



Dear Friends,

Last Thursday, the Cumberland Valley School District withdrew its Declaration of Taking of the McCormick Farm and Natural Lands-held conservation easement in Silver Spring Township, Cumberland County!

As the [School District's statement](#) makes clear, the district reversed their decision to condemn the McCormick Farm as a direct result of the passage of House Bill 2468, which was signed into law by the Governor on June 24. **It took less than a week for the Cumberland Valley School District to decide that the new law, which requires review and approval from the county Orphans' Court before the exercise of condemnation of a property under conservation easement, created an insurmountable obstacle!**

This victory for McCormick Farm is a direct result of your unflinching support—because the legislators that spearheaded this ground-changing legislation did so in response to the "Save Stoneleigh" campaign!

However, **this success stands in stark contrast to the battle with the Lower Merion School District, which still refuses to take Stoneleigh off the table.** In fact, just last week [the School District's solicitor was quoted by the *Inquirer*](#) as saying, "We wouldn't expect to have difficulty" getting court approval to take Stoneleigh for a new Middle School or sports complex.

We won't let up until Stoneleigh is safe!

Please continue to let the Lower Merion School District know that you oppose the taking of any portion of Stoneleigh.

- [Help us to exceed 32,000 signatures on the online petition.](#)
- [Please continue to communicate with the School Board.](#) Encourage friends and family to do the same.

- [If you aren't a member of Natural Lands, please join us](#). The best way to support Stoneleigh is to support Natural Lands through membership. You'll receive an "I Love Stoneleigh" bumper magnet for your car (while supplies last).

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly Morrison". The script is fluid and cursive.

Molly K. Morrison
President



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