

WCCD Newsletter

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Frances Slocum Park
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CONSERVATION COMMENTS

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Events:

2023 CWS
Wed. 3/15/23
Keystone College



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MEETING THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH,
9:30AM, DISTRICT OFFICE.

LOCAL RESOURCES:

BUREAU OF FORESTRY: 570-945-7133
DEP: 570-826-2511
GAME COMMISSION: 570-675-1143
PA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION: 570-477-5717

2022 Banquet

The District held their 73rd Annual Awards Banquet on November 10, 2022. The event took place at Stonehedge Golf Course. We started the evening with the welcoming comments followed by the invocation.

The 30 people in attendance were able to enjoy a buffet style dinner followed by a sweet treat. We were delighted to have Rick Koval, WNEP TV Personality on "Pennsylvania Outdoor Life" speak at our event. Rick went on to present "Camouflage & Mimicry: What You See Isn't Always What You See!". The program was amazing, especially because it was very interactive with the audience. We can't wait to work with Rick Koval again.

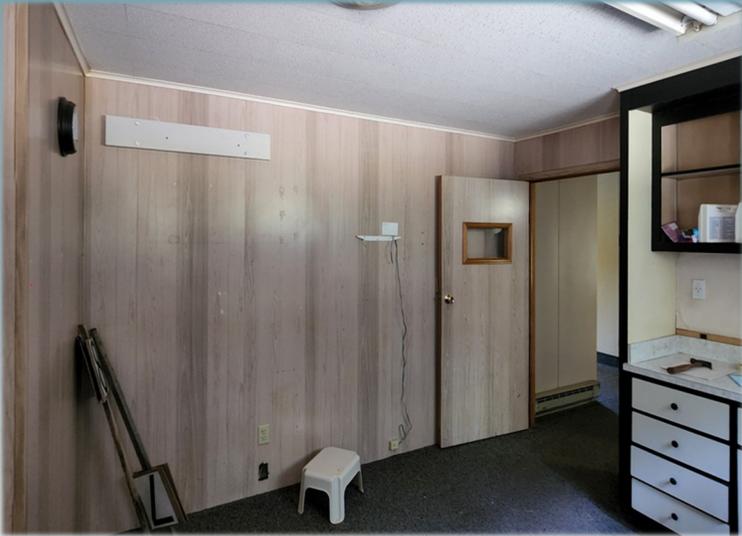
The staff also presented a "What We've Been Up To" segment to highlight what new things the District had been working on. Also, in this presentation, the District also shared the ongoing progress of our new home we have since moved into. The evening wrapped up after this. The attendees were able to take a small gift of a hand painted leaf to hang & small bag with a homemade beeswax raccoon candle.

Another year under our belt & special thanks to the District staff for all their help with preparation.



Welcome to the New Home of the Conservation District!!!!







EE Office



E&S Office



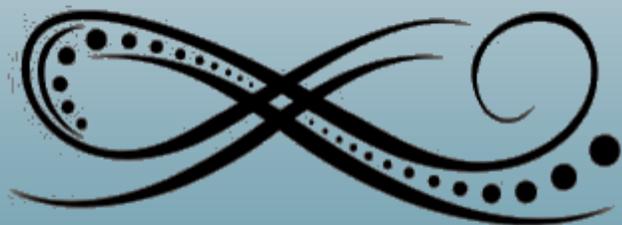
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Thanks for coming with me on the tour & be sure to stop in
at the new location.

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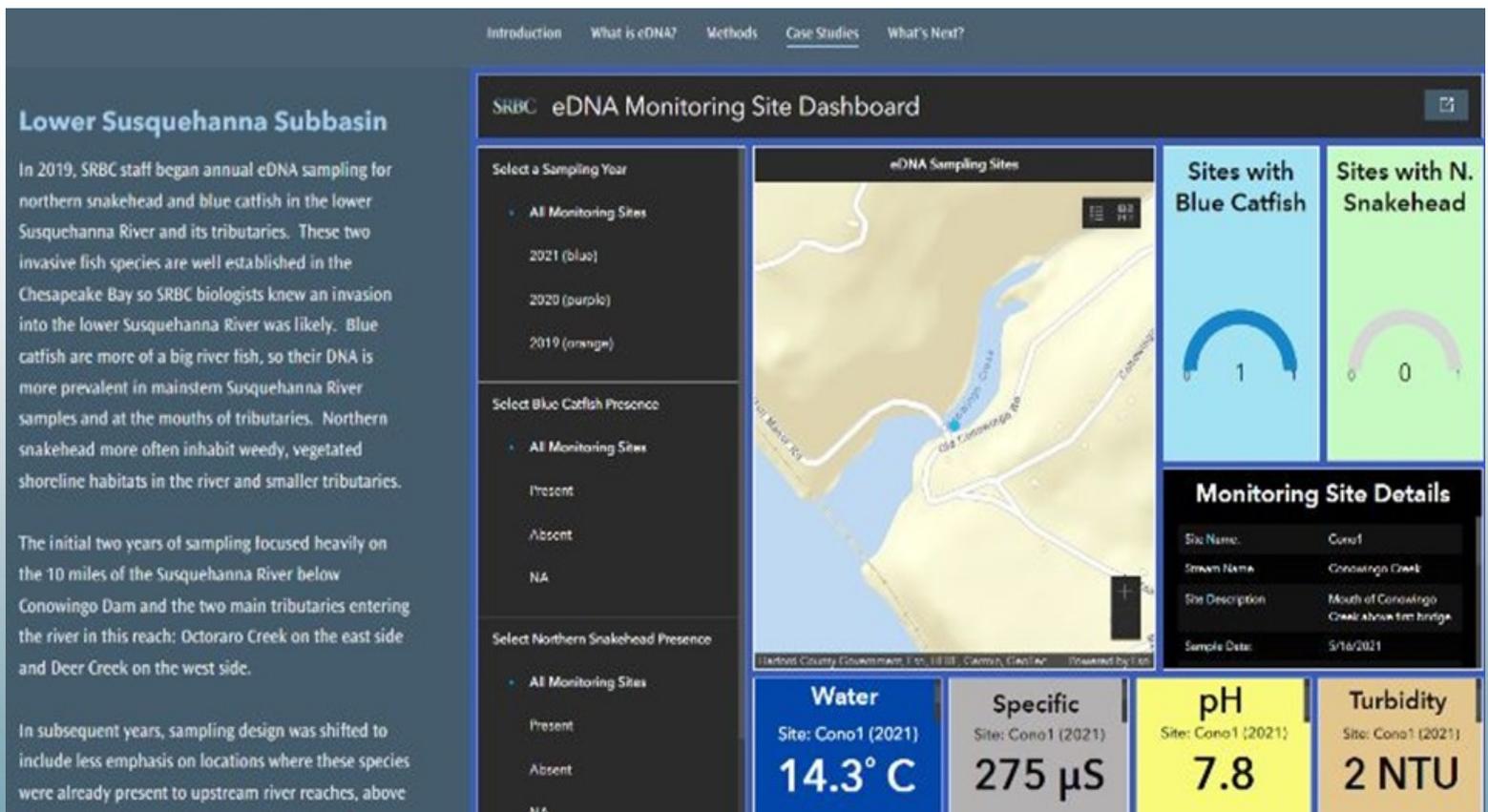


Fish Detectives on the Case From Susquehanna River Basin Commission

In the same way police use DNA to identify individuals in a crime, our scientists are using eDNA (environmental DNA) to track invasive fish species in the Susquehanna River Basin that may be harmful to native wildlife. Geneticists can now tell you what types of fish are in a body of water by analyzing a simple water sample.

Why investigate invasive fish species? They often have no native predators, which gives them the potential to cause food chain disruptions, introduce new diseases and/or overtake native species. Round goby, northern snakeheads and blue catfish are of particular concern in our basin. SRBC scientists Luanne Steffy and Aaron Henning are leading the way in the Susquehanna Basin using this cutting-edge monitoring technology to track their spread.

If it sounds interesting, it's because it is! And now you can learn more about our eDNA work through a recently published interactive story map that includes a monitoring site dashboard. The dashboard features water temperature, pH, turbidity and whether or not an invasive species is present among other factors for each monitoring site. The story map highlights case studies and explains the methods we use to collect eDNA with photos, videos, maps and more.



UNTIL NEXT TIME WITH CONSERVATION COMMENTS...