October 10, 2023

TO: Delaware Canal Advisory Committee, Neighbors, and Interested Parties

FROM: Delaware Canal State Park

RE: Notice of Planned Maintenance Drawdown of the Canal

To Whom It May Concern:

Delaware Canal State Park is planning for a maintenance drawdown of the canal beginning on October 13th, 2023. The canal will be drawn down to perform debris removal and other work associated with the 7/15 storm event.

Work associated with this drawdown will take place from New Hope through Upper Makefield Township at multiple locations. The canal will be dewatered from New Hope though Bristol and rolling trail closures can be expected. Once complete, water will be re-introduced.

Additionally, the area from Easton through Fry’s Run has been dewatered to accommodate repair work to the trail and berm resulting from a flooding event in 2020. The trail is currently closed through this area. This work is expected to continue through the winter.

When construction activities occur between October 15th and April 15th a drawdown of the affected areas of the canal must take place prior to the October 15th date due to the regulations established by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the planned drawdown of the canal, please contact the park office for assistance or visit our website for a list of current alerts and advisories at www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/DelawareCanalStatePark.

Sincerely,

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