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Dear Pam:

The State College Borough Water Authority Board (SCBWA) would like to thank you for taking the time to provide an update on the Whitehall Road Regional Park (WRRP) at our Board meeting on April 19, 2018. As I'm certain you are now aware that the SCBWA Board is very concerned about the direction the WRRP development seems to be headed in. As you pointed out, the master plan depicts a park that will be primarily developed for action sports and not passive recreation. SCBWA has long been under the impression that this land was purchased for the purpose of creating a passive, natural park for users to enjoy nature. This land was purchased during the same time frame that SCBWA purchased an adjacent tract of land for the purpose of creating open green space while working to protect the Harter and Thomas Wellfields that are situated down gradient of the land. As noted in the SCBWA deed, the intent has been to encourage passive uses.

The SCBWA understands that the land was purchased prior to you becoming the Director of Parks and Recreation and therefore you don't have much history concerning the land purchases. The SCBWA would, however, like to have the opportunity to discuss the original intent of the land purchase with you. I'm hopeful the Board sufficiently expressed their concerns for the current master plan for the WRRP.

SCBWA recognizes that there was an apparent breakdown in communication between the two Authorities as the WRRP master plan evolved and would welcome the opportunity to re-establish those lines of communication and be afforded the time to comment on the master plan. Thank you for your time and commitment to the Centre Region.

Respectfully,

Brian C. Heiser

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Interim Executive Director