

Mt. Gretna Campmeeting News



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WATER SUPPLY PROJECT UPDATE

The PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently approved the MGCA's Permit Application for the Campmeeting Water Storage Tank Replacement Project. The approval is essentially an "authorization to construct," and represents a significant project milestone. MGCA volunteers worked with our engineering firm, Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc. (HRG) to draft and submit the application to DEP.

Since our project won't have a significant environmental impact, the DEP also approved our request for a Categorical Exclusion. This exempts us from the requirement to provide a detailed environmental assessment and impact statement and will save time and money.

We are also in the final stages of preparing our application to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to obtain low-interest project financing. Because of its complex and technical nature, HRG is assisting us with that application as well. The deadline for the current application period is February 2nd, and the Board of Managers gave approval at its January meeting to commit to the loan if our application is approved. The PENNVEST financing would be structured like a construction loan in which a maximum loan amount is approved, funds are drawn as work progresses, and interest is only paid on the amount actually drawn.

We'll provide additional updates as the project moves forward.