



**MONONGAHELA  
ROWING  
CLUB**  
P.O. Box 824  
Morgantown, WV 26505  
U.S.A.

19 December 1977

Mr. George DeFrench  
City Manager of Morgantown  
City Hall, Morgantown WV

Dear Mr. DeFrench,

Thank you for giving me some of your time to tell you about my aspirations for the Monongahela Rowing Club, Inc.

I am writing you this letter in order to put some of my points in the form of a written request for future consideration by the appropriate committees of Council.

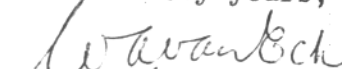
At this time, the Club uses the hospitality of the Genral Woodworking Company in Westover for access to the river and for storage of the equipment. We have not found a suitable such site on the Morgantown side of the river, but we feel that the City can now develop such a site on its property at and adjacent to the Walnut Street boat ramp.

This is a formal request that the City prepare a plan and budget for the development of a water-oriented recreation site at that location, including an adequate boat dock suitable for use by oarsmen, and a boat house suitable for storage of even our longest shells (60 feet). The Club would expect to work out a lease arrangement with the City for use of these facilities.

The Monongahela Rowing Club Inc. is a non-profit organization for the promotion of the rowing sport among girls and boys of high school and college age, free of charge to them. Funding is obtained from money-raising endeavors and donations. We like to make this effort a major asset to the recreational opportunities in Morgantown and environs, and urge your cooperation & support.

I or any member of our Board of Directors would be pleased to meet with you and others to discuss the details of this request. We hope you will give it serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

  
Wim van Eck  
president

A Non-profit organization serving the Monongahela River Valley