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Parkside residents organize to oppose Creekside project

Residents of Parkside off Lefever Road and bordering the Little Chiques Creek, no sooner heard about the proposed new housing project for low and moderate income families on the property adjacent to them, than they were galvanized into opposing it.

They have been meeting

together and making plans to take whatever steps they can to prevent Creekside Apartments from becoming a reality.

They fear trespassing by Creekside residents on their property, run-off, which is already a problem, to become intolerable.

The crime rate will go up.

Taxes will rise. Schools will be overcrowded.

Lefever Road will have to be widened.

Water and sewage will be overburdened.

They point out that nearby Meadows apartments are presently less

than 50 per cent occupied. Then why more apartments? Why doesn't the government fix up the Meadows apartments and subsidize rents for low income people there?

Furthermore, Parkside residents point out the Meadows apartments as good examples of how

apartment complexes run down very quickly, lowering the appearance of an entire neighborhood.

Some of the Parkside residents moved to their new homes less than a year ago, valuing the rural atmosphere of the place, which will be wiped out by Creekside.

Parkside people are conducting a survey among themselves. So far sentiments are unanimous in favoring the forming of an organization to block Creekside. A lawyer will be hired by the neighborhood to take their case to court, if necessary.

Pat Kenney says Creekside project necessary to provide homes for low income families in county

The proposal to build an apartment complex on Lefever Road near the Little Chiques Creek has the very strong support of some people in Lancaster County, and the very strong opposition of the residents of Parkside, a development of new homes which is adjacent to the site of the proposed new apartments.

Very much for the new apartments, which will be rented with federal subsidies by families of low and moderate incomes, is Patrick Kenney, Jr., of Marietta, who is president of the Lancaster City-County Human Relations Commission.

Last Friday Mr. Kenney told the *Susquehanna Times* that the apartments are very much needed in the county. He said that the apartments for low and moderate income people have to be in

the county. "The city is a geographic area which is unable to provide housing for low and moderate income people," Kenney said.

He stressed that Creekside is not public housing. "It is a private housing development. All the residents will pay 25 per cent of their income as rent." He said that a lot of elderly and impoverished people are presently paying more than 25 per cent of their incomes for housing. At Creekside the federal government will make up the difference between the 25 per cent of income and the rental of the apartments.

He reiterated: "The city of Lancaster cannot provide all the housing for low income people living in the county.

The Creekside project had

its beginning last winter when the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) advertised in newspapers for proposals to be submitted to PHFA for an apartment complex in Lancaster County for low and moderate income families. By late spring a number of developers had submitted concrete proposals for the project; PHFA considered three of the proposals as acceptable. One, submitted by Laing Properties in Harrisburg was for Creekside in Mount Joy. The other two were proposals for building in Lancaster Township. Because there were many vacant apartments in Lancaster Township already

PHFA judged that there was no additional need for apartments there, and gave its final approval to Creekside.

Phil Friday of PHFA told the *Times* there is "no perfect site;" however, Creekside, unlike Lancaster Township, has no rental housing nearby, according to Friday.

The single person most responsible for planning the Creekside project is Paul Miller, Area Development Manager for Laing Properties. Miller a former housing official who had lived in Lancaster County for four years was familiar with the area and travelled all over the county inspecting possible sites.

The Mount Joy site was the only one he found which met all requirements for the project. In addition to being a beautiful spot the Creekside site had adequate sewage and water capacities. These facilities were

the crucial factor in his deciding on Mount Joy.

In speaking with the *Times* last Friday Miller emphasized all the favorable aspects of Creekside for the Mount Joy community. Creekside will add to local tax revenue.

It will add to the community mostly young married couples with moderate incomes of from \$10,000 to \$16,000 who do

Borough Council meeting moved to Beahm

The next meeting of Mount Joy Borough Council will be held at the W.I. Beahm Junior High School auditorium on August 13, 1979, at 7:30PM. The meeting is usually held at the Borough Offices, but the meeting place has been changed to accommodate the large number of people expected to attend.

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Photo shows Mrs. Scott Cooper, who moved with her husband to a cottage in the woods above the proposed Creekside development site. She hopes that is doesn't go through. "I wake up every morning and hear the birds chirping and all the animals like groundhogs and squirrels scurrying about, and it makes me think I'm camping instead of just living at home," she says. Mrs. Cooper fears that the sylvan beauty of their cottage will disappear, if Creekside goes up.

Forum on nuclear power to be held in Marietta

A Forum on nuclear power will be held at the Marietta Community House on West Market St., August 15, at 7PM. The twenty minute film "The Nuclear Alternative", which examines some pros and cons of nuclear power will be shown. Informal fifteen minute discussions of these topics will follow:

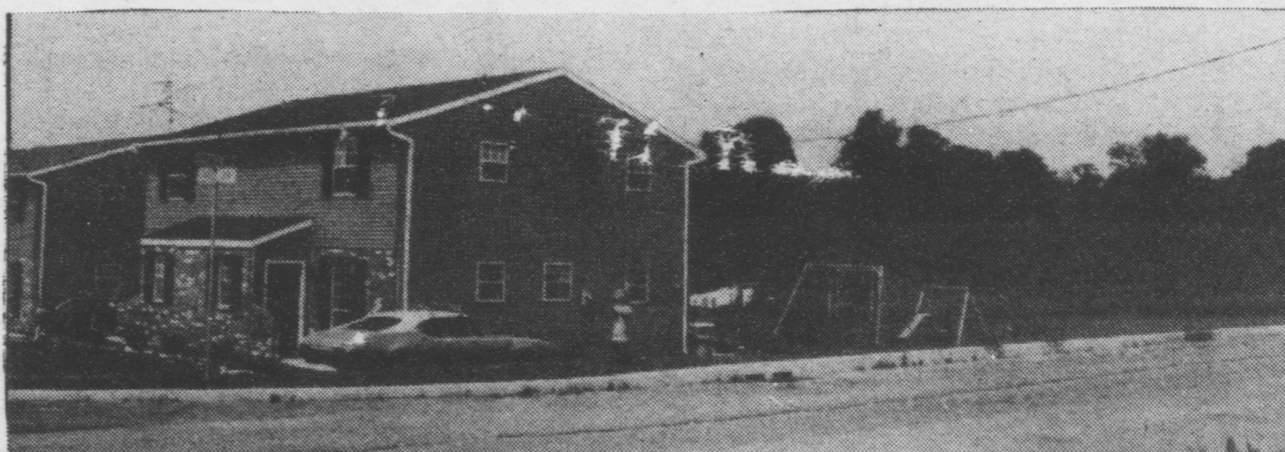
1. Health Effects of Radiation—Dr. Richard Fluck, Assistant Professor of Biology, F. & M. College.
2. Moral and Ethical

Implications of Nuclear Power—Betty Tompkins, Manager of Lititz Senior Center.

3. Economics of Nuclear Power—Mark Widoff, attorney, former and first Pennsylvania Consumer advocate.

4. Alternative Energy Sources—Dr. Richard Veith, Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Any and all questions are welcomed. Refreshments will be served and child care is available.



Site of the proposed Creekside development is in the field behind these buildings by Lefever Road.