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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John Evans *JRE*
5th Legislative District

DATE: May 23, 2012

RE: Cosponsorship of Legislation: Project 70 Land Transfer in Erie County

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will authorize Erie County to convey property acquired with funds under the Project 70 Land Acquisition and Borrowing Act (Project 70 Act) to Springfield Township for the purpose of creating a public recreational area known as Raccoon Park.

In 1982, Erie County passed a resolution transferring the Raccoon Park property to Springfield Township. At the time of the transfer, the county and the township believed they had fulfilled all the necessary approvals for the transfer of land, and Springfield Township has acted as the property owner of Raccoon Park since 1988. However, both the county and the township were unaware of the legislative approval requirement under the Project 70 Act, and no legislation was introduced or passed to grant approval for the property transfer.

Recently, Springfield Township has secured grants from DCNR to construct a new picnic shelter and restroom facility within Raccoon Park. Through the grant application process, the township was made aware of the need for legislative approval as required by the Project 70 Act. As previously stated, Springfield Township has acted as the owner of the property for decades, and my legislation would correct the oversight that was made during the property transfer. Furthermore, my legislation will permit Springfield Township to receive funds vital to the improvement of the park, which DCNR cannot release until the Department receives notification that the legislature has approved the property transfer as required by the Project 70 Act.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Sara Peck at 717-772-9940, or via e-mail at speck@pahousegop.com.

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