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General Information

Since August 1980, the Susquehanna Riverlands Environmental Preserve has been providing the people of north central Pennsylvania with quality recreation and environmental education. Encompassing 1,200 acres on both the east and west banks of the Susquehanna River, the Riverlands is jointly owned by PPL Corporation and Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc.

PPL is a good steward of the resources that have been entrusted to us. It's also a good neighbor. That's why PPL uses a multiple-purpose land management approach at the Riverlands. Land is managed in harmony with the environment, whether it's used for farmland, wood products, wildlife habitat or environmental education.

Key features at the Susquehanna Riverlands include:

Recreation. A 400-acre recreation area on the west side of the river is ideal for picnicking, group outings, hiking, sports and play. You can even take an imaginary journey through the solar system on the "Planet Walk."

Fishing. Lake Took-A-While is prime habitat for large-mouthed bass and other species of fish. Boating is allowed, but no gasoline engines are permitted.

Environmental programs. A naturalist conducts programs year-round for the public. A program schedule is printed in PPL's quarterly newsletter, "Environmental Currents." Group field trips are available by prior arrangement.

Riverlands Nature Center. Visitors can get a close look at some of the area's wildlife, learn about wetlands and the river, and enjoy nature programs. The nature center is located in the Susquehanna Energy Information Center.

Wetlands Nature Area. Located just south of the recreation area, this 100-acre tract of riverine forest, marsh, swamp and vernal pools has been set aside as an area for nature study and education. The Wetlands Nature Area gives visitors a chance to observe a wide variety of plant and animal species in their native surroundings.

Council Cup Scenic Overlook. Located on the east side of the river, Council Cup Scenic Overlook is a 700-foot-high bluff that affords a breathtaking view of the Susquehanna River Valley. It's the site of an annual count of migrating hawks. Three trails in the 88-acre expanse provide opportunities for hiking, hunting and fishing.