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For son with autism, family finds purpose in service

Parents combine young man's love of running and car rides to help others

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Sharon and Larry Slipow, 66, are the co-founders of the non-profit Logan's Run, which is dedicated to helping people with autism find meaningful work.

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extraordinary history is also eloquent about the threat that aquifer drawdown poses. It provides the framework for an incredible record-keeping system that has, until recently, been underappreciated. This is not an issue of great conflagration, but one of silent, slow-motion changes. The signposts along the way tell us there is a place for government, academia, and the public to work together to ensure our history is not lost.

The USGS was first tipped off to another threat of subsidence when a faculty position opened at a university in Virginia. The USGS, known as the ‘repository of records’ for groundwater levels, had long been looking for a way to monitor changes in ground levels — something to confirm HRSD’s Henifin said HRSD likely would pursue the project even if the mill shut down. He said: “The evidence is clear. We need to monitor this ground, so the aquifer may be sinking as fast as or faster than the coastal ocean is rising. We can’t just rely on the sea level rise models for this. We need to monitor ground-level changes.”

Still, Henifin said, “We’re discovering something to confirm HRSD’s worries, so history can be slowed. I’m very optimistic that this will lead us to the end of the tunnel.”

Back when he started with the USGS in the 1980s, ground-level changes were measured with large, expensive instruments called extensometers. They were 10 to 20 feet down in the ground, with complicated readouts.

The USGS was able to find a way to measure subsidence at Virginia Tech, where scientists had been working on a project to understand ground-level changes for years. They had developed a smaller, simpler instrument that could be put into the ground in a matter of hours instead of days. It was called a “smart tile.”

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