

Dear Friend,

When driving up University Drive toward Whitehall Road I see the two iconic farms belonging to the Meyer family (of Meyer Dairy Store fame) and the Everhart family. The view of the farms, visible when looking across the street from The Friends School, is heart lifting. Slab Cabin Run meanders across green open fields, with the sloping ridge of Tussey Mountain beyond. Views like this are why we love living here. But there's also something you CAN'T see—something critically important for our future.

The farms are nearby the Harter-Thomas wellheads, the Centre Region's most productive source of clean drinking water. That's one of the many reasons ClearWater Conservancy is working to protect these important tracts of land with a permanent conservation easement.

The "Slab Cabin Run Initiative" is near and dear to my heart. As a longtime Centre County resident, I cherish our agricultural roots. I am also deeply dedicated to protecting critical water recharge areas.

Centre County has seen rapid growth recently, and more development is expected. I believe we can protect the landscapes that nurture us both physically and spiritually *without* sacrificing economic prosperity. The solution lies in strategic action: to protect our water supply, restore the streams that sustain fish and wildlife, and preserve the natural areas that help define the region where we live, work and recreate.

To protect the 300 acres that make up the Meyer and Everhart tracts, ClearWater must raise \$2.75 million to purchase conservation easements. This legal designation permanently protects the land from development.

I cannot think of a more worthy cause, which is **why I am personally asking you to generously support this Initiative with your donation of time and/or funds.** For more information, visit the ClearWater website, where you can [make an immediate donation online at www.clearwaterconservancy.org](http://www.clearwaterconservancy.org).

Could you also share news of the Slab Cabin Run Initiative with your friends and neighbors? You can email andrea@clearwaterconservancy.org for an electronic copy of this letter and additional materials to share with community members. Thank you for supporting this important effort!

Sincerely,