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Allegheny Energy donates funds to education center

Hagerstown, Md., January 24, 2000 – Allegheny Energy, through its Environmental Stewardship Team, has donated funds to help complete an Environmental Education Center in Allegheny County, Pa.

Pennsylvania State Senator Tim Murphy (R-37) requested Allegheny Energy’s participation in the development of the regional center where students at every level can study the mechanics of the environment through interactive displays.

The center will be located on 500 acres bordering Chartiers Creek in Upper St. Clair Township adjacent to Mayview State Hospital. It features a creek-side habitat, exposed shale cliffs, tributary valleys, wetlands, large upland fields, and woodlands.

“The generous donation from Allegheny Energy has helped us move from the planning stage to implementation of the Environmental Education Center,” said Matthew J. Campion, District Office Director for Senator Murphy.

Creators envision the center as a place of learning for every educational level. Through experiments, lectures, and tours, patrons will be able to learn about their surroundings and discover ways that industry can have a positive effect on the environment.

“Allegheny Energy is extremely pleased to donate funds to help complete this outstanding project and to support the efforts of Senator Murphy and his vision for the Environmental Education Center,” said Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management.

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