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**For Immediate Release: SCA Invites the Community to Public Meetings**

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**Public Meetings to be Held Concerning the Schuylkill River and Schuylkill Canal Areas in Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County.**

The Schuylkill Canal Association invites its members, neighbors and all interested parties to attend two public meetings that will provide information and an opportunity for the general public to comment on the future use of the Schuylkill Canal and Schuylkill River areas in Upper Providence Township. Both meetings will be conducted by the Upper Providence Township Board of Supervisors and will be held on two separate Monday evenings, beginning at 7 PM in the Township Hall located at 1301 Black Rock Road, Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County.

The first of the two meetings will be held on Monday, April 17, 2006, regarding the ownership, management, funding and programming of the Schuylkill River Greenway, Schuylkill River Trail, and Schuylkill Canal Areas of Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County. Kise, Straw and Kolodner together with Urban Partners, consultants from Philadelphia, will present to the general public the process followed that produced a Memorandum of Understanding that is the outcome of the Schuylkill Canal Area Ownership and Management Plan. The steering committee that consists of representation from Upper Providence Township, Montgomery County, the Schuylkill Canal Association, and the Schuylkill River Heritage Area have worked on this plan over the past 18 months and welcome the public to express opinions concerning this matter.

The second meeting will be held on Monday, May 15, 2006, regarding the Schuylkill River Trail Extension that will be constructed by Montgomery County. Montgomery County's Planning Commission will present the plans to the first phase of the trail extension that is proposed to follow the Schuylkill River from Oaks to the end of the Schuylkill Canal in Port Providence. At that point the trail will become a "Share the Road" trail until the second phase of the project is implemented in future years. Displays will be available for review; the public is welcome to express opinions concerning this matter as well.

A complete copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is on file and available for review at the Township Administration Office, 1286 Black Rock Road, Oaks, PA, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A copy of the MOU and the Schuylkill River Trail Feasibility Study completed in 2004 is available for review in the Locktender's House at Lock 60 in Mont Clare, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Any individuals requiring assistance should call the Township Office at 610-933-9179. If more information or directions are needed, please contact either Upper Providence Township at 610-933-9179 or the Schuylkill Canal Association at 610-917-0021 and [info@schuylkillcanal.com](mailto:info@schuylkillcanal.com).