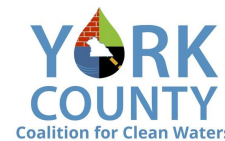
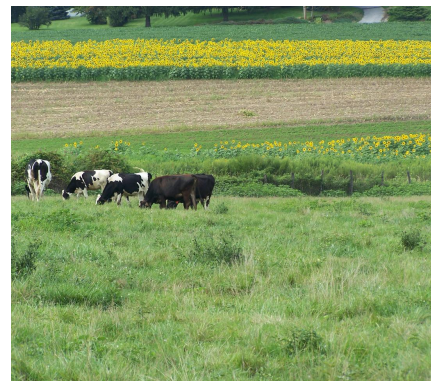
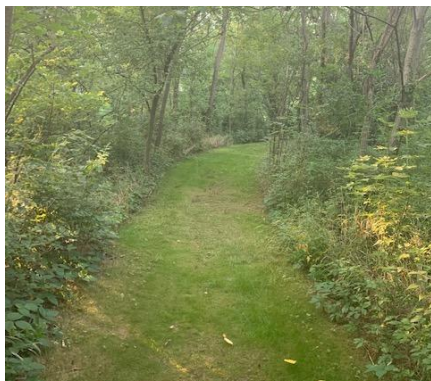


# The Re-CAP



York County Coalition for Clean Waters bi-monthly newsletter about the implementation of the **C**ountywide **A**ction **P**lan for clean waters



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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Leadership Team (LT) would like to thank everyone for their continued work on the CAP implementation. Work is taking place despite the pandemic! The majority of meetings may be virtual, but there are partnerships forming, grants being applied for, training being offered, projects being planned, and financial planning taking place. All of these things are happening because of the work of dedicated volunteers. If you are someone who likes clean, healthy water, and wants to be part of an organized solution to clean up York County's waters, continue reading and consider joining us!

### Leadership Team Members

Lettice Brown- E&O Team  
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 Felicia Dell- Rev/YCPC  
 Mark Flaharty- PI/YCCD  
 Lindsay Gerner- E&O/YCPC  
 Roy Livergood- DM/YCPC  
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 Jodi Sulpizio- PI Team  
 Rachel Stahlman - CC

# CAP Coordinator's Corner

Since our July 17th YCC4CW meeting I have had a schedule full of exciting meetings! There was GOOD NEWS of goals reached and next steps announced at the **State WIP Meeting** in mid-July.

- Finalization of 2020 Climate Change Impacts Assessment
- Final 2020/2021 Programmatic and Numeric Milestones were submitted to EPA
- Developing additional enhancements and features for PracticeKeeper and Model My Watershed

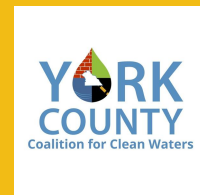
**Webinar Wednesday's** have been educational and extremely interesting. Topics included Agriculture, Forestry & Technical topics:

- Lancaster County partner presented "Putting it All Together": Connecting the Dots between Ag Success Stories, Plain Sect-Specific Outreach and Coordination, Small Watershed Planning, and Working with Local Government.
- DCNR presented a "Deep Dive into Forestry" where we learned about all the great funding that is available for landowners for buffers!
- EPA joined us and provided news and a review of the CAST 2019 updates.

The **Data Tools Review Team** continues to work hard on Fielddoc and we are looking forward to an August/September release of the program.

The **Leadership Team** meeting at the end of July was particularly enthralling. We discussed at lengths our efforts towards Agricultural outreach and we are working hard on a great plan for success. In the coming months I intend to put a lot of energy and effort into reaching our friends and partners in the Agricultural community.

I'm looking forward to our August Action Team meetings and the updates that we will be able to share at our next YCC4CW meeting in September.



Make sure you search for our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram - FOLLOW and SHARE! We are just starting off these accounts so a follow/like/share is so appreciated and will help so generously towards our reach into the community.



As always, keep spreading the word of the efforts we are undertaking! Tell all your friends! Bring someone new to our next meeting! THANK YOU for your continued support and for all of your hard work!

~Rachel Stahlman, CAP Coordinator  
rstahlman@ycpc.org

# Action TeamWORK

The York County Coalition for Clean Waters (YCC4CW) is always looking for new partners to help implement the York CAP. There are five (5) Action Teams all working together to help implement different aspects of the CAP.

Are you interested in spreading the word about why we need to clean up York's streams and how we can accomplish it? Check out the [Education & Outreach Action Team \(E&O\)](#)!

Are you a number cruncher and want to figure out ways to calculate our progress? Check out our [Data Management Action Team \(DM\)](#)!

Do you like to get your hands dirty and want to help put projects on the ground? Or have land to put in a project? Contact our [Project Implementation Action Team \(PI\)](#)!

Are you good with grant writing or collaborating with sponsors to find funds for project implementation? Contact our [Revenue Building Action Team \(RB\)](#)!

Are you interested in policy and legislative issues? Contact our [Legislative and Programmatic Changes Team \(L&P\)](#)!

**JOIN US!**  
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The **RB Team** solicited budgeting data from the other action teams. They are analyzing the highest yielding nutrient reducing BMPs and analyzing existing program funding as it pertains to BMPs in the CAP. This information will be very helpful when looking for funding for project implementation.

The **DM Team** is busy learning the ins and outs of the FieldDocs Tool and the Clean Water Tool to determine what, where, who, and how. They are also looking for the best way to provide a Water Quality Monitoring report.

The **E&O Team** completed the budget ask from the Revenue Team. In addition to brainstorming other ways for education and fundraising, they are waiting to see if YCPC is awarded a NFWF grant to develop an E&O strategy. The YCPC is currently accepting proposals for marketing. For more info, contact Rachel at [rstahlman@ycpc.org](mailto:rstahlman@ycpc.org)

The **PI Team** has identified buffers as the top BMP to focus their efforts. Partnering agencies have received grants that will help make that happen. The CEG Program and the Lawn Conversion Program are seeking applicants. In addition, the PI Team is identifying and tracking other projects in the County and exploring PennDOT partnership opportunities.

The **L&P Changes Team** continues to collaborate with Lancaster County and DEP to investigate if there is a need for a watershed permit. The Team is seeking a project to go through the pre-app meeting process established between DEP, Lancaster, and York Counties. Several project sponsors have expressed a willingness to participate in the process once the permitting stage is reached.



**Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) Presents:**

# WATERSHED WEEKENDS

**Annual  
Codorus  
Clean-Up**

**Wild &  
Scenic Film  
Festival**

**Dam  
Bridge  
Challenge**



**September  
18-20 & 25-27**

In light of COVID-19, Watershed Weekends will look a little different this year. We are currently looking for volunteers, brainstorming ideas for virtual events, seeking sponsorships, and working hard to make this event the best we can under the circumstances! Reach out to Rachel to get involved: [rstahlman@ycpc.org](mailto:rstahlman@ycpc.org). Follow us on Instagram and Facebook for more information!

*We all live in a  
Watershed!*



# BMP BLAST: Rain Barrels



Stephanie Lower's Rain Barrel

Additionally, some people take their rain barrel to the next level by painting it with a variety of colorful creatures and patterns turning it from a practical resource into a work of art! If this peaks your interest, our local York Master Watershed program is selling rain barrels as a fundraiser. You can contact Jodi Sulpizio, Master Watershed coordinator at [jrb143@psu.edu](mailto:jrb143@psu.edu). Not only are these rain barrels fiscally beneficial, they're also a great way for you to do your part keeping our water clean. Don't let this opportunity to help the earth run down the storm drain!

The hottest July on record has left me watering my potted plants and gardens on an almost daily basis. I laugh when my husband says, "Why are you watering? Didn't it just rain?" July's pop up quick downpours are not what my plants need. They need a long slow rain that can permeate the parched ground. This fall I am planning on installing a rain barrel to capture these quick storms, rather than watch them go straight down the storm drain.



Wendy Seifert's Rain Barrel

A rain barrel attached to the downspout enables capture of the water coming from the roof. I appreciate that this is a simple BMP that can be installed by both small and large property owners. This addition has benefits for both the local streams and the homeowner, including but not limited to:

- It reduces runoff and improves water quality. As the rain travels across lawns, driveways and streets to the storm drain it picks up fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants.
- It is a fresh and natural water source for plants. Municipal water is treated with chlorine which outdoor plants won't encounter when you use rainwater.
- It lowers your water bill. The collected water is not potable. Use it in the garden, to clean windows, water the lawn, wash off lawn furniture, or refill your birdbath to decrease water consumption!

~Cindy Pizziketti, Project Implementation Team

# Project Spotlight



The Penn State Master Watershed Stewards have partnered with Nurture Nature Center in Easton, PA to offer a Watershed Friendly Property Certification for churches, homeowners, schools, small businesses, municipal properties, etc. across Pennsylvania.

The Watershed-Friendly Property Certification program recognizes landowners who employ best practices in managing water resources on their property. Landowners commit to engaging in lifestyle choices that are designed to minimize their impact on water quality. In order to achieve this certification, individuals or organizations must commit to working towards the objectives of the Watershed-Friendly Property Program, which include:

- ✓ Reducing stormwater runoff
- ✓ Reducing water pollution
- ✓ Conserving water
- ✓ Supporting wildlife and pollinators

This certification program is loosely modeled after the Penn State Master Gardener's successful Pollinator Friendly Yard Certification Program. Interested property owners will complete an on-line application, and if they meet the criteria, will receive a sign to display on their property showing their commitment to healthy watersheds. The goal is to expand the number of watershed-friendly properties throughout the commonwealth while at the same time educating residents, communities, educational institutions, and businesses about the value of a healthy watershed and best practices for improving water quality. The project is grant funded by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. The program will be launched in October.

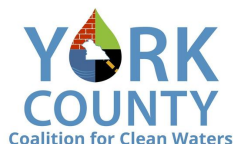


# Coalition COMEBACK

The next YCC4CW meeting is scheduled for **September 28th** from 1:00-3:00. Location TBD

- **Mark your Calendars for Watershed Weekends (Sept 18-20 & 25-27)**
- **Share this newsletter**
- **Follow us on Instagram**
- **Like us on Facebook**
- **Sign up for DEP's Phase 3 WIP Newsletter to read about how the State and other Counties are cleaning up the water.**

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/Pennsylvania%E2%80%99s%20Chesapeake%20Bay%20Program%20Office/WIP3/Pages/Newsletter.aspx>



The York County Coalition for Clean Waters (YCC4CW) is a group of volunteer stakeholders interested in improving local water ways for the betterment of the County and to meet clean water goals. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rachel Stahlman at [rstahlman@ycpc.org](mailto:rstahlman@ycpc.org)