



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
Philadelphia District

News Release

Release Number: **070531**
Contact: **Ed Voigt**
Phone: **(215) 656-6515**

— FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE —

Army Corps announces resolution of Ridley Township permit violation via donation to Natural Lands Trust

Philadelphia (May 31, 2007): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced that Ridley Township Municipal Marina Authority (Authority), Delaware County, Pennsylvania, contributed \$60,000 to the Natural Lands Trust of Media, Pa. to resolve a recent violation of a Department of the Army permit to renovate and upgrade the 74-slip Ridley Township Marina on Darby Creek, increasing its capacity to 96 slips and to perform additional work, including construction of a temporary cofferdam.

Inspections at the project site revealed that work to construct the cofferdam, in Darby Creek, was performed in noncompliance with the Department of the Army permit, a violation of Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The Corps issued a Cease and Desist Order on April 6, 2007.

Prior to resolution of the violation, the Corps required the Authority to perform initial corrective measures associated with constructing a properly functioning cofferdam and eliminating sediment laden water from entering Darby Creek. In addition to other measures, the township hired Portadam, Inc. to install a Portadam liner and sandbags on the exterior part of the cofferdam.

In addition to the monetary contribution, Ridley Township obtained a permit modification to modify construction and removal of the cofferdam and construction of two boat ramps. The Cease and Desist Order was withdrawn on May 10, 2007.

Founded in 1953 as the Philadelphia Conservationists, the Natural Lands Trust is a nonprofit organization that works to protect the region's natural assets by building a network of interconnected open space throughout the Delaware Valley. The above noted contribution shall be used to purchase waters, wetlands, associated upland buffers and/or conservation easements over waters, wetlands and upland buffers in Delaware County.