include moving the old dump. This was and continues to be denied.
- TRRAAC has approached the project partners and local government officials requesting an independent study of equally good sites that do not require re-mediating a toxic waste site; this has been denied.

- **TRAACC has also requested and was granted copies of: the economic impact analysis, environmental impact studies including noise and air quality, and a \$700,000 Penn DOT study.**

*TRRAAC, “The Rail Road Action and Advisory Committee”, see also CAARRT, “Community Activists Against Rail Road Transgressions”

Shifting the Financial Burden from F&M and the Project Partners to Pennsylvania Taxpayers:

- TRAACC has stated Lancaster taxpayers are being asked for \$32 million for dump remediation to relocate the railroad yard enabling F&M to expand their campus, and Lancaster General to relocate their School of Nursing to the present Dillerville rail yard. TRAACC firmly believes alternate sites would cost far less, not endanger public health and safety while providing F&M and LGH the current Dillerville yard location.
- See also: Gillis, Dan (March 31, 2009) News Update pg. 1-5: “Letter to Norfolk Southern”, a letter to Mr. H. Craig Lewis, Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, Norfolk Southern Corporation, 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. SEE Complete text in the Appendix
- Two-million-dollars from Pennsylvania’s “Growing Greener” fund is being paid to LCSWA to cover their tipping fees to truck the contents from the old unlined Brickyard dump to Landfill RD2, Conestoga.
*Umble, Chad, New Era Staff Writer, Lancaster PA (Sept. 14, 2007)
“Senate OK’s \$2M for road work for shopping center”
- “Stimulus grant eyed for Harrisburg Pike Improvements. \$50-to-\$100M sought for congested 5-mile stretch”
*Bernard Harris, Staff Writer, Lancaster New Era (June 10, 2009)

Flooding Past and Present as Evidenced By:

- One-hundred-year flooding three-to-four times a year on Swarr Run and the Little Conestoga for approximately the past ten years: Bordering the northwestern edge of the LCSWA seventy-five acre “Brickyard Dump” is the Deisley/Swarr-Harnish farm. Swarr Run forms the eastern and southern boundary of the Deisley farm, the Little Conestoga Creek the western. There has been one-hundred-year flooding three to four times a year on both these waterways. Directly impacted are the home of Dori Dianna and Michael Stephenson across from the S. W. corner of the Deisley farm, and the Ashley homes and gristmill north of the confluence.
- From my personal observations/site visit to Dori Dianna and Michael Stephenson’s home, 1101 Farmingdale Road, their house sits on a twenty-foot rise, approximately seventy-five feet from the south bank of Swarr Run. The eastern portion of their land

is covered with naturalized shoulder-high shrubs and grasses amongst mature trees. To the northwest of them is a detention basin, constructed when Rte. 30 was widened. The basin has never held any water during storms, but has been a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Early in the Manheim Township Commissioners' hearings, Ms. Dianna and Mr. Stephenson provided photographic evidence and testimony as to the extensive flooding of their property. Photos showed their one-story shed almost completely immersed in muddy water and lapping at the entry doors of their home.

- Basement Foundation Wall Collapses: Several years ago during one of the floods, the elder Ashley's back basement foundation wall collapsed and had to be rebuilt.
- Marietta Ave. Bridge over the Little Conestoga closed several times a year due to flooding: areas immediately downstream including the Marietta Ave. bridge, and persons in Manor and Lancaster Townships living along the Little Conestoga, also contend with these same one-hundred-year floods for the past ten years per testimony at the Manheim Township Commissioners' hearings.
- Arthur O'Connor, a retired engineer who knows the precise boundaries of the 100-year-flood plain on his property, said flooding is bad and believes it will get worse. He said he was told to plant trees and shrubs behind his home to serve as a buffer. He did that but subsequent floodwaters ripped them all out.

Flooding, Contributing Factors:

- Park City Center, Lancaster County's largest indoor shopping center is located directly across Harrisburg Pike and upstream from the Ashley property and the Mennonite Home. Park City has approximately one-hundred-and-eighty stores. It was built in 1966 before laws required the mitigation of storm water runoff therefore it is a major contributor to the flooding on the Little Conestoga Creek and its confluence with Swarr Run.
- I joined Mr. Eric Ashley, a civil engineer, for a site visit to his property where he explained the following. On the Rte. 30, S.E. corner of his property there are two contiguous bridges over the Little Conestoga. The first bridge is over the streambed, the second provides for overflow during floods. As part of the construction of the second bridge, the ground was covered with 8-12 inch river rock. Most of those rocks are now almost covered with silt secondarily to flooding and water backup.
- Mr. Ashley further explained below his property the NSC bridge acts like a "bottleneck". The bridge sits ½ mile south of the Rte 30 bridges six-hundred-feet below the confluence of the Little Conestoga and Swarr Run. He stated the narrow base of the bridge acts as a "bottleneck", trapping floodwaters behind it aggravating the floods on his property.

- Mr. Ashley spoke with and presented photos of the flooding on his family’s property to the Manheim Township Commissioners during the hearing process.
- Crossings Developer, High Family Partnership, proposes to infill the 100-year floodplain by 4.5 acres. The “Crossings at Conestoga Creek”, the \$100 million, 650,000 square-foot, streetscape shopping center was proposed spring 2006 for the ninety-acre Deisley farm across Harrisburg Pike from the eighty-acre Long’s Park. “The Crossings” would be the second-largest retail space in Lancaster County, Park City Center being the largest. (This doesn’t include the retail outlets on the eastern side of Lancaster along Rte. 30.) On Jan. 12, 2009 the Manheim Township Board of Commissioners voted 3-2, approving High’s preliminary storm-water runoff plan for the center. Those in favor were: Carol Simpson, Larry Downing, Michael Flannagan; opposed: Nancy Keebler, and Rick Casselberry. Bill Cluck, attorney for the opposition, believes the plan violates the township’s storm-water ordinance. The plan calls for infilling 4.5 acres of the 100-year floodplain. “A plan for the site, with a 6-acre floodplain deficit, was defeated by the commissioners in a 3-2 vote in Sept. 2008 with Flannagan joining the nays.”

*Alexander, Larry, Staff Writer, Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, PA (Jan. 13, 2009) “Runoff plan approved for Crossings in Manheim Township”

- If the LCSWA property becomes the new switching yard, a retaining wall is being proposed for the east bank of Swarr Run along with the removal of a stand of mature trees; both would aggravate the already serious flooding issues of Swarr Run and the Little Conestoga.

OPEN SPACE PARKS RECREATION

1-mile radius (x3)

1. Long’s Park, premier park of Lancaster County: Deeded to City of Lancaster by Judge Long and his daughter in the 1930’s. The forty-acre park is landlocked by Rte. 30 on west, Amtrak line to the north, Harrisburg Pike south, R.R. Donnelley on east. Every May wafting scents of chicken grilling open the summer season with the Sertoma Club’s massive barbecue fundraiser for the park’s maintenance. Concerts blossom every Sunday evening all summer long from the large band shell, attendance averaging several thousand. Former Mayor Charlie Smithgall’s cannon collection provides the percussion for each July 4th rendition of the 1812 Overture as the fireworks commence. There’s a major juried art and craft show Labor Day weekend, and each winter holiday lights sparkle along the lanes for Hospice’s Festival of Lights fundraiser. The open fields are either filled with masses of cars during concerts, or with people enjoying the music, picnicking, chasing their kids, feeding ducks (well, we used to be allowed), gawking at Christmas lights...Long’s Park Amphitheater Foundation, Phone 717-735-8888, Web site <http://www.longspark.org/about.html>

2. Country Day Schools Athletic Fields: sits on the NE corner of School Lane Hills, probably the oldest and most prestigious neighborhoods of the City of Lancaster. Lancaster Country Day School is a private school for children pre-K through 12th grades. There were 535 students and 77 part and full-time staff in the 2008-2009 school year. Lancaster Country Day School, 725 Hamilton Rd., Lancaster, PA 17603 Phone: 717-392-2916
3. The Farmingdale Trail Complex, a portion of the former 75-acre “Brickyard Dump” purchased in 2002 by LCSWA:

“James Warner, executive director of the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority ‘We just decided this would be a terrific thing for the community and a great way to turn otherwise unusable land into something for everyone’s enjoyment. The Farmingdale Trail Complex will be ready for public use later this summer (2009). There will be 2.5 miles of three multi-use loop trails, meandering through woods, a wildflower meadow, a picnic area along the Little Conestoga Creek, an arboretum, even a field that will slowly be allowed to revert back into a forest.’ ”

* Crable, Ad, “Outdoor Trails” (June 2, 2009) writer, Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster, PA, “Grand rebirth of a dump”, pg. C3

(I’m amazed! It’s hard enough to get local parks and recreation boards/commissioners to find new park space, and out of the blue LCSWA just “decides to do this”, incredible! The southeast border of this new trail complex abuts Norfolk Southern’s rail line into the proposed switching yard, separated by a narrow conifer buffer, my observation from the photo provided in the newspaper clipping “Grand rebirth of a dump”. My comments in parentheses/ Joan Hawkins)

Parks and Public Spaces:

1½-mile radius (x1)

- Buchanan Park and the North Museum; S. E. corner F&M campus

2-mile radius (x3)

- Clipper Magazine Baseball Stadium; North Prince Street, Lancaster, PA
- Rails-to Trails Linear Park; from Harrisburg Pike to Lemon Street, Lancaster, PA
- Musser Park, site of the Lancaster Gallery of Art

2½-mile radius (x3)

- Lancaster Community Park, City of Lancaster
- Conestoga Country Club, City of Lancaster
- Overlook Golf Course and Municipal Park, Manheim Township

3-mile radius (x1)

- Landis Woods, Manheim Township

3½-mile radius (x5)

- Lancaster County Central Park, the Conestoga River runs through it
- Media Heights Country Club (adjacent to Lancaster County Central Park)
- D. F. Buchmiller County Park (across South Prince Street from Media Heights Country Club), Conestoga River forms the western border
- Conestoga Pines Park, Conestoga River is the western border
- Lancaster Country Club, bordered on east by Conestoga River

Major Shopping Center in Close Proximity:

- Park City Center, Lancaster, 1 mile
- Granite Run, Lancaster, 1 ½ miles
- K-Mart Shopping Center, Fruitville Pike, Lancaster, 1 ½ miles
- Red Rose Commons, Fruitville Pike, Lancaster, 1 ½ miles
- Downtown Lancaster, 2 ½ miles

“End-Runs” and Conflict Around the National Registry of Historic Places:

- The Lancaster Dillerville Rail Yard is part of the National Registry of Historic Places as “Historic Pennsylvania Rail Road Main Line”. The Bureau for Historic Preservation/The Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office, PMHC, was asked to review the implications of the site change of the Norfolk Southern switching yard to the Lancaster rail yard. The State Historic Preservation Office’s response said it would adversely impact the Lancaster rail yard. After this initial response, at the behest of Norfolk Southern, Penn Dot changed its recommendation, and requested the PHMC reverse its determination of adverse effect, which PHMC then did.
- In early 2006 “The Crossings at Conestoga Creek” was proposed for the Deisley/Swarr-Harnish farm. Upset by the prospect I started collecting signatures opposing the shopping center. Opposition continued to mount and I joined with other concerned citizens and we have collected two-thousand-one-hundred-and-ninety-six (2,196) signatures against the shopping center, preferring to see it purchased and set aside for park/open space.
- It is the opinion of The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office/PHMC) “that the Swarr-Harnish Farm is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The farm is a very good example of an agricultural resource that represents farming practices as evolved through the 19th century to the early 20th century. The property contains significant agricultural outbuildings and field patterns. It reflects architectural styles and forms typical of this period and retains integrity.” From a letter dated September 27, 2007 by Andrea L. MacDonald, Chief, Division of Preservation Services; Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0093, Web site: www.phmc.state.pa.us

To Elizabeth Roman, RETTEW, 3020 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603
Re: ER 05-2827-071-C
COE: Crossings at Conestoga Creek (Formerly Deisley Tract Development),
Manheim Twp., Lancaster Co

- Between the Mennonite Home and the Deisley farm is the homestead of Mr. Harry Ashley and his wife Barbara. Their son Eric, a civil engineer, lives in the original farmhouse with his wife and children. Mr. Harry Ashley raises chickens with Eric's help. The property was the childhood home of Mrs. Barbara Ashley. Mrs. Ashley father died at a young age and to keep her young family together, Mrs. Ashley's mother converted the historic stone gristmill to a tobacco barn to dry tobacco. The family shared the following. "In 1966 Archeological & Historical Consultants, Inc. from Centre Hall PA conducted an archeological dig on their property in preparation for the expansion of Rte. 30. The Ashleys decided to keep six of the artifacts found on their property; the family then granted permission for the remainder to be sent to the state museum in Harrisburg. The items range from 19th century pottery shards to very old quartz and jasper native-American projectile points.
- The Ashley family has been told to apply to place their gristmill and millrace on the National Registry of Historic Places. In order to do so, any restorative work done to the mill must meet certain costly standards: the roof must be slate, and the inner workings of the mill should be there. (These were removed during its conversion to dry tobacco.)

PLACE, On a Lighter Note:

- "When you focus on a place, you do everything differently."
- "When you design your community around cars you get more cars!"
- "Conversely, if you design around people, you will get more people. So, provide lots of comfortable outdoor seating!" * www.PPS.org Making Places Newsletter
- "Eleven Principals for Creating Space": the citizenry are the experts; you are creating a "place" not just a design... * from Wm. Hally (H.) Whyte, *The Social Life of Small Urban Spaces*
- *Why the Garden Club Couldn't Save Youngstown*, book
- *Converging Ideas Around Place*, book

IN CONCLUSION:

I invite and urge you, Mr. Moorman, as President of Norfolk Southern, to meet with the citizens of our community, especially all the members of CAARRT. Norfolk Southern Corporation honors safety as its highest priority, is committed to quality, competitive pricing and reasonable return on investment. Your Corporation believes in the highest standard of fair and dignified treatment with equal opportunity at every level for your employees as your most valuable asset. Your Corporation is firmly committed to your responsibility to your stockholders, customers, employees and the communities you serve. Therefore please actively listen to our concerns for the safety of our families, homes, the property values of our homes and communities. We are concerned for the viability and appeal of our area so long-time residents, newer as well as established workers will find this a good place to raise their families and not be turned away or turned off by what they find here. Please be open to the concerns of all our citizens, as well as the heads of our local corporations, institutions and governing bodies. Let us explain our positions as citizens. Hear our recommendations and together let us seek and decide upon safer alternate locations for the expanded switching yard where:

- The rail yard will be located in an “Industrial Zoned Area” away from family homes and apartments, daycare services and schools from pre-school through secondary education, senior centers and senior daycare, nursing homes, assisted living and retirement living, hospitals, open spaces for parks and recreation, athletic fields, shopping centers...the minimum of ninety-three-plus facilities so far identified within a 3 ½ mile radius of the currently proposed new and expanded site for the switching yard.
- And the campus of Franklin and Marshall College and Lancaster General Hospital’s new School of Nursing could still expand upon the former Armstrong World Industry’s property and the eastern-most portion of Norfolk Southern Corporation’s existing Dillerville Rail Yard.

Mr. Moorman, I sincerely hope you can assist us with resolving these dilemmas.

Respectfully,

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