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Morris Canal Working Group Stakeholders,

**July 30<sup>th</sup> Working Group Meeting Minutes & Maps**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the July 30<sup>th</sup> Morris Canal Working Group meeting held in Branch Brook Park. Please be advised meeting minutes and maps from this meeting are now available online for download from the project website, [www.MorrisCanalGreenway.org](http://www.MorrisCanalGreenway.org). The meeting minutes can be found under the "Morris Canal Working Group" tab and maps utilized for the municipal breakouts exercise can be found under the "About the Canal" tab. If anyone is interested in larger sized maps, please contact me for assistance. The presentation by the featured speaker, Peter Dolan of the NY/NJ Trails Conference is also now posted online under the "Morris Canal Working Group" tab as well.

**Committee(s) Volunteer Deadline Sept. 5**

Two new committees have been created to respond to the needs of this project; Education, Events & Marketing Committee and the Planning & Implementation Committee. These two committees were announced at the July 30<sup>th</sup> Working Group meeting. The deadline to volunteer to serve on one of two newly formed committees is September 5<sup>th</sup>. Below is a short description of each committee, while more detail is available from the July 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Please contact Ted Ritter (Email: [tritter@njtpa.org](mailto:tritter@njtpa.org)) or one of the interim co-chairs for more information on the Education, Events & Marketing Committee and please contact me or one of the interim co-chairs for more information on the Planning & Implementation Committee.

Education, Events & Marketing Committee Purpose:

The Education, Events & Marketing Committee supports implementation of Morris Canal Greenway vision. It seeks to raise awareness of this historic, educational and recreational resource across the state and serves as a forum on how to promote the Morris Canal Greenway and related events through effective marketing, branding and messaging efforts. The committee also will address tourism, education and economic development issues. It also will help identify key opportunities to increase stakeholder involvement in promoting the greenway through such avenues as professional conferences and awards programs, as well as informal avenues such as history fairs and charity events. It will actively seek to engage the public and new stakeholders in order to build broad-based support for the Morris Canal Greenway vision.

*One of the first projects the committee will be development of a communications strategy.*

Interim Co-Chair: Andrea Proctor, DEP Parks & Forestry Waterloo Village (Email: [waterlooris@gmail.com](mailto:waterlooris@gmail.com))  
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Planning & Implementation Committee Purpose:

The Planning & Implementation Committee supports advancement of the Morris Canal Greenway vision and goal: to preserve, to the greatest extent possible, the former Morris Canal right-of-way, for conversion into a public greenway. This committee serves as a forum on technical issues such as funding, permitting, access and coordination with other regional plans/trails in order to help advance the vision. This includes raising concerns that are critical to planning and implementing the Morris Canal Greenway across the region.

Interim Co-Chair: Elizabeth Roy, Warren County Planning (Email: [erov@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:erov@co.warren.nj.us))  
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**Upcoming Stakeholder Events**

Three Morris Canal hikes are coming up. Two are sponsored by Passaic County on September 14<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> and one is sponsored by the Bloomfield Morris Canal Committee on November 8<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to have your event featured on the project website, please contact Ted Ritter at NJTPA (Email: [tritter@njtpa.org](mailto:tritter@njtpa.org)) for more information.

The next working group meeting is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

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