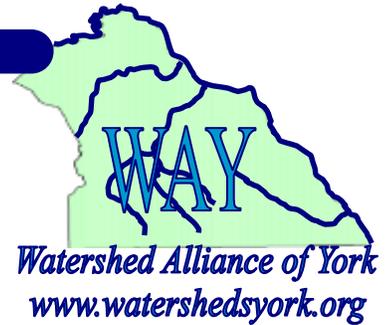


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WATERSHED CONTACTS

COUNTY PLANNING – (717) 771-9870

CONSERVATION – (717) 840-7430

- Agricultural conservation planning
- Environmentally sensitive dirt & gravel road maintenance
- Environmental stewardship and watershed protection
- Erosion & sediment control
- Stormwater complaints

24-HR EMERGENCIES – (877) 333-1904

- Chemical and oil spills from transport trucks, trains and industrial facilities

ENVIRONMENTAL – DEP-SCRO

- General Info 717-705-4700
- Director SCRO 717-705-47047
- Air Quality 717-705-4702
- Energy & Technology 717-705-4703
- Environmental Cleanup 717-705-4705
- Mining (800) 541-2050
- Radiation Protection 717-705-4704
- Waste Management 717-705-4706
- Water Supply Management 717-705-4708
- Water Management 717-705-4707
- Watershed Management 717-705-4704

FISHERIES – (800) 541-2050

- Wildlife (fish, reptiles, amphibians) nuisance problems or to report violations
- FISH KILL 1-855-347-4545

GAME & WILDLIFE – (888) 742-8001

- Wildlife (mammals or birds) to report violations or nuisance problems

ILLEGAL DUMPING

- Illegal dumping on state forest and park lands (877) 772-3673
- Illegal dumping York County 840-7687

MUNICIPAL (Phonebook Blue Pages)

- Air pollution by burning household garbage
- Dumping waste in surface waters
- Floodplain disturbances
- Municipal and residential septic/sewage problems
- Stormwater management

NOXIOUS PLANTS – (717) 772-5209

RECYCLING – (717) 845-1066

WETLANDS – (717) 249-2522

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Ag Land Preservation Board of York County – www.york-county.org/gov/AUTH/agri.htm

<> For information about farmland preservation in York County contact Patty McCandless at pmccandless@york-county.org or call 717-840-7400.

Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth - <http://carrollcitizens.com/>

- Results from CCSG cleanup of illegal dumpsite at 82 Berky Road in Washington Twp: 27 volunteers worked 1PM to 4PM; 81 manhours. We filled one 30yd container (pounds to be reported from Waste Management next week) and recycled 2,700 pounds of scrap metal.
- <> Contact: Deana Weaver at (717) 432-2211 or admin@carrollcitizens.com

Codorus Creek Watershed Association – www.codoruscreek.net

- Apr 11 – CCWA Meeting of Members and Board, 7:00 pm, at York Water Co. (Mt. Rose Ave.)
 - Apr 16 - Oil Creek Restoration Monitoring at Fuhrman Farm, Gitts Run Rd., near Hanover, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.
- <> Contact: Jim Leaman at 843-2929

Codorus Endowment Implementation Committee – www.yccf.org

- An advised fund of York County Community Foundation, the Codorus Watershed Endowment (CWE) is a substantial source of charitable support for the stream's improvement and the benefit of the many York Countians who use and enjoy this critical resource - for agriculture, industry, recreation and wildlife, and for drinking water and other municipal purposes.
- <> For more information, contact the York County Community Foundation at 14 West Market Street York, PA 17401-1203. Telephone: York 717.848.3733; Hanover 717.630.1843. Email: info@yccf.org

Codorus State Park – www.dcnr.state.pa.gov

Conewago Canoe Club – www.conewagocanoecub.org

- May 5 – Club Meeting – Mount Zion United Church of Christ, 7:00 pm, at Ridgewood Road in Pleasureville
 - Red Lion High School Paddling Instruction Schedule online
- <> Questions or comments e-mail me oc1mike@comcast.net, but remember you catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

Deer Creek Watershed Association – <http://deercreekwatershed.com/>

<> Contact Lee McDaniel at ldmcdaniel@aol.com.

Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County – www.farmtrust.org

- Jun 10 – Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County is coming up on our 3rd Annual Clay Shoot, and this year promises to be the best yet. We highly encourage everyone to register early, as the event will surely fill up. Imagine leaving work early on Friday, June 10th to meet up with four of your friends or colleagues. You and the gang start out at noon with a nice lunch catered by White Rose Bar & Grill, then head out for an afternoon shooting clays at Central Penn Sporting Clays, Wellsville. To obtain a registration form, contact F&NLT below.
- <> Contact: Sean Kenny at Farm & Natural Lands Trust of York County • 156 North George Street • Suite 300 • York, PA 17401 • Phone (717) 843-4411 • Fax (717) 854-7452 or skenny@farmtrust.org

Friends of Codorus State Park – www.friends-of-codorus.org/

<> For more information contact Becky Miller at 632-6747 or email beckymill1@juno.com or Dave Carbaugh at 637-9875 or email carbaugh3@embarqmail.com

Gifford Pinchot State Park – www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/giffordpinchot.aspx

- Event calendar <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/Calendar/list.asp>
- <> Contact Elizabeth Kepley, Environmental Education Specialist, DCNR Bureau of State Parks/Gifford Pinchot State Park, 2200 Rosstown Road, Lewisberry, PA 17339. Phone: 717-432-5011

Gunpowder Valley Conservancy – www.gunpowderfalls.org

<> TO VOLUNTEER OR REGISTER FOR FREE or for more information contact Peggy Perry, Program Director for Gunpowder Valley Conservancy at 410-668-0118 or email little-owl@msn.com.

Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education – www.hornfarmcenter.org

Thoughts of Spring are in the air and new things are “growing” at the Horn Farm. Read all about them in this issue of “Around the Horn.”

- Register Now For Community Gardens at the HFC
 - POTATO PATCH PROJECT AT THE HORN FARM
 - Girl Scout Volunteers Around the Farm
- <> Contact: Horn Farm Center for Agricultural Education, 4945 Horn Road, York, PA 17406. Phone: (717)654-0571. Email: info@hornfarmcenter.org. Web: www.hornfarmcenter.org.

Izaak Walton League York Chapter #67 – www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/

- Calendar of events – www.yorkchapter67iwla.org/id21.html
- Club Open Meetings are held the Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Clubhouse.

<> Contact: York Chapter #67 IWLA, 7131 Ironstone Hill Road, Dallastown, PA 17313. Club Grounds Phone: 717-428-2000 *Leave a message for the Committee Contact or Club Officer you are trying to reach. Committee Contacts & Club Officers are listed on the Club Information Page. If no phone or email address is listed contact club grounds phone number.

Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper - www.lowersusquehannariverkeeper.org

<> Contact: Michael Helfrich, Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER®, York, PA. Cell phone: 717-779-7915 E-mail: lawsusriver@hotmail.com.

Maryland's Upper West Shore Trib Team - http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/tribstrat/upper_west/up_west_shore.html

- We are gearing up for our annual River Sweep, to celebrate Earth Day, Saturday - April 23, 2011 and are seeking supporters. This will be our 11th Annual River Sweep and we expect 500+ volunteers to participate throughout Harford and Cecil Counties. Each participant will be receiving a t-shirt, gloves, bags, equipment and lunch. As a supporter, your logo will be printed on all event related media and publicity and on the t-shirts given to the volunteers. This year our support levels are: Sponsor: \$5,000; Partner: \$2,500; and Friend: \$500. To become a supporter, please contact: Brigitte Carty, lsghinfo@comcast.net, 410-457-2482. If you'd like to volunteer to assist with this event or volunteer for the clean-up, please register at <http://www.hitourtrails.com/Riversweep.html>

<> Contact: RupertRossett, Tributary Team Coordinator, e-mail: RupertRossetti@aol.com

Mason-Dixon Trail System, Inc. - <http://www.masondixontrail.org/>

<> Contact: James Hooper at 717/252-3784 or j.e.hooper@ieee.org

Mid-Atlantic Ecological Landscapes Partnership [MAEscapes] - www.maescapes.org

- May 14 - Native Plant Fest, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at York County ANNEX
- July 25 - Advisory Board meeting, 6:30 pm, York County ANNEX

<> Contact: 717-840-7408 or Connie Schmotzer at cxs51@psu.edu

Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens Group Inc. - www.pbccg.com

<> Contact Maria Payan by email pbccg@hotmail.com or mail: Peach Bottom Concerned Citizens Group, P.O. Box 307 Delta, PA 17314. PBCCG, Inc is a nonprofit organization supported solely by volunteers and donations.

Prettyboy Watershed Alliance - www.prettyboywatershed.org

- Hiking Trails - Time to get out and enjoy the Prettyboy and to let you know two trails - Hemlock Gorge and Prettyboy - have been described and can now be [downloaded](#).
- Springfest Sat, 05/14/2011 - 9:00am - 3:00pm - PWA is participating in the 16th Annual Springfest at St. James' Episcopal Church. The address is 19200 York Rd, Parkton, MD (take I-83 to Exit 33 and go south on York Rd.) There will be a huge silent auction, pit beef, wine tasting, live entertainment, a kid's fun zone, crafts, plants, and a Green Zone featuring green vendors and environmental organizations! A rain date is May 21, 2011. For more information got to www.stjamesparkton.org.
- Big Tree Sale! Sat, 05/14/2011 - 9:00am - 1:00pm - While they last! Where: Baltimore County Center for Maryland Agriculture. Directions: I-83 North to Exit 20 (Shawan); West to 1114 Shawan Road. Turn right into driveway. (It is just east of Cuba Rd.) If you get to the stop light you have gone a bit too far. BIG TREES are familiar native shade trees that grow to greater height and breadth, such as oaks, maples, and river birch, compared to smaller ornamental understory trees such as dogwoods or flowering cherries. BIG TREES need more room to grow and take longer to mature, but they provide greater and long-lasting benefits to homeowners when properly sited. BIG TREES: add to the value of properties, provide shade for cooling and save energy, soak up excess rain water, provide habitat for forest birds. A selection of 235 native shade trees ideal for larger yard spaces is available from our reforestation nursery. Cash or Checks Accepted. Sorry, no advance orders.

<> Contact: Nancy Shaper at nshaper@ihmi.edu

Sierra Club - Gov. Pinchot Group of PA - <http://pennsylvania.sierraclub.org/pinchot/>

- Saturday, May 14, 2011 - 12:30 pm - The Ecology of PA Forests Presentation - Wildwood Park, Harrisburg
- Monthly meetings will be held the last Tuesday of the each month at 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Giant at 2300 Linglestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17110. All members are welcome!

<> Kim Anderson at sgfornyc@aol.com.

Shank's Mare Outfitters - www.shanksmare.com

GO PLAY OUTSIDE!

- Susquehanna House
 - Lock 2 Cafe
 - Outdoor activities <http://www.shanksmare.com/html/activities.html>
- <> Shank's Mare: Call Us: 717-252-1616. Email us: Shanksmare@comcast.net

Spoutwood Farm Center for Sustainable Living - www.spoutwood.com

- Board of Directors meeting July 8, 2011, 7:00 PM, at the farm
- <> Contact Rob & Lucy Woods at Spoutwood Farm at 717-235-6610 or spoutwood@comcast.net.

Susquehanna Gateway Heritage Area - <http://www.susquehannaheritage.org/>

<> Contact Mark Platts, Susquehanna Heritage Corporation, 1706 Long Level Road, Wrightsville, PA 17368. Office: 717-252-0229. E-mail: info@lyhr.org.

Susquehanna Greenway Partnership - www.susquehannagreenway.org

<> For more information about the Susquehanna Greenway, please contact: The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, 201 Furnace Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Phone: 570-522-7211. Email: greenway@susquehannagreenway.org

Trout Unlimited Codorus Chapter #558 - www.codorustu.org

- May 11 - Monthly Chapter Meetings 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., at Gander Mtn. (winter)

<> Contact: Tom Finenze at 840-1372 or tom@codorustu.org. Cancellations due to winter weather will be announced here, and on WSBA Radio, 910 AM.

Trout Unlimited Muddy Creek Chapter #575 - <http://muddycreektu.org/>

- May 18 - Chapter Meeting at [Collinsville Fish & Game](#)

<> Contact: Ron Heuston, President MCTU, 244-1851 or Heuy1955@aol.com

Watershed Alliance of Adams County - <http://www.adamswatersheds.org/>

- Meet the 3rd Wednesday @5pm.

<> Contact: Adam McClain, Ph: 717-334-0636; E-mail: stilden@adamswatersheds.org

Watershed Alliance of York - www.watershedsyork.org

- July. 6 - Annual Meeting of WAY Board of Directors, 7:00 PM, at 324 W. Market St., York, PA.

- GoodShop Deals for WAY - <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx>

- WAY E-News - Published by the Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. to inform the public about news and information that affect York County watersheds and beyond. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND E-MAIL LIST. Contributions of news, events and information relating to watershed education, funding, planning, restoration, protection, and stewardship welcome. Send contribution to and contact us for mailing list additions/changes to the e-mail address below. Distribution: electronic (1,850). Frequency: bi-weekly. Subscription: No charge. Editor: Gary R. Peacock.

- You can make www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter WAY as the charity you want to support.

<> Contact: Watershed Alliance of York, Inc. (WAY), C/o York County Conservation District, 118 Pleasant Acres Road, York, PA 17402.

Phone: (717) 840-7430. Facsimile: (717) 755-0301. E-mail: gpeacock@yorkccd.org

Wecology - NEW!

Yellow Breeches Watershed Association - www.ybwa.org

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Wednesday, June 1, 2011, Messiah College Library-Athenaeum Room 6 PM.

<> Contact: Deborah Goetz, at deborah.p.goetz@gmail.com or phone 717-697-4734

York-Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition - www.yorkadamssmartgrowth.org

<> Contact Shanna M. Wiest, Government Affairs Director, REALTORS Association of York & Adams Counties, Inc. 901 Smile Way York, PA 17404. Phone: (717) 843-7891. Fax: (717) 854-0720. <http://www.rayac.com>

York Audubon Society - <http://www.yorkaudubon.org/>

- Thursday, May 5, 2011 - Brunner Island Bird Walk. Leader: Dick Humbert, 717-266-1864. Call for directions and meeting place.

- Saturday, May 7, 2011 - Mary Ann Furnace Trail at Codorus State Park for warbler watching. Leader: Karen Lippy, 717-637-9347. Meet at 8:00 AM at the Trailhead.

- Monday, May 9, 2011 - Hanover photographer Henry McLin presents a program titled "Bird Photography" Luther Memorial Church, 7:00 PM.

<> Contact Tom Smith at 717-246-9767 or tjs35@psu.edu.

York County Conservation District - www.yorkccd.org

- Board meets 2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. (December-March) and 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. (Apr.-Nov.), at the York County ANNEX

- Rain Barrel Sale! Visit our website for more information and prices.

<> Contact: YCCD at 717-840-7430 or yorkccd@yorkccd.org

York County Parks & Recreation - www.YorkCountyParks.org

- Featuring 11 parks and approximately 4,300 acres, the York County Department of Parks and Recreation awaits your visit. Trails, lakes, pavilions, streams, and creatures of all kinds eagerly look forward to seeing you. So bundle up, pack some hot cocoa, and bring the family out to hike the trails, sled on the hills, watch the stars, and breathe in the crisp, fresh air of the New Year.

<> For more information, contact York County Department of Parks and Recreation, 400 Mundis Race Road, York PA 17406-9721. Phone: (717) 840-7440. E-mail: Parks@York-County.org. Web: www.YorkCountyParks.org. Nixon Park Nature Center, 5922 Nixon Drive • York PA 17403. Phone: (717) 428-1961. E-mail: NixonCountyPark@york-county.org.

York County Planning Commission - www.ycpc.org

- Meets 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., except Wed. Nov. 1 at 7:30 and Tues. Dec. 1, 6:00 p.m., at 28 E. Market St., 2nd Floor.

<> Contact YCPC at 717-771-9870 or planner@ycpc.org



WATERSHED EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Northern York County Non-Profit Wins EPA Award for Environmental Achievements

PHILADELPHIA (April 14, 2011) – Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth, a non-profit group in Northern York County, Pa., is one of 11 winners of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mid-Atlantic Region 2010 Environmental Achievement awards. The grass-roots citizens group, a winner in the non-profit/volunteer EPA award category, was selected for organizing trash clean-ups throughout the county to improve the environment. "People and organizations throughout our region are making great strides in environmental protection, and these awards recognize some of the shining stars who are doing more than their share to keep our planet healthy and inspiring others to do the same," said Shawn M. Garvin, regional administrator for EPA's mid-Atlantic region. By recruiting volunteers to pick up trash and by organizing trash collection events, Carroll Citizens for Sensible Growth has collected nearly 130,000 tons of debris and recycled 75 tons of scrap metal. The group has rallied more than 460 people, contributing more than 2,000 volunteer hours to clean up neighborhoods in Carroll County. EPA presents awards in three categories: non-profit or volunteer organization; business and industry; and state, local or other federal government agency. For a full list winners and more information on the awards, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/region03/EnvironmentalAwards/winners2010.htm>

Leading Water Associations Join Forces to Bring Key Issues to Congress

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – The two largest water associations in North America today combined forces for the first time to push for smart approaches to water infrastructure finance and regulation through more than 400 meetings on Capitol Hill. The American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Water Environment Federation (WEF) brought more than 170 delegates from water, wastewater and stormwater utilities in 49 states and Puerto Rico for the tenth Water Matters! Fly In. Water professionals will ask Congress for its support on several key issues during the Fly In, including:

- Improved Water Infrastructure Finance Tools
 - Support the creation of a new water infrastructure finance mechanism to provide low-cost capital to water utilities needing to invest in infrastructure, as well as to State Revolving Funds.
 - Support reform and capitalization of state revolving loan fund programs for drinking water and wastewater.
 - Remove water projects from the state volume cap on Private Activity Bonds.
- Renew the Federal Partnership in Meeting Clean and Drinking Water Challenges
 - Renew the federal commitment to help states and localities meet their obligations to provide clean and safe water to their communities and the public by funding and strengthening Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs.
 - Fund Public Water System Supervision grants, State Clean Water Act program grants, and the Clean Water Act Section 319 (nonpoint source) program.
 - Fund the USGS National Water Quality Assessment Program to provide adequate monitoring data on which to make management decisions.
- Chemical Facility Security legislation that applies to water and wastewater utilities only if it:
 - Assures local authorities make decisions on the best chemicals for water treatment, excluding orders to use "inherently safer technology."
 - Applies to drinking water and wastewater systems only if they have chemicals of concern above identified threshold quantities.
 - Provides adequate protection of sensitive information.
- Improving Clean Water Requirements – If the 112th Congress considers changes to the Clean Water Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act, it should provide communities with both flexibility and affordability. Congress should consider rational, even-handed approaches to revising Clean Water Act or SDWA requirements that both improve program delivery and or state/local flexibility while advancing environmental and public health protections. Changes should incorporate sustainability and support a watershed approach to protecting and restoring water quality.
- Support scientific processes when setting drinking water standards – Congress should support the methodical scientific approaches already contained in the Safe Drinking Water Act for determining which substances to regulate in drinking water. AWWA and WEF encourage legislators to withhold support for bills that make legislative determinations on what should be scientific decisions.

About AWWA – AWWA is the authoritative resource for knowledge, information, and advocacy to improve the quality and supply of water in North America and beyond. AWWA is the largest organization of water professionals in the world. AWWA advances public health, safety and welfare by uniting the efforts of the full spectrum of the entire water community. Through our collective strength we become better stewards of water for the greatest good of the people and the environment. About WEF – Formed in 1928, the Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization with 36,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. WEF and its Member Associations proudly work to achieve our mission of preserving and enhancing the global water environment.

River Towns Facing New EPA Regulations

In December, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published a "TMDL" or Total Maximum Daily Load for Chesapeake Bay as required by a federal court order. The Bay's TMDL consists of specific numeric limits for nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment for each of the Bay's major tributaries by state. Pennsylvania's portion of the Susquehanna River basin is the single largest geographic area to receive an allocation. The Bay watershed is 64,000 square miles in size, covering portions of six states and the District of Columbia. Along with EPA's development of the TMDL, each state and the District of Columbia developed a "Watershed Implementation Plan" (WIP) for their jurisdiction. With much attention focused on the Bay, it is easy to forget that the health of local waters directly impacts our own local quality of life and economic development opportunities. While water quality regulations driven by the Bay may be challenging for River Towns, new opportunities are emerging for land conservation, public access, and implementation of best management practices on farms, forests and other land that would not be possible without new Bay-related sources of support. The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership looks forward to working with our local and regional partners to help leverage these opportunities with local projects and priorities.

You Can Eat More Striped Bass from Chesapeake Bay

New tests by the Maryland Department of the Environment show lower levels of contaminants in the Chesapeake Bay's striped bass (rockfish), prompting the agency to increase its recommendation for the amount of the popular fish residents can safely eat. Read more...

http://www.chesapeakebay.net/news_law/fertilizerreport.aspx?menuitem=57211

Upgrading Wastewater Treatment Plants to Restore the Bay

Hundreds of wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Bay watershed are being upgraded to reduce nutrient pollution to local waterways.

Learn about the importance of these upgrades in our latest restoration video feature. Watch video... <http://www.vimeo.com/21065715>

How do heavy spring rainstorms affect the Chesapeake Bay?

Our latest "Ask a Scientist" question is about the effect of spring rainstorms on the Bay's health. We asked three scientists with the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bay Program's Nontidal Water Quality Workgroup for their explanation on why heavy rains can harm the Bay. Learn more...

<http://blog.chesapeakebay.net/post/Ask-a-Scientist-How-do-heavy-spring-rainstorms-affect-the-Chesapeake-Bay.aspx>

Prevent Your Septic System From Failing

The most common contaminants of private water supplies in Pennsylvania and the United States are bacteria. Faulty septic systems are major contributors to this type of contamination. The most important factor in keeping a septic system operating properly is homeowner maintenance. One of the best ways to protect your watershed is also a properly maintained septic system. It's important to know the basic components of the system and how to keep them functioning properly. A few common sense precautions may help keep your septic system working well for a long period of time. By doing this, you are also protecting your own drinking water and the water resources in your community. Learn more...

http://extension.psu.edu/water/discovery-watersheds/newsletter/news/2011/prevent-your-septic-system-from-failing?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+agsci-water-watershedwinds+%28Penn+State+Watershed+Winds+Newsletter%29

WREN's SourcewaterPA website goes live

WREN has launched a new Source Water Protection website to help protect the untreated "raw" water from lakes, rivers, streams, springs, and aquifers that we depend on to provide public drinking water in the Commonwealth. The goal of the www.sourcewaterpa.org web site is to make source water protection information accessible and to encourage water suppliers, public water users, government officials, planners, and conservation groups to incorporate protection of water supply areas into their planning processes. You can also learn about the common sense ways water systems and communities across Pennsylvania are working together with residents to safeguard groundwater and surface water sources from contamination from everyday activities to protect public health. [SourcewaterPA](http://www.sourcewaterpa.org) offers communities and water suppliers solutions to protect drinking water in all its forms: underground and in lakes, rivers and streams to give an extra margin of safety to water coming out of the tap. Start today to head off pollution problems. Safe Drinking Water Starts at the Source!

Pennsylvania 4-H Water Project Series

Are you looking for an excellent, hands-on curriculum to teach youth about water? Consider using the Pennsylvania 4-H Program's Water Project Series. This series of three books make teaching water issues to youth fun and experiential, covering a variety of important topics that not only promote water stewardship, but also help to enhance teaching the state's academic standards related to water. Lesson types in these activity books include youth experiments, group demonstrations, and field experiences. Each activity can be done during a single group meeting. The lessons in this book are based on the principle that children learn best by doing. Some home exercises are included to allow the children to build on the concepts they learn in meetings and to encourage family involvement. The lessons were constructed so that they build upon each other, but various sections and/or activities could be used as stand-alone lessons. Each of the activity books in this series, along with guide books for the leader/helper can be accessed on the Penn State Extension 4-H website at: <http://extension.psu.edu/4-h/leaders/publications> or by following the links to the individual books below. You can also get printed copies of the youth activity books by contacting the 4-H Educator in your county's Penn State Extension Office - York at 840-7408.

New Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Installation Videos at RainScaping.org!

New Rain Garden and Rain Barrel Installation videos have been posted on the new Video Gallery page at www.RainScaping.org! In addition to the videos being helpful for individuals, here are examples of how groups are finding the videos helpful:

- The 6 minute rain garden video has been shown to groups before giving rain garden presentations.
- While assisting Sunset Elementary School with planning their rain garden, it was helpful for novice rain gardeners to first view the rain garden video before discussing the specifics of their project.
- The Master Gardener Bay-Wise Committee supports "Living Landscapes at Crofton Library," where they showed the rain garden video on a continuous loop during a recent event.

If you would like to receive a video file for your use, contact Zora Lathan, RainScaping Campaign Coordinator, at info@rainscaping.org.

Web: www.RainScaping.org. Facebook: www.facebook.com/rainscaping ... We've recently rebuilt www.facebook.com/rainscaping. Visit today and let us know if you "Like" us! The more the merrier! *Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you.* -Wendell Berry

It's Spring! Think Rain Gardens...

Check out the new resources on [WREN's Rain Garden](http://www.wren.org) page, and take a look at Penn State Cooperative Extension's [Watershed Winds Newsletter](http://www.wren.org) article on rain gardens. It's time to start planning your rain garden.

2011 Embrace-A-Stream campaign

I'm pleased to announce the 2011 Embrace-A-Stream campaign. [Make your donation today](http://www.wren.org) and help us say YES to every Trout Unlimited chapter that applies for stream restoration funding this year. Your tax-deductible Embrace-A-Stream gift will be used to put tools and supplies in the hands of dedicated TU volunteers and staff who are working, perhaps in your area, to protect and restore America's fragile trout streams. Whether your gift funds the removal of an old dam, the addition of a fish ladder, the planting of shade trees or efforts to repair a

runoff problem, your money will help restore stream after stream to encourage fish populations to flourish. And as our thanks, [we've got some great gear in store for those who give today](#). Embrace-A-Stream is TU's flagship grant program, funded almost entirely through the generous support of members like you. Since 1976, over 900 individual projects have benefited from over \$3 million in funding. It is TU's single most important stream restoration program and we want you to help us achieve even more this year. Stream by stream, year by year, Embrace-A-Stream and TU members like you are helping to improve trout and salmon streams for many years to come. [Please give today](#). Thanks for all that you do to support Trout Unlimited.

April is Earth Month – How Can You Help Rivers?

More than 40 years ago, Earth Day was launched to help teach people about the importance of environmental conservation. Since then, we have made great strides for healthy rivers and Americans nationwide are taking action. On this special day, here are a few ways you can support our work to protect and restore our nation's rivers:

1. When you are at the grocery store during Earth Month, look for American Rivers on the boxes of Cascadian Farm cereal and granola bars! Cascadian Farm supports our National River Cleanup™ program. To participate in a river cleanup, or organize your own, please visit www.americanrivers.org/cleanup.
2. As a part of Aveda's Earth Month, American Rivers will receive 100% of donations from store and salon events in the mid-Atlantic region (DC, DE, MD and VA) to help protect and restore rivers! Learn more at www.americanrivers.org/aveda
3. Garnier is donating \$100,000 in honor of Earth Month and you get to help pick the cause. If Clean Water wins, American Rivers will receive \$33,000 to further its mission - Vote every day from April 11 to May 9! <http://www.garnierusa.com/en/us/earthshare/earthshare.aspx>.

Northwest Lancaster County River Trail

Developed from a master plan in March 2003, the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail is a multi-purpose, public recreation trail that is planned to run approximately fourteen miles, spanning five municipalities at the northwestern edge of Lancaster County. The trail follows the route of the historic Pennsylvania Mainline Canal and uses some of the original towpath that remains along the corridor. Ample opportunities exist to interpret the numerous industrial archaeological remains such as abandoned canal locks; the iron furnaces at Chickies Rock; and the old quarry operation at Millmeyer. The trail also connects the historic river towns and villages of Columbia, Marietta, and Bainbridge. Lancaster County and the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority also own sections of the trail. The current condition or readiness of the trail varies throughout the corridor, but there are 2.4 miles of developed trail for hiking or biking located between the Decatur Street trailhead in Marietta borough, west to the pavilion in East Donegal Township's Riverfront Park. This 8 foot wide, paved section of trail will be extended another 1.2 miles this spring to the Shocks Mill railroad bridge in Conoy township. Also planned for late 2011 or early 2012 is a 3-mile section of trail from Shocks Mill bridge to the village of Bainbridge. We invite you to explore this wonderful new asset. For more information about the project, maps or directions to the trailheads, please see the [informational document](#) prepared by the Lancaster County Planning Commission.

HOLTWOOD Spring 2011 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Thur., May 19	Construction of McCall's Ferry Hydroelectric Plant in the Early 1900's, know today as Holtwood Hydroelectric Plant	HEC	7-8 p.m.
Sat., June 4	Eagles/Osprey Walk & Talk of Area Birds	L-12	9 -11 a.m.
Sat., June 4	KTA Training Hike: Lock 12 to Otter Creek Campground	L-12	9 a.m.
Sat., June 11	KTA Training Hike: Pequea Creek Campground to Norman Wood Bridge	PC	9 a.m.

* Location Code: SF – Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve Q – Quarryville Library L-12 – Lock 12
 HEC – Holtwood Environmental Center MU – Millersville University, Roddy Hall PC – Pequea Creek Campground

BRUNNER ISLAND Spring 2011 Environmental Programs

DATE	PROGRAM	LOCATION*	TIME
Sun., June 5	Wonders of the Wetlands, Nature Walk	BIW	2:30-3:30 p.m.

*Location Code: MU – Millersville University, Roddy Hall, Room 261 CR – Main Conference Room, Gate A
 BIFA – Brunner Island Fishing Area BIW – Brunner Island Wetlands

For more information, please visit our Web site at www.pplpreserves.com, call 1-800-354-8383 or e-mail pplpreserves@pplweb.com. For information on the current river conditions, call the Lower Susquehanna Hot Line at 1-800-692-6328.



WATERSHED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

EPA – Environmental Education Grants – May 2

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing \$1.9 million for environmental education projects and programs. The projects should design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques and should have educational activities that go beyond disseminating information. At least 20 grants will be awarded ranging from \$15,000 to \$100,000. Applications are due May 2, 2011. <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Grants – May 13

Grants between \$200,000 and \$1 million will be provided for projects that demonstrate cost effective and sustainable approaches to reducing or eliminating nutrient and sediment pollution to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Full proposals are due May 13, 2011. For more information on the grant, visit

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=30&ContentID=14778

PA Fish and Boat Commission – Boating Facility Grant Program – May 31

Grants are provided to local governments and nonprofit groups for providing or improving public boating facilities. Grants may be used for property acquisition, project design and engineering, development, expansion and major rehabilitation of recreational boat access facilities. Funds may be used for the rehabilitation, expansion or construction of new boat ramps, courtesy docks, access roads, parking areas, restrooms, signs, and landscaping. Applications are due May 31, 2011. http://fishandboat.com/promo/grants/boat_fac/00boatfac.htm

Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants – Jun 3

Grants between \$20,000 and \$200,000 will be provided for projects that protect and improve watersheds in the Chesapeake Bay basin and build citizen-based resource stewardship. A total of approximately \$3 million is expected to be awarded. Each project must address at least one of the programs conservation objectives: restoring and protecting vital habitats, improving conservation on private lands, and/or improving urban stormwater management. Three categories of grants will be provided: project design grants (\$10,000 to \$30,000), watershed planning grants (up to \$100,000), and implementation grants (\$20,000 to \$200,000). Projects must include a minimum 25% non-federal match. Technical assistance is available from F. X. Browne, Inc. Full proposals are due June 3, 2011.

For more information on the grant, visit

http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Content_Folders&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=19200

For more information on the technical assistance program, visit

<http://www.nfwf.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ChesapeakeBayStewardshipFund/GetTechnicalAssistance/default.htm>

The 2011 Kodak American Greenways Awards – Jun 15

Do you know an organization that is working to create or improve a greenway, trail or waterway? Apply for a Kodak American Greenways Award grant, and your organization could receive up to \$2,500 in grant funds and recognition that comes with selection by this prestigious national program. The Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society team up each year to present the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. One major element of the Program involves "seed" grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas. These projects connect Americans to the outdoors and their heritage. For 2011, the Program anticipates awarding up to fifty percent of the grants to those greenways projects that demonstrate the convergence of economic prosperity and the environment. The vitality of a community depends not only on its economic prospects but also on the quality of its natural environment and outdoor recreational space. Previous recipients have undertaken projects that included the design of a water trail and tourism guide in Columbia, NC; the conversion of an abandoned rail line into a multi-use public trail along the historic Mission Zanja irrigation canal; planting flowers along a community trail to brighten an impoverished neighborhood of Los Angeles; and creating a county-wide greenway and tourism plan in Joe Daviess County, IL. Please see the application at <http://grants.conservationfund.org> for full details and to apply for consideration of your greenway project for Kodak American Greenway Award funding. This year's application deadline is June 15th. Most grants range from \$500 to \$1,000. The maximum grant is \$2,500.



WATERSHED FACILITATION ASSISTANCE

Nationwide Drug Take-back Day – April 30

Don't forget the second nationwide day to collect unwanted, expired, and unused drugs on April 30. Local police departments are partnering with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency to host collection sites across the nation. To find a collection site near you, visit www.dea.gov.

- GIANT FOOD Stores in Hanover

CWP'S WATERSHED & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WEBCAST SERIES: The Wetlands-At-Risk Protection Tool – May 4

Greetings from the Center for Watershed Protection! The Center for Watershed Protection is pleased to announce a free webcast scheduled for May 4th, 2011. Attendees can now save time, travel expenses and, perhaps most importantly, carbon emissions, by attending our training workshops via the Web. This webcast will focus on the Wetlands-at-Risk Protection Tool (WARPT). Join speakers from CWP as well as guest speakers from federal and local government as they share their experiences and lessons learned. Dave Evans, the Director of the Wetlands Division of the EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds will also be making a special announcement, so be sure to tune in and learn the latest news! Wednesday, May 4, 2011. Eastern: 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Cost: Free! To register click [here](#). Registration closes 5/02/11. Space is limited to 275, so register today to secure your spot!

National Ground Water Association's 2011 Ground Water Summit and 2011 Ground Water Protection Council Spring Meeting – May 1-5

Baltimore, MD. The 2011 Ground Water Summit and 2011 Ground Water Protection Council Spring Meeting on May 1-5, 2011 will bring together a mix of federal and state regulators, practitioners, natural resource managers, policymakers, municipal planners, remediation site owners, attorneys, climatologists, and those who supply knowledge and technology needed to address and influence key water issues. This year's conference theme is "Meeting Groundwater Challenges in Uncertain Times." Economic conditions have placed enormous stresses on the resources of government, private industry, and academic and research institutions, which affect our ability to respond to the challenges of understanding, protecting, restoring, and managing the complexities of the nation's groundwater resources. This conference focuses on the critical need for cooperation and collaboration to raise and address issues affecting groundwater resources. FYI:

<http://www.ngwa.org/summit2011/index.aspx>

CWP'S WATERSHED & STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WEBCAST SERIES: Ultra-Urban Stormwater Design and Retrofitting – May 18

Greetings from the Center for Watershed Protection! The Center for Watershed Protection is pleased to announce the second offering in our 2011 webcast series. Attendees can now save time, travel expenses and, perhaps most importantly, carbon emissions, by attending our training workshops via the Web. This webcast will focus on Ultra-Urban Stormwater Design and Retrofitting. Join speakers from CWP and as well as guest speakers from local government and the private sector as they share their experiences and lessons learned. Wednesday, May 18, 2011 Watershed professionals face many unique challenges when integrating effective stormwater management into our urban landscapes, streetscapes, and other elements of the built environment. This webcast will explore the unique stormwater design approach for applying stormwater management criteria on urban lands, and profile innovative stormwater practices adapted to the ultra-urban setting. Case studies will explore the lessons learned from implementing Green Infrastructure in these densely developed areas. And finally, this webcast will cover the basics of setting an appropriate mitigation or offset fee for sites where full compliance is not possible. Time: Eastern: 12:00 pm - 2:00. Cost: \$149. To register click [here](#). Registration closes 5/13/11. Space is limited, so register today to secure your spot! For information about this webcast and a peek at the 2011 schedule, click [here](#)

Mason-Dixon Trail Celebration. Hike and Meeting – Jun 4

On Trials Day, June 4th, the Mason-Dixon Trail System will celebrate the opening of the rebuilt Sawmill Run bridge, which was knocked down in a storm last year. The rebuilding of the fifty-foot bridge has taken all winter. This is most expensive trail project that we have done with over \$2000 has been spent by the M-DTS for this effort. In addition, over 600 man-hours of the York Hiking Clubs Thursday trail work crew has been spent on the bridge. Meet at the York Hiking Club cabin at 9:30 am to walk thru the Otter Creek Camp Ground over to the bridge. After the reopening of the bridge, the group will do a short hike and then go back to the cabin for refreshments and a meeting. The meeting should start at about 2 pm. The address of the cabin is 1145 Furnace Rd, Airville, PA 17302.(Google Maps has 1135 Furnace Rd) It is a stone farm house just upriver from Otter Creek along RT 425 on the right. Please contact Jim Hooper, 717/252-3784 or j.e.hooper@ieee.org if you have any questions.

2011 Sustainable Landscapes Bus Tour Arrives in Lancaster County! – Jun 23

Township officials, landscape architects, planners, educators, park managers, and others – come see six great examples of ways to plan and manage land in a healthier, more environmentally friendly way while saving money! The tour kicks off at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 23 at the Farm and Home Center in Lancaster with a continental breakfast and keynote presentations. Two busses will then depart for sustainable sites around Lancaster County including: Schaeffer Elementary School, Warwick Township Building, Mummau Park, Santo Domingo development, Ethel Swan Park and Raymark (a former industrial site), and Brubaker Farm. These sites highlight native plantings, natural stormwater management, energy efficiencies, and more. The bargain price of the bus tour is \$25 which includes breakfast, lunch, a spot on the bus and handouts. Registration materials are available on the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources website – <http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/conservationscience/sustainablelands/conferences/2011lanasterbustour/index.htm>. Only 100 seats will be available, so register early to secure your spot! For more information about the event, and for information about sponsorships, call 717-214-7511.



WATERSHED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Excessive Nitrogen Harms the Economy and Environment: First Europe-Wide Assessment Published

ScienceDaily (Apr. 11, 2011) – A major new study finds that nitrogen pollution is costing each person in Europe around £130 to £650 (€150 to €740 Euros) a year. The first European Nitrogen Assessment (ENA) was launched at a conference April 11, 2011 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The study, carried out by 200 experts from 21 countries and 89 organizations, estimates that the annual cost of damage caused by nitrogen across Europe is £60 billion to £280 billion (€70 billion to €320 billion), more than double the extra income gained from using nitrogen fertilizers in European agriculture. The ENA is the first time that the multiple threats of nitrogen pollution, including contributions to climate change and biodiversity loss, have been valued in economic terms at a continental scale. As well as identifying key threats the assessment also identifies the geographical areas at greatest risk of damage by nitrogen pollution. The report provides EU policymakers with a comprehensive scientific assessment on the consequences of failing to address the problem of nitrogen pollution – and outlines key actions that can be taken to reduce the problem to protect environmental and public health. Read article...

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/04/110411142309.htm>

Report Details Effects of Pollution from Lawn Fertilizer on Chesapeake Bay

A new report by Environment Maryland details the harmful effects of lawn fertilizer on the Chesapeake Bay and explains the steps that should be taken to reduce this pollutant and clean up local waterways. Lawn fertilizer contains the nutrients nitrogen and phosphorus, which are major sources of pollution in the Bay and its rivers. When homeowners apply too much fertilizer to their lawns, the nutrients can run off into local storm drains when it rains. Excess nutrients can also seep into groundwater, which eventually makes its way into the Bay's streams and rivers. Turf grass is now the largest crop in Maryland. In 2009, 1.3 million acres were planted with turf, compared with 1.5 million acres for all other crops combined. While farmers are required to develop nutrient management plans and control polluted runoff on their land, there are few rules for homeowners and lawn care companies to follow for fertilizer applications. The Maryland Department of Agriculture reports that "nonfarm use" of fertilizer is quickly catching up with farm fertilizer sales. Estimates suggest that Maryland landowners apply approximately 86 million pounds of nitrogen fertilizer to their lawns each year. According to the report, researchers monitoring one suburban stream near Baltimore found that 56 percent of the nutrients in the water came from lawn fertilizer. The report concludes that to reduce pollution for lawn fertilizer, lawmakers need to take two broad steps: limit the amount and type of nutrients in the fertilizer itself, and ensure that homeowners and lawn care companies apply less fertilizer to the ground. For more information, [download the full lawn fertilizer report](#) , "Urban Fertilizers and the Chesapeake Bay: An Opportunity for Major Pollution Reduction."

USGS Report Compares Conventional and Low Impact Developments over 6 Year Period

The U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, studied two residential basins in Cross Plains, Wisconsin, during 1999–2005. A paired-basin study design was used to compare runoff quantity and quality from the two developments, one of which was developed in a conventional way and the other was developed with low impact development (LID). Read more... http://www.fxbrowne.com/html/newsletters/April_2011/news_apr11.htm

Losing Ground

Copy and Paste This Permanent Link:<http://www.erosioncontrol.com/the-latest/slope-erosion-stormwater.aspx>

Bad federal policy and intensifying storms are washing away the rich dark soils in the Midwest that made this country an agricultural powerhouse and that remain the essential foundation of a healthy and sustainable food system in the future. The Environmental Working Group produced this short film with Atlas Films that provides stark images illustrating how federal farm subsidies and ethanol mandates, piled on top of skyrocketing crop prices are supporting an intensive monoculture that kneecaps any hope for a more resilient and diverse food and farm system. For more information go to: www.ewg.org/losingground/

EPA Seeks Comments on Draft Doc "Identifying and Protecting Healthy Watersheds: Concepts, Assessments, and Management Approaches"

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking comments on a recently released draft technical document titled "Identifying and Protecting Healthy Watersheds: Concepts, Assessments, and Management Approaches." This draft technical document provides the basis for implementing the Agency's Healthy Watersheds Initiative, which, in partnership with states, tribes, local governments, nongovernmental organizations and others, is intended to protect the nation's remaining healthy watersheds, prevent them from becoming impaired, and accelerate restoration successes. The Healthy Watersheds approach, as part of the initiative, is based on a holistic, integrated, systems view of aquatic ecosystems that acknowledges their dynamics and interconnectivity in the landscape. The draft technical document includes an overview of the key concepts behind the Healthy Watersheds approach, examples of assessments of healthy watershed components, an integrated assessment framework for identifying healthy watersheds, examples of management approaches, sources of national data and key assessment tools. It contains numerous examples and case studies from across the country. The intended audience and potential beneficiaries of this document include aquatic resource scientists and managers at the state, tribal, regional and local levels, nongovernmental organizations and federal agencies. Local government land use managers and planners may also benefit as they develop protection priorities. EPA is seeking comments on this draft document until June 3, 2011. For more information and the draft document please visit: www.epa.gov/healthywatersheds.

Native Trout Fare Best When Dams Use Natural Stream Flow Management Practices

A new study shows that native trout populations prefer natural stream flows. The study, conducted in Montana, found that native trout populations have declined due to habitat destruction, fragmentation, non-native species, and dam operations which change flow and habitat and disrupt fish migration. The study recommends that dam management strategies be similar to the natural flow of the river to protect habitat and improve trout populations. For more information about the impacts of dam operations on native fish species, visit <http://nrmsc.usgs.gov/research/HungryHorseDam>

Fish & Boat Commission Establishes Hotline To Report Suspected Pollution Incidents

The Fish and Boat Commission this week introduced a new [toll-free hotline](#) for the public to report suspected pollution incidents or fish kills. The number – 1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545) – provides the public with a way to quickly alert PFBC staff to suspected environmental incidents, according to Board President William Worobec. President Worobec emphasized that the number is to be used only for reporting suspected cases of pollution or fish kills and is not meant for general inquiries related to license sales, boat registrations or other agency issues. Callers using the hotline – which is available for use – will be directed to the PFBC's Bureau of Law Enforcement in Harrisburg, where staff will answer calls from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Calls received after hours or on weekends will be sent to a voice mailbox where the caller can leave a message. PFBC staff will review voice messages and respond as soon as possible. If someone spots a suspected incident and believes it is an immediate threat to public safety or the environment, they should dial 911 or the Department of Environmental Protection's emergency number at 1-800-541-2050. To assist the public with understanding this new resource, the PFBC has prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions, which appear on [the PFBC website](#).

