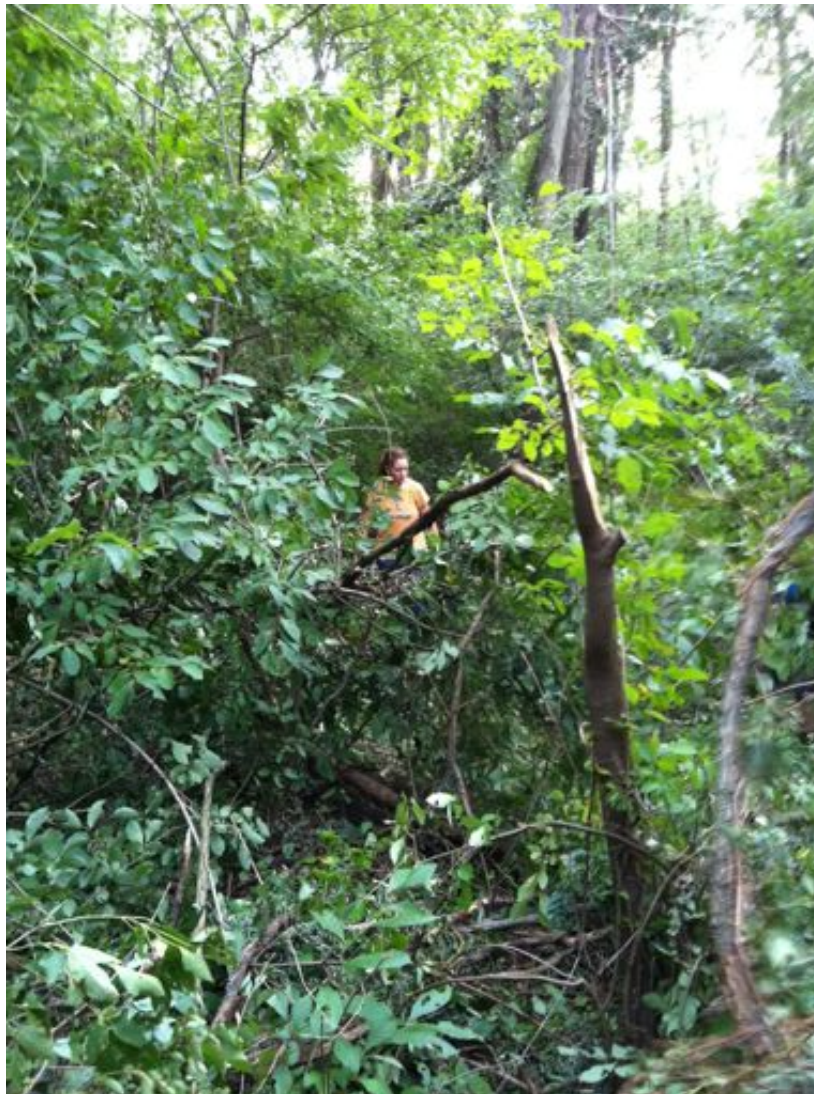


Hurricane Irene

September 5, 2011

To: Obie Derr, Nockamixon State Park Manager
Randy Soriano, Salisbury Township Manager
Robert Stiffler, Lehigh County Parks and Recreation Manager
Tom Gettings, Wildlands Conservancy

Valley Mountain Bikers is writing to inform you that Hurricane Irene left extensive damage, in the form of fallen trees and limbs, to Nockamixon State Park, Salisbury Walking Purchase Park, and Trexler Nature Preserve. The fallen trees were so extensive in some areas that the existing trail was almost impossible to locate:



However, Valley Mountain Bikers and its members rose to the occasion and made extraordinary efforts this past week to clear the trails:



As a result, in just one week, nearly every mile of hiking and mountain biking trails in these parks have been cleared and are once again ready for outdoor recreation:



In addition, since VMB followed IMBA's sustainable trail design and construction guidelines, the trail surfaces themselves sustained very little damage, in spite of the tremendous amount of rain.

Valley Mountain Bikers just wanted you to be aware of the damage done by the hurricane and our efforts to clean it up, and to let you know we are very pleased the have these outdoor recreation opportunities in our region.

Sincerely,

Scott Stortz
Valley Mountain Bikers President