



Hunter's Run

CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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TO: ALL INTERESTED

Re: Rockmill Dam - Motor Vehicle Usage on Dam

On behalf of the Hunter's Run Conservancy District ("HRCDD"), the HRCDD Board of Directors wish to thank you for your ongoing support of the District. We realize that it is with the best of intent and purpose that you have sought permission to utilize motor vehicles at HRCDD Dam No. 9 at Rockmill Lake (the "Lake" and/or "Dam") for purposes of mowing and cleanup. We apologize for our delay in responding. However, due to recent transitions and changes the Board has undergone, we have only recently had the opportunity to bring your matter up for research, review, and discussion.

After further research and discussion with HRCDD's legal counsel, it has come to our attention that HRCDD is not legally authorized to grant individuals permission to utilize motor vehicles for mowing, cleanup or recreational purposes at Rockmill Lake and/or Dam. While HRCDD maintains a legal easement to maintain the dam and associated structures, the land upon which the structures exist belongs to the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources - Division of Wildlife. Therefore, HRCDD cannot legally grant or authorize such permission. Had any former HRCDD Board Member prescribed you such permission, we sincerely do apologize, but the permission will have to be revoked as it was prescribed in error.

We understand there is a great need for mowing and cleanup at Rockmill Lake and Dam. We can assure you that HRCDD is currently working to have the Dam mowed and debris removed from Dam structure(s), as well as the overall Dam area cleaned and maintained. And we anticipate having a better handle on those maintenance issues in the future. Any other areas outside of the Dam or associated structures fall under the auspices of the ODNR Division of Wildlife. Therefore, we suggest that any discussions concerning those areas, including the Lake's parking lot, be had with ODNR at the contact, listed below:

ODNR Division of Wildlife: Anthony Zerkle (Anthony.zerkle@dnr.state.oh.us)

Once again, we thank you for your support and concern with keeping Rockmill Dam and Lake a safe and clean place. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Board Members. Board contact information can be found at our website: www.huntersruncd.org.

Respectfully,

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