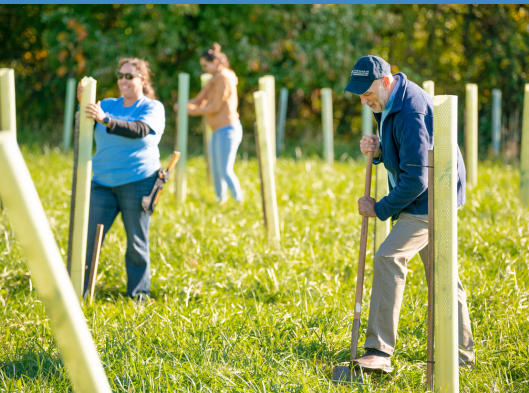


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Watershed Alliance of York's (WAY) quarterly newsletter about the implementation of the County wide Action Plan for clean waters

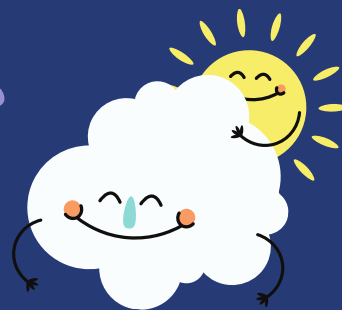
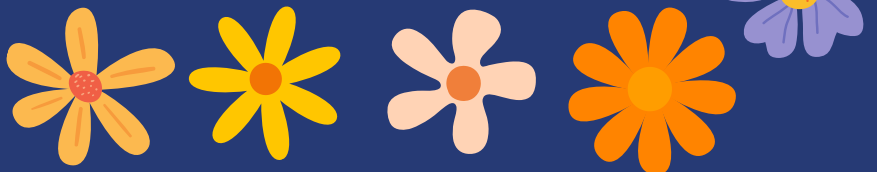


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WAY BOARD



Some time, holidays, and even winter has passed since the last Re-CAP newsletter! The WAY BOD has continued to meet and in the past couple of months we have had some insightful meetings. In December, the Board of Directors networked, celebrated a successful year, and looked into the work January would bring. In January, there were annual elections for the BOD - no changes to the Board! Folks were elected back into their seats. We also discussed adopting new policies for WAY and applying for a grant to assist us with Capacity Building. At our February meeting, we began planning for the spring and all of the events to come. There are so many opportunities to get involved between WAY and all the local partners. Make sure you visit our website event tab - you can sign up there and join us out in the field!

WAY

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Hello Readers!

We are coming out of a busy winter season and gearing up to welcome spring with open arms. Plans are in motion for spring, summer, and into fall - we are busy. When WAY welcomed the new year, the organization also welcomed some new opportunities. Being that WAY is assisting the York County Planning Commission in the implementation of the Countywide Action Plan (CAP), it was only a matter of time until we stepped into the funding ring. Time spent focused on building WAY as an organization from 2020 through 2022 has been momentous in poising us to take the next step in growth. New in 2023 and likely going forward through 2025, WAY will be receiving CAP funds for project implementation from the York County Planning Commission. The first project is an extensive stream restoration project in the southern end of the County along an Unnamed Tributary to Bald Eagle Creek in Fawn Grove Borough. You may recall reading about this project in our December issue when we featured our Muddy Creek Watershed in the York County Watersheds section of this newsletter. There has been a lot of behind the scenes work that has gotten WAY to this point. It would not have been possible or as successful without the continued support from the county planning commission, conservation district, and all of the stakeholders and partners involved in the WAY organization. It's pretty amazing taking a step back, analyzing, and recognizing progress that has been made since CAP implementation began in early 2020. It's inspiring to think that where we are now is where we aspired to be at the beginning of 2020. Now we are making new goals and working toward building up the organization in a very intentional and proper way, so that beyond 2025 WAY will be positioned as an asset to the county and its people. With that in mind, the next year we are going to focus in on capacity building for the WAY. The progress made since 2020 is super exciting, but comes with a hefty workload that is not currently sustainable for WAY, and as a result the organization is facing some growing pains entering this new year. As the CAP Coordinator, I'm going to do everything in my capacity over these next couple years to make sure we continue to progress in a stellar way.

I hope you enjoy reading the first issue of the Re-CAP newsletter for 2023. Insightful reading is in the pages ahead (in my humble opinion). The WAY Education & Outreach Committee is pivotal to the success of this newsletter. This year, we've decided to feature groups who are doing similar work across the county. Know one we should feature? Pass their information to me! We have also introduced a little interactive fun toward the end of the issue - Where in the Watersheds?! - I hope you'll consider playing along!

Thanks for reading, for continued support, and for being on this wild water ride with us!

In Stewardship,



Rachel Stahlman, CAP Coordinator / WAY President
rstahlman@ycpc.org



Local Highlights: Hellam Township EAC

In 2006, the Hellam Township Supervisors created our Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). This council currently consists of six active members, a representative from the Board of Supervisors, and a volunteer from another township who serves in an advisory role. We would love to have three more active members to complete our group. The council was tasked with advocating for our environment, educating, and engaging the community. Since that inception, we have many accomplishments and much more work to do.

Here are a few examples of our work: We created a rain garden at Barshinger Field on Accomac Road which we continue to maintain. In the township newsletter and pamphlets, we've educated residents on recycling opportunities in the area, curbside pickup, single use plastics, and the open burning of trash. The EAC has advocated for changes to roadside mowing in order to allow pollinator-friendly plantings to grow, and planted native pollinator gardens. A model pollinator display garden is located at Flinchbaugh's Farm Market on Ducktown Road, and serves as the focal point of a yearly pollinator celebration in June where we engage the public with experts on bees, butterflies, and birds that aid in growing our food. We have also participated in making the public aware of pollution in Kreutz Creek. We've advised the Board of Supervisors regarding the dangers to the public where children and pets play in the water.

The EAC has also planted several hundred trees along Kreutz Creek and its tributaries to mitigate stormwater runoff, flooding, and erosion. With the help of volunteers, some of them Eastern High School students, we are trying to create riparian buffers along as many streamsides as possible.

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 by Phyllis Koster at EAC's pollinator display garden at Flinchbaugh's. In full boom last summer



 by Judith Mueller at EAC's Pollinator Celebration last April



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There are two tree plantings planned for this spring, and we continue to search for landowners who are willing to join in this endeavor. We would like to make these events educational so that residents can learn the value of planting native trees to hold soil in place, support wildlife, prevent pollution, and improve the quality of our streams in Hellam Township and downstream as well.

Advising businesses and homeowners who are developing their land is another task we enjoy. Over the years, the EAC, with support from the Board of Supervisors, has created a list of native trees and shrubs designed to be used as plantings for riparian buffers, foundation plantings, and wetland type areas. This list is available to all residents and businesses.


While there may be debate over issues such as the causes of recent global climate changes, there is no doubt that the stressors on the world's environment continue to increase. They threaten our township's beautiful natural resources, outdoor recreation, our productive agriculture, and our infrastructure such as roads and bridges. Consequently, we know that we must act now to anticipate and reduce risks. As the "advisory" council, we try to lead by example and present ideas to the residents that will be both environmentally and financially sound.

This article was written by Carolyn Fetrow, Phyllis Koster, and William Sprenkle. It was edited by Judith Mueller. All are Hellam Township EAC Members.


The EAC meets on the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the township building.

The EAC invites input and volunteers! What concerns do you have about the health of our water, air and land in the Township? Would you like to help? Contact jmueller@fandm.edu



 by Carolyn Fetrow from April 2022 tree planting in Hellam Township with the EAC and Master Watershed Stewards



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Tree Planting! April 1st, 1:00pm - 3:30pm
Join the EAC with support from Horn Farm at a private landowners in Hellam Township to plant some trees! BYO gloves, shovel, and water. There will be limited extra supplies on hand. Register and get more information by e-mailing Cindy at cpizziketti@gmail.com or Carolyn at gardenyakker@gmail.com.

Trees, Trees & More Trees

Keystone 10 Million Trees Spring Kickoff!



Keystone
10 MILLION TREES
PARTNERSHIP

WAY is a York County Keystone 10 Million Trees Program partner. This means that each spring and fall (through 2025) WAY collects tree requests via an order form on our website from landowners across the county. WAY then places one large mass order to the Keystone 10 Million Trees Program. This spring our initial order was for more than 16,000 trees.



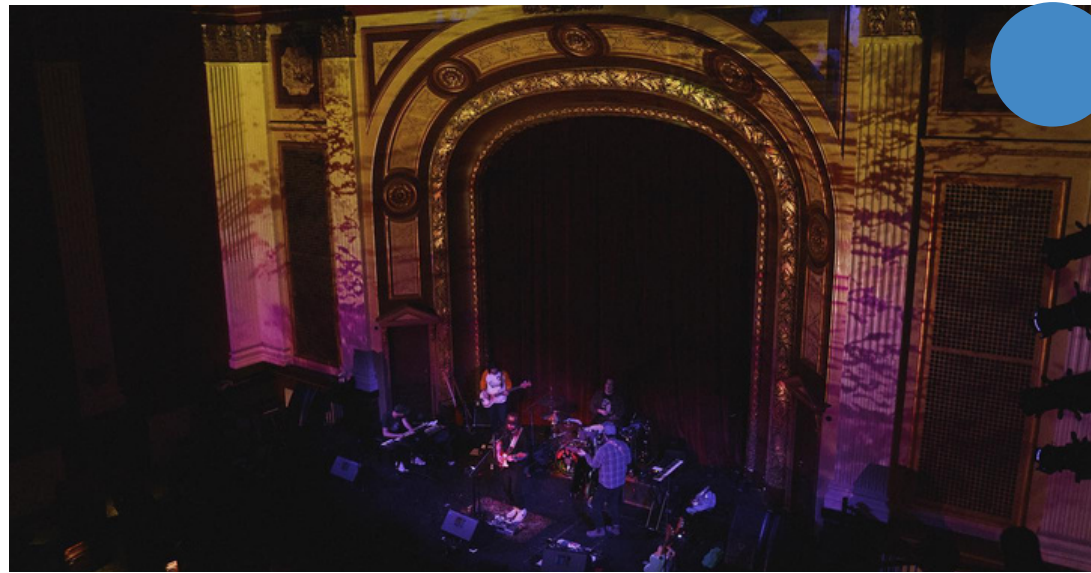
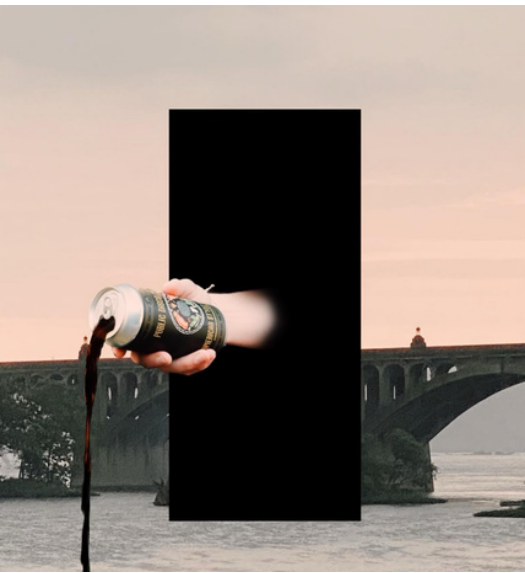
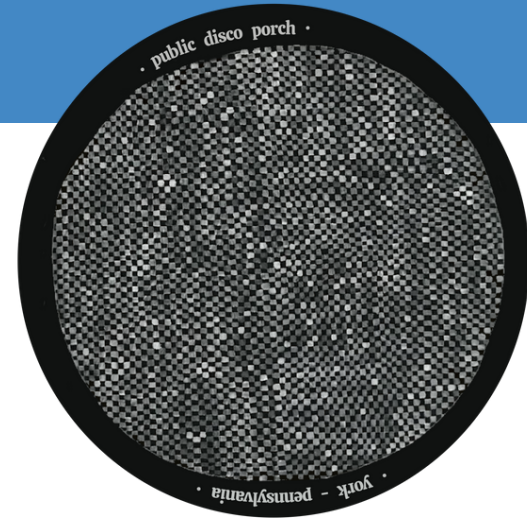
What all is involved in making the Keystone 10 Million Trees Program successful? Mostly behind the scenes organization and logistics. It's a lot of work to collect hundreds of individual orders, track them, keep them organized, inform applicants of order changes, and delivery/pick-up dates, organize tree plantings, and more. All of the work is done voluntarily by WAY as a program partner. We have seen insane growth in the number of trees ordered as time progresses. This spring order is by far the biggest yet!

We are expecting our order of trees to arrive on March 29th at York County at Pleasant Valley Building - 2401 Pleasant Valley Road - we are still looking for volunteer assistance in unloading the delivery, organizing the trees, and assisting folks with picking up their orders on March 30, 31, and April 1. Sign-up to help via the WAY website or e-mail Rachel at rstahlman@ycpc.org.



Public Disco Porch Presents: Burnt Sienna

The evening of February 25th was spent at the Appell Center's Capitol Theater. Local non-profits set up in the lobby and by the stage to raise awareness to the concert goers of the great opportunities there are to get involved right now. WAY was honored to be included alongside partners like the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper Association, Master Watershed Stewards, West Shore Wildlife Center, Horn Farm Center, Economic Alliance, and Refillism. Public Disco Porch put on a great show with original music that illuminated the town and places we all love, York! We can't wait for Public Disco Porch songs! It's so fun doing work with such awesome partners. Keep your eyes peeled for some show follow ups during Watershed Week in September. Public Disco Porch is donating funds generated from the show to build a rain garden near Poorhouse Run!



The night was made extra special by:

- Public Disco Porch's **Spencer McCreary** for spearheading the brilliant ideas
- **Collusion Tap Works** for brewing the "Public Disco Porter"
- **Aortic Valve's Justin** for supplying visuals
- **Gary Gearhart** for capturing the night in photo form



Do your stormwater structures need attention?



Learn about nature-based solutions to stormwater management!



REGISTER TODAY!

HOA STORMWATER WORKSHOP

For HOA members and property managers



March 29, 2023



5:00 - 8:30 pm



430 Walnut Street, Suite 303
Columbia, PA 17512

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What is "green" stormwater infrastructure and how can it be used to your benefit?

Retrofit from Turf to Meadow

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Inspections & Maintenance

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For more information on CWQE and to register:

Call us at 855-227-1202 or Visit our website at www.cwqe.org

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Making Progress Together

Sponsored by the Watershed Alliance of York with funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Program

Where in the Watersheds?!

Last year we highlighted facts for each of our 11 main watersheds. We've decided to switch it up and add some interactive fun!

On this page are photos / clues about a specific place located in one of our 11 main watersheds. Play along by trying to guess the exact location and in what watershed.

Feeling extra playful? E-mail your answer along with mailing address to rstahlman@ycpc.org to get a WAY prize delivered to you.

We also take submissions! Send in some sneaky photos from a favorite spot in one of our watersheds along with clues to the location and you may get featured!

Find the answer to 'Where in the Watersheds?!' in our next newsletter.



Clues

- Naturally occurring in this stream are iron cubes
- The stream in this place was restored in 2021
- Sediment removed during the restoration was used to build a pickle ball court
- This stream is one of the few in the county that flows in an underground culvert for almost a mile





Upcoming Events

Visit the 'events' tab on WAY's website for event details

MARCH

- 3/25, 9am - 1pm, CLEAN UP: Willis Run
- 3/29, Morning, K10 Tree Day, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- 3/29, 5pm - 8:30pm, HOA Stormwater Workshop

APRIL

- 4/1, 7:30am - 1:30pm, Muddy Creek TU Opening Day
- 4/1, 1pm - 3:30pm, Hellam EAC Tree Planting
- 4/2, 1pm - 3pm, Horn Farm Tree Planting
- 4/13, 6pm - 9pm, Paint Night by the River
- 4/15, 9am - 12pm, Shallowbrook Tree Tending
- 4/15, 9am - 12pm, Fawn Grove Park Clean Up
- 4/15, 10am - 12pm, Horn Farm Tree Planting
- 4/18, 9am - 11am, Stormwater O&M Training
- 4/22, EARTH DAY!!!!!!!!!!

MAY

- 5/5, 5pm - 9pm, Give Local York Celebration
- 5/20, 10am - 12pm, Horn Farm Tree Tending

JUNE

- 6/9, 6pm - 9pm, Rockin' for the River
- 6/17, 10am - 12pm, Horn Farm Tree Tending
- 6/24, 9am - 12pm, Riverfest

AUGUST

- 8/11, 6pm - 9pm, Rockin' for the River

SEPTEMBER

- 9/16 - 22, 21st Annual Watershed Week



<-- Scan with your phone's camera to go right to our events tab!

Contact us if...

- You have a water quality project and you are unsure if it's being counted for credit in restoration efforts
- You want to be part of WAY or any of the Committees of WAY
- You have any questions or comments



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The WAY Board of Directors meet on the 4th Thursday of each month in person at 6:30pm in room 151 of York County at Pleasant Valley

2401 Pleasant Valley Road, York

Join us virtually via TEAMS find the link at watershedallianceofyork.org

The Watershed Alliance of York (**WAY**) is a group of volunteer stakeholders interested in improving local waterways 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**