



The Freshet

Summer 2018 Newsletter to Members

Conodoguinet Creek
Watershed Association

We summarize recent activities in watershed protection and developments. Last Freshet was Spring 2018.

Available at our website. www.conocreek.org

Conodoguinet Creek Snapshot – Success!

This year CCWA is partnered with the Cumberland County Conservation District and ALLARM to conduct water quality testing of the Conodoguinet Creek. We sampled in July, Sept., December and March. Water quality data includes: pH, Conductivity, Temperature, Nitrogen and Phosphorus rates. At each event volunteers learned about Nonpoint Source Pollution by taking water samples and analyzing the results. View the results from ALLARM at:



http://www.cumberlandcd.com/~amclain/ccwa/PDF/Final_Snapshot_Report_Year_1.pdf

2018-2019 Snapshot Dates:

June 23; September 29; Dec 1, 2018 and March 2, 2019
Questions? Contact Lori Glace at lglace@ccpa.net or (717) 240-5358.

Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association

2018 Creek Clean-UPs

Saturday, August 18, 8:45- 12 noon: End of Lamp Post Lane in Camp Hill

Google Map Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/SBqQ517XLrp>

Directions: From the Carlisle Pike or Route 11, turn North onto Orrs Bridge Rd. After crossing the bridge, turn right onto Lamp Post Ln. Drive to end of Lamp Post Ln (1.4 miles) to park.

***** If the creek is too high, murky, or running fast, then the creek cleanup will be called off by Friday morning. We will try again on the next 3rd Saturday same time and location.**

*****Required:** Wear old sneakers or creek shoes and dress according to that day's weather forecast. No sandals or shoes that are open in the back. Please contact Paul Garrett at paulgarrett40n@gmail.com for directions, questions, and cancellations due to weather.

Next Creek Clean-UP Date in 2018: 9/15, with location TBA

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Event will be held on **August 18th** from **9am - 3pm** at the Cumberland County Service Center, 310 Allen Road, Carlisle, 17013. Google link: <https://goo.gl/maps/cTWq1xufZA82>



For details visit <https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2017-HHW-Drop-Off-Event>



Need a place to Recycle your Electronics? Cumberland County Recycling Center is accepting electronics. At 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA 17015. The center is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12pm to 4pm along with the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 8am-12pm. The County will charge customers \$.50 per pound of electronics recycled. The fee will offset the County's costs for collecting, packaging, loading, shipping and recycling electronics and does not generate a profit. Acceptable materials include: **Televisions; Computers & Accessories; Mobile Devices; Entertainment Equipment; Office Equipment; Data Center Equipment; Cable Equipment.**

Questions regarding the recycling facility and acceptable materials please visit <https://www.ccpa.net/3377/Electronics-Recycling-Center> or contact the County's Recycling & Waste Authority at 717.240.6489.

Butterfly Garden

The PennState Extension Master Gardeners of Cumberland County partnered with East Pennsboro Township to create a unique butterfly demonstration garden. CCWA gave a \$1000 donation toward the 2,250-square foot garden that is designed in a shape of a colorful butterfly for all generations to learn about home gardening best practices and environmental conservation. **Here is a list of the currently scheduled events with more details to follow:**

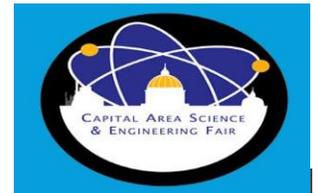


CCWA Member Picnic at Butterfly Garden

- August 25- Meet the Butterflies- a joint program with the East Penn Library
- September 22- Seed Collecting
- October 6-7 Pumpkin Fest- Garden Tour. Plus, CCWA's Educational Booth!

CCWA at the Capital Area Science Fair

Thank you for being a CCWA member and supporting science education! CCWA Board Members Kurt Henry, Lisa Beatty and CCWA Member Aura were judges for the 61th Annual Capital Area Science & Engineering Fair on March 6, 2018. CCWA presented a \$100 Special Environmental Award to Adele from West Perry HS. A \$50 Special Environmental Award was given to Emma from Harrisburg Academy. Two honorable mentions were given to Grace from Camp Hill HS and James from St. Joseph MS. *CCWA supports environmental science education through educational awards and mentoring.*



CCWA's Special Environmental Award, Adele from West Perry HS

Volunteers Fuel Stream Stewardship in State

CCWA partnered with Chesapeake Bay Foundation K10 program to plant 200 trees Silver Spring Township's Hidden Creek Park on April 21st and 100 trees at East Pennsboro Township's Acri Meadow Park on April 28th. More than 100 volunteers helped with both events. "This is where the action is, with all the volunteers," explained Bill Chain, Senior Agriculture Program Manager for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's PA Office. "We support other organizations, and the result is a lot of planted trees."



East Penn's Acri Meadow Riparian Buffer Planting

The planted trees help to improve riparian buffer zones along both streams. These buffers of shrubs, trees, and other vegetation help filter chemicals out of run off, reduce stream velocity, and moderate water temperature by shading the creek. "The increased health of the Conodoguinet Creek affects the Susquehanna River, to the Chesapeake Bay, and to our oceans. What we do here in the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed affects us and the downstream water quality," explained Lisa Beatty, President of the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association. Stream improvement projects also foster a sense of stewardship and conservation in local communities. Also, in the next few months the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association will continue with its planned creek clean up days and create a long-term maintenance plan for the enhanced riparian buffers zones. "If you get into the Creek, you own it," explained Gil Freedman Vice President of the CCWA. **To view the entire article written by Kyle Hey from Pennsylvania Outdoor News please visit:** <https://relevantoutdoors.blogspot.com/2018/05/volunteers-fuel-stream-stewardship-in.html>

The Cumberland County Master's Gardeners announces 2018 "Gardening with Nature" workshops from 7pm to 8pm every 3rd Tuesday, March – October at the Frederickson Camp Hill Library 100 N. 19th Street Camp Hill, PA 17011. There is a \$5 fee for each workshop. Register at: Penn State Extension, Cumberland County 1-877-345-0691 or visit <https://extension.psu.edu/programs/master-gardener/counties/cumberland>

8/21	Butterfly Gardening	<i>Maggie Pepe & Kim Zurflieb, Penn State Master Gardeners</i>	Learn how to create a garden that provides the resources to sustain butterflies from generation to generation. Topics include host and nectar plants, important design tips, and recommended gardening practices. The Adams Ricci Butterfly Garden will be used as a best practices case study.
9/18	Seeds: Investing in the Future	<i>Ellie M. Stuart, Extension Program Assistant</i>	It's estimated that less than 10% of all seed varieties grown in 1900 are still grown today. Learn the difference between heirloom and hybrid seeds. Ellie will also share best practices for collecting and saving seeds to ensure planting success and the preservation of heirloom varieties for years to come.
10/16	All in the Family: Plant Families	<i>Annette MaCoy, Extension Educator</i>	Plant families are a useful tool in understanding how plants are related. Learning to identify key characteristics of plant families can help you to become a better gardener and a more astute nature observer. Amaze your friends and family with your new-found plant identification skills.

Love to share your knowledge of birds and their importance in our watershed? Silver Spring Township's Parks and Recreation is looking for avid bird lovers to lead educational guided walks at the Vincent DiFilippo Nature Preserve. Contact Jill at parkinfo@sstwp.org or call 717-766-1657.

CCWA in Action: McCormick Farm Preserved!



Thank you to the CCWA Members who attended meetings and wrote letters to help preserve McCormick Farm as an Open Space. The Natural Lands Trust submitted CCWA's letter of support of McCormick Farm as part of their legal appeal. CCWA members attended meetings and made public statements in opposition of converting a protected open space without environmental consideration to Hogestown Run and the Conodoguinet Creek.

The Cumberland Valley school board has officially withdrawn its bid to take the McCormick Farm in Silver Spring Township by eminent domain. CCWA members advocated for the newly passed House Bill 2468, which requires court approval before the process of eminent domain can be started to change a preserved land into development.

A BIG Thank You for the Cumberland County Collaborative for their role in bringing together so many organizations and facilitating educational meetings about the McCormick Farm. Also, CCWA is honored to be a partner with the Natural Lands Trust, who led the legal battle on such an important conservation issue in our shared Conodoguinet Creek Watershed.

CCWA will be updating our website with a more modern look. We will still have the same domain www.conocreek.org The links from past communications will not work, but the information will be on the new website. Our Facebook page is the same at <https://www.facebook.com/ConodoguinetCreekWatershedAssociation/>



CCWA Volunteers

came ready with buckets to water 100 seedlings at Acri Meadow Park. CCWA Members educated over 75 youth and adults about the Conodoguinet Creek at Mechanicsburg's Earth Day Festival



and Community Day. At our CCWA Member picnic we celebrated pollinators at the Adams Ricci Butterfly Garden with the Cumberland County Master Gardeners. **We are so thankful for all our CCWA members who give their time and financial support through their membership to CCWA's many environmental projects and activities. Our next CCWA Board meeting will be at ALLARM at Dickinson College on 9/18/18 to discuss increasing to monthly water quality monitoring in Spring 2019. Thank you for being a CCWA Member!**

Membership Form

Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association

New and Renewal Membership for 2018 (Circle: New or Renewal)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(We do not share with others.)

Membership Dues

Senior / Student One Year	\$10	_____
Individual One Year	\$15	_____
Family One Year	\$25	_____
Lifetime	\$150	_____
Conservation Org.	\$25	_____
Corporate	\$200	_____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to CCWA and send to:

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Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-1656

*Thank you for your membership
and support of the
Conodoguinet Creek Watershed
Association*