

# MEETING

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Lackawanna River Greenway and Misty Ridge Residential Development

The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy (LVC) and the Lackawanna River Corridor Association (LRCA) will hold a public meeting to gather comments concerning the

“Reclamation of Coal Mine wastes and the redevelopment of the Old Forge Colliery site adjacent to Howard Street and the Lackawanna River in Old Forge.”

We are Collaborating on the reclamation and redevelopment of this site to create eight acres of river greenway and ‘Misty Ridge’ a planned 55 plus age preferred residential community of town-homes and apartments.

*We welcome your participation and your comments. Please join us at:*

The Old Forge Borough Building

On Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.

The Lackawanna Valley Conservancy is developing an analysis of alternative reclamation strategies for this site as part of a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Reclamation Grant to reclaim portions of this property and restore it to productive use. You are invited to attend the meeting to express any comments you have about the project. Misty Ridge is located near Forge and Howard Streets in Old Forge Borough. The developer, JMG Construction, intends to build an age preferred 55 plus housing development at this location, including green space and walking trails along the Lackawanna River.

For additional information please contact the Conservancy at:

570-347-6311 or e-mail to: [director@lrca.org](mailto:director@lrca.org)

# Lackawanna River Greenway

## Misty Ridge Development

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The LVC has developed three alternative Clean Up scenarios as alternatives to be considered in the context of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for this US EPA “BROWNFIELDS Cleanup Program” funded project. The alternatives are being analyzed on the basis of environmental and cultural appropriateness to the site, economic feasibility, and community support.

The alternatives are analyzed further in an ABCA document available at this meeting or by request. Briefly they are as follows:

- A) No Build alternative: leave the site alone allow natural succession of soil accretion and vegetation to occur over time.
- B) Conduct a complete removal of ALL mining waste materials, regrade the topography to meet drainage and erosion control requirements, import new soils and hydroseed.
- C) Collaborate with neighboring property owner and conduct the Clean Up project jointly as part of a planned conservation / residential sub-division development.
  - Alternative A is recommended to be rejected since it does not meet community or landowner objectives for the site.
  - Alternative B is recommended to be rejected because it is not feasible on an economic or environmental basis.
  - Alternative C is being selected because it is feasible from an economic basis; it meets community and landowner objectives and is consistent with best management practice for reclamation and redevelopment of AML sites in Pennsylvania.

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FORGE STREET

BRIDGE STREET

HOWARD STREET

Property Line

RETENTION BASIN

SIDE OF MAINT. BLDG.

SIDE OF COMMUNITY BLDG.

SIDE OF GARAGE

Property Line