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FROM: Tom Brant, Executive Director, York County Parks and Natural Resources

RE: OPENING OF LAKESIDE EAST AS A COUNTY PARK
IN LOWER WINDSOR TOWNSHIP

Today, the 187-acre property formally known as Lakeside East, the County of York purchased from the Kohr Family in Lower Windsor Township, is opened for public use. 93 acres are designated as parkland with a 6' wide mowed trail transversing the property from north to south. June 4th, Lower Windsor Township Zoning Hearing Board approved the use of the property as a park within an agricultural zone. Therefore, the mowed trail serves the park users in accessing the property from three different trailheads. The trail is named the Native Lands Heritage Trail and is under the management of York County Department of Parks and Recreation.

The first trailhead (access) is located at Kline's Run Park (along Long Level Road and owned by the Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation) with parking, trash receptacles and portable toilet facilities. A second trailhead is the Lancaster-York Heritage Region Offices (along Long Level Road and known as the Zimmerman Center for Heritage) with limited parking and the third trailhead is off Bank Hill Road with no parking.

The trail also served for the relocation of the Mason-Dixon Trail from the Long Level Road onto the County's property from Bank Hill Road to Klines Run Park and coincides with the Native Lands Heritage Trail.

The park offers a mowed trail with many views of the Susquehanna River and other rural landscapes, bird watching, nature watching and as a historic significance as a remaining site of the Susquehanna Indians. The site is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. The trail is approximately 1.5 miles long. Future plans would entail the development of a Master Plan for the entire park.

For directions to the park, rules and regulations and a property map showing the trail and trailheads, please contact York County Parks at 717-840-7440 or visit www.yorkcountyparks.org and click Lakeside East. Park Rangers and the Lower Windsor Township Police Department monitor the Park rules and regulations. We promote Carry in Carry out, responsible trail etiquette and in the case of an emergency, call 911.

The County of York, York County Department of Parks and Recreation and Lower Windsor Township officials partnered together to provide another public space for the

community to enjoy the outdoors in a passive recreation environment. Highpoint Scenic Vista and Recreation Area also serves as a recreational county park within the township, as well as, the two properties are now linked by the Mason-Dixon Trail system.

We thank our many partners, as well, in bringing this recreational opportunity to the residents within our region.

A formal Opening Day program is being planned, later this fall, in collaboration with our partners and the York County Convention and Visitors Bureau's Susquehanna River weekend fall promotion series in September and early October.