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**Tear-off this form and mail it to:**

Attention: Canonsburg Lake Committee  
Washington County Watershed Alliance  
100 Beau Street, Suite 105  
Washington, PA 15301

HOW TO CONTACT STATE AND  
LOCAL OFFICIALS TO  
“SAVE CANONSBURG LAKE”

U.S. Senate

Arlen Specter  
711 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-4254

Robert Casey, Jr.,  
120 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
412-562-0533 or 1-866-802-2833

U.S. House of Representatives

12th district John Murtha  
647 Main Street  
Johnstown, PA 15901  
1-800-289-2642

18th district Timothy F. Murphy  
504 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15228  
412-344-5583

PA. Senate

37th district John R. Pippy  
937 Beaver Grade Road  
Moon Township, PA 15108  
412-262-2260

46th district J. Barry Stout  
1024 Rt. 519, Suite 400  
Eighty Four, PA 15330  
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PA. House of Representatives

40th district John Maher  
2547 Washington Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15241  
412-831-8080

46th district Jesse White  
3855 Millers Run Road  
Cecil, PA 15321  
742-746-3677

48th district Timothy J. Solobay  
Room 205, Borough Building  
Canonsburg, PA 15317  
724-746-3762

# Save Canonsburg Lake



## WHY SAVE CANONSBURG LAKE?

Canonsburg Lake is a unique resource that residents and visitors have enjoyed for over 60 years. Whether you fish, bird watch, boat, or simply enjoy observing the peaceful serenity that water provides, this lake holds special meaning and countless memories. We must preserve this history. The longer we postpone taking care of the lake the more likely its condition will continue to deteriorate. If nothing is done, it will cease to exist as a body of water. You may be wondering what kind of damage is occurring and what can be done. Please read on.

**Canonsburg Lake Restoration &  
Improvement Committee  
“Save Canonsburg Lake”**

724-746-4664

## FACTS ABOUT THE LAKE:

- Built in 1943 by ALCOA (Aluminum Company of America)
- Managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC)
- Fifteen varieties of fish are stocked yearly
- 138 acres including 76 acre lake, dam, shoreline and associated lands
- Lake dimensions: 525 feet long, 45 feet wide and 18 feet deep
- Manual or electric boats are permitted
- It is still possible to boat upstream for approximately 1.5 miles

## THE LIFECYCLE OF A LAKE

Many changes will occur overtime; trees fall, silt and debris accumulate, and wetlands form. While these are usual occurrences, without intervention, they threaten all of the things we enjoy. This lake has been neglected. In its present pattern of silting and erosion (three times the normal rate) it will become non functional; fish will be unable to breed and survive, wildlife will be unable to grow, the shallow waters will prohibit boating, the size of the lake will continue to shrink, and the murky waters will be unappealing to the eye. We must do something now to prevent further decline or the lake will cease to exist.

## WHAT IS BEING DONE?

The Canonsburg Lake Restoration & Improvement Committee has completed several projects with more promising projects underway.

1. A Master Site Plan has been created with funding from PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources that includes the addition of walking paths, parking, lighting, kiosks, landscaping, foot bridges, etc. These initiatives can be accomplished sooner with the help of donations and “hands on” volunteers.

2. There is a pending need for structurally reinforcing the dam. Efforts are underway to secure funds to do this work.
3. Aquatic habitat and function - The Army Corps. of Engineers has completed a study of what can be done to restore degraded areas and ensure the future health of various habitats in and around the lake. One important component of this study was to investigate cost effective methods of removing silt, whether it be dredging or otherwise, to reestablish breeding areas for fish and to open the channel for boating. While most of the money needed for this project will be provided by budgeted funds from the Army Corps., local matching funds are also required. Please inform us if you are aware of any potential funding sources.
4. The Canonsburg Lake Restoration & Improvement Committee was formed in 2000 by committed citizens who implement projects to improve the Lake environment, and meet regularly to generate public awareness, gain support, and investigate funding sources.
5. Though the PA Turnpike Commission’s proposed turnpike extension over the lake may eventually provide some funding, this aid remains uncertain and too far off to help the immediate need.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Write letters to state and national legislators
- Join the Canonsburg Lake Restoration & Improvement Committee
- Make a financial contribution
- Volunteer your time and/or talents
- Purchase “Save Canonsburg Lake” T-shirts, ball caps or tote bags
- Complete the form and mail it to the Washington County Watershed Alliance

