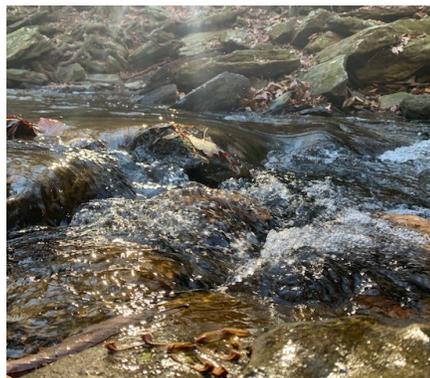


# The Re-CAP

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 extend many thanks, deep appreciation, and so much gratitude to the Action Team members, YCC4CW members, our partners, and the volunteers who have continued to show up this entire year to do the hard work of CAP Implementation. We are looking into 2021 confidently and with several plans for Action in the works. We still need help! 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  
 Ruth Cassilly- PI Team  
 Burt Curry- Rev Team  
 Felicia Dell- Rev/YCPC  
 Mark Flaharty- PI/YCCD  
 Lindsay Gerner- E&O/YCPC  
 Roy Livergood- DM/YCPC  
 Emily Neideigh- E&O/YCCD  
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 Jodi Sulpizio- PI Team  
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# CAP Coordinator's Corner

Poof! Just like that the end of the year is here! I would like to offer my deepest gratitude and thanks to everyone who has been part of year ones success! All that has been accomplished would be non-existent without all of the dedicated volunteers working on this effort. THANK YOU!

We have new and exciting partnerships forming that will most certainly add to the actions of 2021. We also have been working with LUMI Marketing and Creative on the re-branding and long term messaging strategy for the CAP. Early in 2021, expect many exciting announcements surrounding our new look and the launch of our highly anticipated messaging strategy.

At our last Coalition meeting, we discussed a recent survey that had been distributed via e-mail. 5 questions were asked to help better propel us into the actions of 2021. In the early months of 2021, you will see some updated and revised mission statements from Action Teams. We intend to concentrate on building the Coalition out further by inviting more stakeholders to the table who haven't been involved yet – such as businesses. We also (when COVID allows it) want to start having field trips! We have a few places in mind, but would love suggestions from you – on what topics are you interested in learning more? What amazing projects have you heard of that you would like to visit and learn more?

I'm happy to say "goodbye" to 2020 and "hello" to 2021. I hope you will continue with us on this journey, we cannot succeed without you!

~Rachel Stahlman, CAP Coordinator  
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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 your hard work!



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<https://www.ycpc.org/459/York-Countywide-Action-Plan-for-Clean-Wa>



# Conowingo Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)

The Conowingo Dam and reservoir were built in 1928 and are owned and operated by Exelon Corporation. The Conowingo Dam and other dams in the Lower Susquehanna have historically trapped and stored sediment. A 2015 study concluded the Conowingo reservoir has reached approximately 92% capacity, no longer trapping sediment and associated nutrients. The Phase III WIPs did not account for the Conowingo Dam's reduced ability to trap upstream pollution. To address this problem, the Chesapeake Bay Program has been working since December 2017 to develop a WIP specific to the Conowingo Dam.

The Conowingo WIP process is intended to integrate with ongoing efforts to implement best management practices (BMPs), but seeks to go above and beyond what is identified in existing State WIPs. The Conowingo WIP team will bring additional resources to identify, fund, and ultimately implement projects that are identified as part of the Conowingo WIP.

What could this mean for York County? Well, in addition to developing BMPs to satisfy our Countywide Action Plan (CAP) and Chesapeake Bay Pollutant Reduction Plan (CBPRP), we may need to work with the Conowingo WIP Implementation Team to help satisfy the Conowingo WIP. This could entail finding land for BMPs to reduce sediment and nutrient loads that would not count toward meeting our local reduction targets.

The Conowingo WIP is available for review. Your feedback is essential, and will help the Chesapeake Bay Program better evaluate the feasibility, costs, and approach of the Conowingo WIP, while informing the future financing strategy and implementation of the plan.

## Call to Action!

- Review the Conowingo WIP
- Provide Comments by January 20th to [CWIP@chesapeakebay.net](mailto:CWIP@chesapeakebay.net)

### The primary CWIP geography includes:

**Maryland:** Cecil, Harford, Baltimore County;

**Pennsylvania**—York, Lancaster, Centre, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, Bedford Lebanon;

**New York**—Tioga, Broome, Cortland.



### Links to Review:

- **Press release:**  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/pressrelease/chesapeake\\_bay\\_program\\_welcomes\\_feedback\\_on\\_conowingo\\_watershed\\_implementation](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/pressrelease/chesapeake_bay_program_welcomes_feedback_on_conowingo_watershed_implementation)
- **Blog:**  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/feedback\\_welcomed\\_on\\_draft\\_conowingo\\_plan](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/news/blog/feedback_welcomed_on_draft_conowingo_plan)
- **Video:**  
[https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/bay-101/bay\\_101\\_conowingo\\_dam](https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/bay-101/bay_101_conowingo_dam)

# 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. Contact Rachel at [rstahlman@ycpc.org](mailto:rstahlman@ycpc.org) to join a team!

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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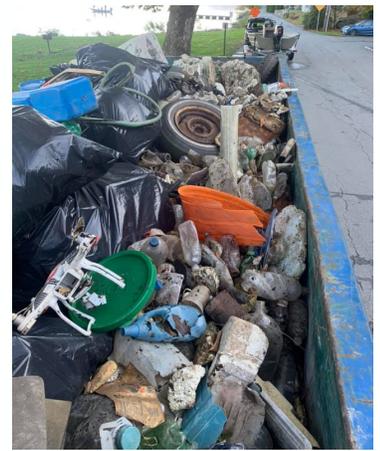
The **DM Team** met with the USGS and welcomed Joe Duris to the team! Their focus is on data collection including a template, eligible projects, an outreach piece, and finding focus areas. The Water Quality Monitoring brochure is still in the works as is a report regarding WQM data. Next meeting is January 8th at 1pm.

The **RB Team** had meetings with the PI and DM teams regarding the Funding Map Spreadsheet. Discussion on the evolution of the team is taking place.

YCPC received the NFWF grant to develop a marketing strategy and tools. The **E&O Team** started working with Lumi in November. Stay tuned for exciting improvements! In addition, the team is looking at additional leads for riparian buffer areas, helping DM with FieldDoc BMPs, and participating in many volunteer opportunities. Next meeting is January 13th at 1pm.

The **PI Team** has identified buffers as the top BMP to focus their efforts. Partners are continuing to secure funding and are implementing BMPs in the County. They started work on a project tracking spreadsheet. The team is holding bi-monthly meetings and the next meeting is January 15th at 10am.

The **L&P Changes Team** continues to work on a draft Watershed permitting concept. The Team is seeking a project to go through the DEP pre-app meeting process established between DEP, Lancaster, and York Counties. Next meeting is December 18th at 1pm.



**THANK YOU!**

The 1st Annual Great Plastic Purge of the Lower Susquehanna event occurred on 10/31 and 11/7! HUGE shout out to the 120+ volunteers who worked extremely hard over the 2 dates. We had tremendous success! Two 40 yard containers were filled to the brim, plus a lot of excess trash was collected that filled up a third 40 yard dumpster! We couldn't be more proud of everyone who shared their time with us. Great work! We are already looking forward to The 2nd Annual Great Plastic Purge of the Lower Susquehanna in 2021!



# Watershed Friendly Property Certification Program

Some property owners have made great strides to lessen stormwater impacts, and some would like to learn how to do more. So, the Penn State Master Watershed Stewards partnered with Nurture Nature Center in the Lehigh Valley to create the Watershed Friendly Property Certification Program. The goal is to unite landowners, both within individual watersheds and across PA, to improve and maintain the quality of water resources, while simultaneously providing habitat for wildlife and pollinators on their property. Property owners must commit to working towards the following objectives of the Watershed-Friendly Property Program:

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

## Why should you certify your property to be watershed-friendly?

Certifying your property has many benefits, such as:

- Protects your local streams and rivers and life that depends on clean water
- Promotes habitat for wildlife, including pollinators
- Recognizes your commitment to protect water resources on your property
- Educates others about healthy watersheds
- Provides you with tools and resources to achieve a watershed-friendly status
- Brings awareness to the Watershed-Friendly Property Program
- Helps support the Master Watershed Steward Program
- Gives you “bragging rights” for your hard work and dedication to protect and improve water quality in your watershed

If you have questions about the program, please contact Jodi Sulpizio, Natural Resources Educator, at 717-840-7408 or [jrb143@psu.edu](mailto:jrb143@psu.edu)

## How do you become certified?

The application is open to anyone who manages properties between 0.1 – 15 acres, such as homeowners, schools, places of worship, municipal offices, small businesses, and others. To learn more about the program and to become certified, complete the on-line application found at the following link:

<https://nurturenaturecenter.org/programs/community/wfp-cert/>.

If you qualify, you will be notified upon submission and will receive a certificate via email from Penn State Extension. Qualifying property owners will also be eligible to order a watershed-Friendly Property sign. Your sign will be shipped to you within two weeks. The first 250 signs will be free! If you do not qualify, you can use provided resources to help make necessary changes to make your property watershed-friendly. Everyone can do their part to improve water quality in their watershed. Healthy waters make healthy communities!



# Project Spotlight: Forest Buffers

The Pennsylvania office of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay planted 8.72 acres of riparian forest buffer across four sites in the fall of 2020. Three sites were on private property and one was at Little Creek Park in Jackson Township. The Alliance paid for livestock exclusion fencing and stream crossings, trees, shrubs, shelters, stakes, and three years of maintenance. The Alliance's buffer program is built to be easy, quick, and flexible, and to provide sufficient follow-up support to help the tree planting areas truly become forests.

Master Watershed Stewards helped to plant the buffer at Little Creek. They planted 275 native trees and shrubs. Part of that planting includes a “food forest.” How exciting! Species such as hickory, maple, paw paw, elderberry, persimmon, and more were planted. Stewards are eager to create educational materials to help park users learn about the vast benefits of riparian buffers, as well as foods produced by native trees and shrubs. The park will also have areas of lawn converted to meadow, another win-win for the environment, including wildlife and pollinators.



Ryan Davis, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay



Master Watershed Stewards at Little Creek



Rhonda Harrison, MWS



# Coalition COMEBACK

**WE POSE  
QUESTIONS, YOU  
GIVE INPUT!**

The next YCC4CW  
Zoom meeting is  
scheduled for  
**January 15th** from  
1:00-3:00.

- **Join an Action Team**
- **Do you have a field trip idea?**
- **Share this Newsletter**
- **Follow us on Instagram**
- **Like us on Facebook**



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)