



Borough of Chambersburg

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHAMBERSBURG HIRES FLOCKWORKS GOAT GRAZING TO CLEAR OVERGROWN LAND ALONG CONOCOCHIEGUE CREEK AND RAIL TRAIL

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On March 27, 2023, Town Council hired FlockWorks, Orrstown, PA, to provide guided goat grazing to clear overgrown land along the banks of the Conococheague Creek adjacent to the Rail Trail between West King Street and Commerce Street for a cost not to exceed \$5,651.58. The Borough Storm Sewer Utility will fund this project along with the Chambersburg Rail Trail Stormwater Management Project, which will be completed later this year with support from a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

Starting in early May 2023, FlockWorks will fence and sign areas along the banks of the Conococheague Creek where goats will graze, starting south of Commerce Street and then moving towards West King Street. FlockWorks will be responsible for maintaining and monitoring the areas where goats graze. Please see below goat rules provided by FlockWorks. You can learn more about FlockWorks by visiting their website at <https://www.flockworks.us/>.

KEEP dogs away. The fence is electric and the goats, as prey animals, need to feel safe. Do NOT allow any dogs, even lap-sized dogs, to chase the goats or even patrol the fence. Do NOT feed the goats. Their job is to eat the vegetation in the managed area. No feeding of anything at any time. Do NOT add any plants! Many yard plants are poisonous to goats! Do NOT touch the fence! Again, electric fence. Painful. Know that the area is monitored, using more than one method. You may see a camera or two, but there is more than meets the eye.

Town Council approved FlockWorks goat grazing as an effective way to clear overgrown land along the Conococheague Creek and to provide an interesting and educational viewing experience for people that use the Rail Trail. As part of the proposed improvements, the Borough plans to re-vegetate/re-plant trees along the embankments of the Conococheague Creek. We encourage you to take a walk on the Rail Trail to check out the goats and to contact Andy Stottlemeyer, Storm Sewer System Manager, at 717-251-2434 or astottlemeyer@chambersburgpa.gov, if you have questions about the Storm Sewer Utility.

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Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality providing electric and gas to residents and businesses. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate multiple generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 1,000 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 60 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater. Chambersburg has a famous Aquatic Center as well. Chambersburg, the County Seat of Franklin County, currently has 20,832 residents (2020).