

Flowage Preservation Alliance

January 12, 2014

January 2, 2014, was a big day for the Flowage.

The County Zoning Committee met in a special hearing at 9 am, to consider an amendment returning the Flowage dam Flood Shadow back into the County's Floodplain Ordinance. There was strong representation at the Hearing by Flowage members, many of whom had written letters supporting this Ordinance. Karl Jennrich, Rich Ruffalo, and Bob Senechalle spoke on behalf of the amendment. The passage of this amendment will result in the reduction in the hazard rating of our Dam from High to Low hazard.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Zoning Committee voted unanimously to have the amendment approved by the full County Board. The amendment now moves to full County Board consideration at the January 28, 2014 County Board Meeting at 9 a.m. This is a very important issue for the preservation of the Flowage and we ask all members and their friends who can attend this key meeting to please come and demonstrate support for County Board passage. We need to stress how important attendance at this full County Board meeting will be - we just cannot take it for granted that the Board will pass the ordinance, and we need to defend our position.

Any questions about the meeting could be addressed to Rich Ruffalo or Clancy and Bob Senechalle.

Also on January 2nd, the Lake District Petition was formally presented to the Town Board. The Town has set a date for the Lake District Hearing which will be February 1, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the Conover Center. Those of you who are Lake District property owners have already received formal notice of this hearing. Anyone who can do so is also encouraged to attend the public hearing in Conover, and show further support for the formation of the Lake District.

Thanks to everyone for their overwhelming support of efforts to form the District and save the Flowage. See you at the meetings!

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