

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 782 Session of 1991

INTRODUCED BY ARGALL AND ALLEN, MARCH 13, 1991

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MARCH 16, 1992

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1415, No.333),
2 entitled "An act designating a portion of the Schuylkill
3 River as a component of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System
4 in accordance with the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act;
5 authorizing further classification; providing for
6 cooperation, limitation of liability and protection of
7 critical areas, and authorizing the expenditure of moneys,"
8 relating to designation and classification.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 4 of the act of November 26, 1978
12 (P.L.1415, No.333), known as the Schuylkill Scenic River Act,
13 amended March 2, 1988 (P.L.100, No.17), is amended to read:

14 Section 4. Designation and classification.

15 (a) The portion of the Schuylkill River, including related
16 adjacent land areas, from [the Forks at Port Clinton] ITS
17 CONFLUENCE WITH THE WEST BRANCH, Schuylkill County, to Fairmont
18 Dam, Philadelphia County, [excepting the 5.2 mile segment
19 between Norristown Dam and Spring Mill Creek,] is designated as
20 a component of the Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers System under the

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1 Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers Act. The Schuylkill River designation
2 is extended to include a portion of the Schuylkill River and
3 related adjacent land areas in Schuylkill and Berks Counties and
4 portions of the West Branch and Little Schuylkill River
5 tributaries and their related adjacent land areas in Schuylkill
6 County. The boundaries of the component and of the classified
7 segments have been defined by the Department of Environmental
8 Resources and are shown on the maps entitled "SCHUYLKILL RIVER
9 STUDY" and "SCHUYLKILL RIVER EXTENSION STUDY" which are on file
10 and available for public inspection in the Division of Land
11 Records, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13 (b) Segments of the component are classified as follows:

14 (1) Port Clinton (Forks) to Cross Keys (Bridge)--16.2
15 river miles--recreational.

16 (2) Cross Keys (Bridge) to Reading (Route 422 above
17 Fritz Island)--12.3 miles--modified recreational.

18 (3) Reading (Route 422 Bridge over Fritz Island) to
19 Douglassville (Bridge)--15.3 river miles--recreational.

20 (4) Douglassville (Bridge) to [Norristown Dam--34.2]
21 Fairmont Dam--49.8 river miles--modified recreational.

22 [(5) Spring Mill Creek to Fairmont Dam--10.4 river
23 miles--modified recreational.]

24 (6) Route 209 (Highway) to Cressona Route 183 (Bridge)--
25 5.0 river miles--recreational.

26 (7) Cressona Route 183 (Bridge) to Auburn Basin
27 (Spillway)--9.6 river miles--modified recreational.

28 (8) Auburn Basin (Spillway) to Port Clinton (Forks)--7.4
29 river miles--recreational.

30 (9) Port Clinton (Forks) to [T848 (Bridge)--9.1] New

1 Ringgold Route 895 (Bridge)--10.9 river miles--pastoral.

2 [(c) The Secretary of Environmental Resources is authorized
3 to classify the 5.2 mile segment between Norristown Dam and
4 Spring Mill Creek as "modified recreational" when he determines
5 that it meets the criteria for such classification. When so
6 classified, that segment shall become part of the Schuylkill
7 scenic river component designated under this act, and all of the
8 provisions of this act and of the "Pennsylvania Scenic Rivers
9 Act" shall become applicable thereto.]

10 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.