



**BRANDYWINE
CONSERVANCY**

*Preserving Our
Land & Water*

Chester Water Authority

Attn: Board of Directors

P.O. Box 467

Chester, PA 19016

To Whom It May Concern:

The Brandywine Conservancy, established in 1967, protects and conserves the land, water, natural, and cultural resources of the Brandywine-Christina watershed and other selected regions, serving Chester and Delaware Counties in PA and New Castle County in DE.

This letter recognizes and commends the Chester Water Authority years of consistent efforts to improve water quality and safeguard drinking water in the Oxford region and we applaud the Chester Water Authority for their work and partnerships with the local Oxford community that align with the Conservancy's mission, including:

- On-going water monitoring partnerships with Octoraro Watershed Association;
- Support for ongoing source water protection and water quality efforts that affect the reservoir;
- Enriching the local constituent's lifestyle through access to recreational opportunities, such as fishing and hiking, at the Octoraro Reservoir; and
- Ensuring and protecting the water quality in the reservoir through buffer protection and consistent land use through the acquisition of land that also preserve the natural habitat of wildlife, including bald eagles and herons.

Brandywine Conservancy supports the long-term protection of the land and water resources that affect the Oxford Region and the work of the Chester Water Authority, whose partnership with local organizations has helped improve community engagement and water quality for its area residents and beyond.

Sincerely,

Ellen M. Ferretti

Director, Brandywine Conservancy