



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Re: Engineering Survey for the Canal Towpath Restoration Project
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER

Dear Resident along the Canal,

Montgomery County is proceeding with the restoration of a portion of the Schuylkill Canal between Longford Road and Lock 60 in Mont Clare and with the restoration of the existing Towpath between Longford Road and Route 29. This project is in line with the Township and County's plans for the preservation of the Canal facility and future use of the Canal Towpath for a part of the Schuylkill River Trail system.

County employees or our consultants or contractors may need to enter your property in order to conduct surveys, engineering studies, and soil exploration as needed to gather information for the project. **Field surveys could start as early as March 10, 2008 weather permitting.** It is anticipated that the majority of the field survey efforts will take place along the Towpath, in the canal, and along the embankment on the property owner side of the canal.

This notice will be combined with a posting of a schedule on the Montgomery County web site at www.trails.montcopa.org/SchuylkillRiverTrail for your convenience. Much of the survey work will be done from the canal water area, only. Should anyone need to enter your property from the street or the canal, they will notify you personally, if possible, prior to any entry. **Please be assured that our entry to conduct these studies DOES NOT MEAN that your property has been selected for acquisition.**

Our studies will be performed as courteously and as quickly as possible. Our employees or agents will correct any disturbances to your property upon completion of their work.

Should you have any concerns about this phase of the project, please contact David Clifford at dcliffor@montcopa.org or 610-278-3887; or feel free to discuss any concerns with on-site personnel. It would help us if you could give us your phone number and an email address for future reference, please send this information via email.

We appreciate your cooperation and assistance in our task of planning and designing this project.

Sincerely,
David Clifford
Open Space Planning

Cc: Steve Nelson, Asst. Chief Oper. Ofc., Cty of Mont.
Ron Ahlbrandt, Dir. of Parks and Heritage Services
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