



Boscola Announces \$175,000 State Grant For Minsi Lake Improvements

By Kurt Derr

BETHLEHEM (April 24, 2023) – State Senator Lisa M. Boscola announced today that the PA Fish and Boat Commission awarded a \$175,000 Boating Facility Grant to Northampton County for the Minsi Lake Access project, specifically for improvements to the boat launch area.

"Minsi Lake is a tremendous asset to the Slate Belt and all of Northampton County and this Boating Facility Grant will allow Northampton County to make important improvements to the boat launch on the east side of the lake," Senator Boscola stated. "Recreational opportunities will be enhanced for Northampton County residents and visitors to the Slate Belt through this state funding."

Northampton County will be using the grant funds to design and construct new restrooms, an improved parking area with ADA parking spaces, an ADA accessible trail connecting all the amenities, and install solar lighting to the existing parking area on the east side of the reservoir.

Northampton County's overall project to improve Minsi Lake also includes plans to construct a pedestrian bridge across the spillway of the dam to connect the facilities on west side of the lake to those on the east side. An adaptive canoe/kayak launch exists on the east side of Minsi Lake, for which The Friends of Minsi Lake provides adaptive paddling programs for people of all abilities at this location.

Funds for the Boating Facility Grant program are derived primarily from boat registration fees, state motorboat fuels tax, restricted revenue accounts, and when available, through various Federal assistance or grant awards.

Boscola Resolution Designates April 2023 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month"

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Harrisburg, PA – April 24, 2023 – Senators Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) and Devlin Robinson (R-Allegheny) introduced Senate Resolution 94, designating April 2023 as "Pennsylvania Community College Month".

"I am proud to join my fellow Co-Chair of the Senate Community College Caucus, in introducing this resolution,"



Boscola said. "In my region, the Lehigh Valley, and across the Commonwealth our community colleges are innovation centers. They are connecting with regional industries and preparing students in the skills they need to begin their careers".

Pennsylvania's community colleges play an indispensable role in the Commonwealth's system of higher education by providing accessible and affordable post-secondary education, workforce training, and dual enrollment opportunities for students from all stages and walks of life. The community colleges have served the people of Pennsylvania for over 60 years in these capacities, and they continue to work to better meet the needs of their students and the needs of Pennsylvania employers.

"As a proud alum of the Community College of Allegheny County and Chair of the Senate Community College Caucus, I can proudly say that I know from firsthand experience that community colleges are essential to a vibrant Pennsylvania," Robinson said. "I am honored to join Sen. Boscola to recognize the importance of them in our commonwealth, and I look forward to seeing continued student success."

The resolution has bipartisan support with over two dozen cosponsors, showcasing the shared commitment from members across the Commonwealth in investing in the community college system.



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