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Drexel Hill Resident Runs for Clean Water and GASLAND comes to Lansdowne's Local Cinema 16:9

Drexel Hill, PA; Drexel Hill community member, Andrew McGrath is about to embark on a 26.2 mile run this Sunday (at the Philadelphia Marathon) to raise awareness and support to help efforts to keep the Delaware River and the drinking water for 15 million people protected from gas drilling.

Andrew, a resident of Drexel Hill for over ten years and a Colorado native, recently learned about the pollution problems gas drilling has had in his home state of Colorado. Gas drilling is now also happening in Pennsylvania and proposed for the Delaware River watershed where Andrew lives.

"When I saw the movie, *GASLAND*, about gas drilling in Pennsylvania and proposed for our region, it really hit home how high the stakes are if this highly toxic gas drilling is allowed to move forward the way the drillers want to," says Andrew. "Our water and air, our health, Philadelphia's drinking water supply, and the tourism and recreation our forested upper Delaware supports are irreplaceable – and so I wanted to do something to help protect them. So I decided to run the Philadelphia Marathon to raise awareness and support for the Delaware Riverkeeper Network that is working so hard to oppose this tremendous environmental threat."

Pennsylvania gas drilling is targeted on the Marcellus shale, which spans 64% of the state, and uses a new technology called hydraulic fracturing.

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This coming week, also to support efforts to challenge gas drilling, Delaware County's local Cinema 16:9 in Lansdowne will be playing the documentary, GASLAND. Viewing will begin this weekend.

GASLAND is the winner of the 2010 Sundance Film Festival's Special Jury Prize and is on the short list for a possible nomination for Oscar. "The film exposes pollution and community impacts that are plaguing the places where gas drilling occurs, including Pennsylvania" said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.

"We are only going to protect ourselves from the ravages of gas drilling if we work together as a community. We are incredibly grateful to Andrew, David and Phoebe for helping to raise the alarm and the support needed to protect our communities from gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale" van Rossum continues.

The film is showing through Thanksgiving week until December 1 and there are special screenings with Q&A by representatives from the Delaware Riverkeeper Network after the Saturday 6:30 screening and the November 27th 5:30pm screening. For a complete listing of show times, visit www.cinema169.com.

According to the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, there is growing evidence that hydraulic fracturing and gas development in the Marcellus shale is not safe and that it raises a variety of health, safety, drinking water and environmental issues. For more information on hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale and the threat it poses to our region visit www.delawareriverkeeper.org

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