

Housing

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Although the township has two large developments and Greenbriar Estates going in, the number of actual lots approved in the township this year is substantially down, said Len Kozick, Township Zoning Officer. "There's only six so far this year," he said. That's compared to 25 or 28 this time last year, and 35 to 45 lots in other years.

Kozick, who has been zoning officer since 1973, said he thinks Dallas Township still has plenty of room for development. He said large tracts of land are still located throughout the township, predominantly in Kunkle and East Dallas.

Dallas Borough doesn't have any developments going on now, but is feeling the effects of a proposed commercial development within Dallas Township. The proposed "big box" site at Routes 415 and 118 is forcing the borough to make some decisions about what to do with its main downtown intersection.

With 72 homes, Kingston Township has the second highest number of planned housing development lots in the region. Windsor Farms is the newest addition to the township and the last to have been approved prior to the new 50/50 ordinance. The 44 lot development is located off of Manor Drive in Trucksville. In the same area is the 28 home Sleepy Hollow development.

Zoning Officer Bill Eck said he thinks development in his township has both positive and negative effects.

He said on the one hand the housing growth generates money for the township, but on the other "it's taking away

from the name 'Back Mountain.'"

Eck said in an attempt to preserve green space within continued development, the township supervisors recently passed the 50/50 ordinance. The ordinance gives developers the option to cluster the same amount of homes on half of a development's overall acreage. The change preserves half of the development as green space.

These projects also are planned or under construction:

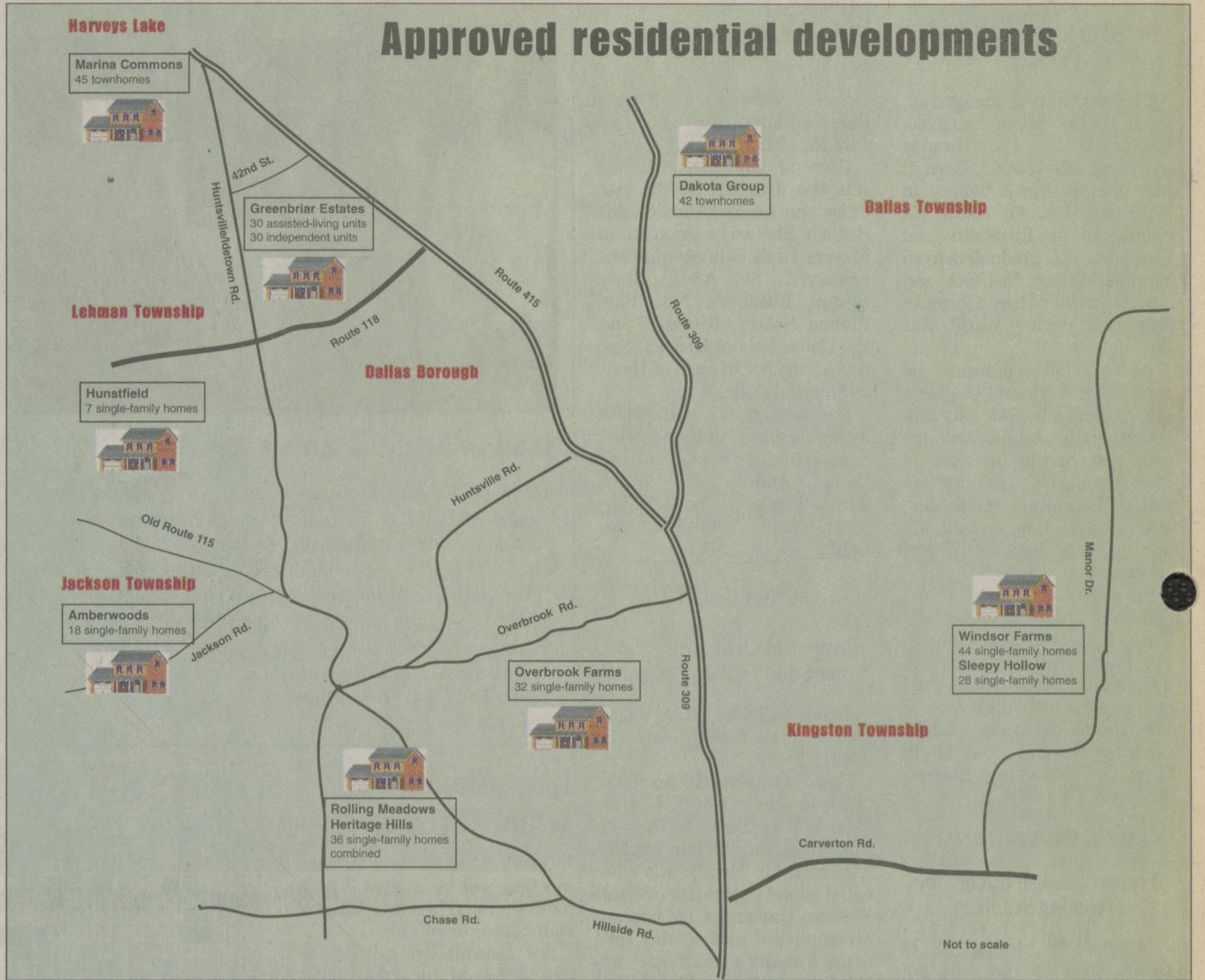
The 18 single-family-home Amberwoods development off of Jackson Road (which is off of Old Route 118) and the seven single-family-home Huntsfield development, off of Meeker Road. Both are in Lehman Township.

In Jackson Township, Rolling Meadows, a 17 single-family-home development off of Hillside Road behind the Fieldcrest development and Heritage Hills, a 19 single-family-home development off of Oak Street. (The development extends off of Meadowcrest Manor.)

Now under construction at Harveys Lake behind Grotto Pizza is Marina Commons, a 45-unit townhome community.

Other developments on the drawing board.

Joe Moskovitz, Dallas Borough Manager, said a person who he would not identify has approached the planning commission about whether the borough would be interested in the creation of a "high-density cluster development" off of West Center Hill Road. According to Moskovitz, much like the 50/50 ordinance in



Housing developments are underway or planned throughout the Back Mountain. This graphic illustrates only those that have been approved by local planning and zoning authorities. Others are being planned.

Kingston Township, this development would put 40 or 50 homes on 20 acres of the 60-acre piece of land.

Moskovitz said the planning commission "was very receptive to the idea."

Eck, Kingston Township Zoning Officer, said two developments are being considered near the end of Carverton Road.

On the drawing board at Harveys Lake is Waterwood, an upscale villa community of over 100 homes planned for the former Hanson's Amusement Park property. The devel-

oper has withdrawn his project for the time being due to public concern over recent sewer overflows.

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Lehman

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would be permitted without zoning hearing board approval."

David Sutton, Chairman of the Supervisors, assured residents, "There has been no submission to the Lehman Township Board of Supervisors on a mobile home park. It's not zoned for a mobile home park and the sign was strictly put there obviously to upset neighbors."

"Speaking for myself, I don't

appreciate the sign being put up there and wish the owner (Angelicola) would remove it even though it is legal, and he did get a permit for it, Sutton added."

In other business at Monday's meeting of supervisors, Ide, who is also the roadmaster, said that he met with American Asphalt and the Fedor Road project should begin this week. It should take about four days to complete. He hasn't heard

when the Jackson Road project will begin.

Also, Jack Hanish, committee chairman of the Lake Silkworth Protective Association, said the announcement on the Growing Greener Grant (to aid in stopping erosion of the lake and re-

store its stream banks) has been delayed from July to September. There have been budget cuts from \$40 million to \$24 million. He also received unofficial notification that the initial budget, presumably for one year of funding, is down to \$9

million. Police Chief Howard Kocher said that traffic has definitely slowed down to an average of 40 mph on the main roads as a result of a "traffic blitz." He

also said he has not received any complaints about the elimination of a night shift officer since the State Police took over the night shift in February.

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Notice of Final SWAP Meeting

Attention customers of United Water Pennsylvania Inc., Dallas and Shavertown systems and the general public that are concerned with protecting the quality of the drinking water supply in the Dallas and Shavertown areas.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is holding a meeting to inform the public about the results of the Source Water Assessment Protection (SWAP) program final report for the above systems. The SWAP program is being conducted throughout the Commonwealth by DEP to evaluate and establish protection priorities for potential sources of pollution that may affect drinking water sources.

The meeting will be held at the following date, time and location.
Date and Time: August 12, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.
Location: Penn State Wilkes-Barre Campus The Athletics and Recreation Building Old Route 115, Lehman, PA

This meeting will also address the development of voluntary source water protection concepts. Please note that this meeting will be only to address raw water quality issues before any treatment and distribution. Currently, the above water systems are providing water below maximum contaminant level requirements under PA. Safe Drinking Water Act.

Also, the Northeast DEP Regional Office will be accepting written public comment for 30 days after the August 12, 2003 public meeting. A copy of the final source water assessment report can be viewed at the Wilkes-Barre Northeast DEP Regional Office. You may view the report by scheduling an appointment with the Records Management Department at (570) 826-5472. All written comments should be addressed to SWAP Study, PA Department of Environmental Protection, 2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790.

Additional information can be found at DEP's web site at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> by typing "source water" at "direct Link" search or calling DEP's Wilkes-Barre District office, Water Supply Management Program at 570-826-2511.

Directions to the meeting can be found at Penn State's web site at <http://www.wb.psu.edu/directions>.

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