

WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF YORK
Board of Directors Meeting of May 18, 2026

In- person and via Teams

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Agenda

Call to Order (6:30 P.M.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 16th, 2026, meeting (President)
2. York Countywide Action Plan
 - a. Executive (President)
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Education and Outreach
 - ii. Project Implementation
 1. Grant Project Tracker
 - iii. Budget and Finance
 1. Treasurer's Report & BTN Accounting
3. New Business
 - a. Grant Awards
 - i. YCCF Grant Award - Myers Mill Dam Removal Design & Permitting
 - ii. Foundation for PA Watersheds Grant Award - Myers Mill Dam Removal Design & Permitting
 - b. YCPC CAP Contracts
 - i. Lake Lehman Phase 2
 - ii. Beaver Creek
 - c. Beaver Creek - Adams County Conservation District CAP Contract
 - d. Lake Lehman Phase 2 - Flyway Change Order
 - e. Beaver Creek - Kinsley Contract
 - f. Lake Lehman - LandStudies Monitoring & Maintenance Proposals
 - g. Watershed Week Planning
4. Networking (All)
 - a. Codorus Creek Clean Up - July 25th
5. Next Meeting – July 20th 6:30pm at LSRA Office

Adjourn (7:00 P.M.)

Strategic Planning Session
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

New Business Summary

Agenda Item 3.a.i. YCCF Grant Award - Myers Mill Dam D&P

This grant award is for \$17,900 to go toward design and permitting costs for the Myers Mill Dam removal project.

Agenda Item 3.a.ii. Foundation for PA Watersheds Grant Award - Myers Mill Dam Removal D&P

This grant award is for \$6,800 to go toward design and permitting costs for the Myers Mill Dam removal project.

Agenda Item 3.b. YCPC CAP Contracts

The first contract is for funding to complete construction of Phase 2 of the Lake Lehman Floodplain Restoration project. The grant amount is for \$732,260.00 with a grant deadline of December 31, 2026. Unfortunately, DEP didn't provide York County with enough funding to complete Phase 3, so at this time, construction of that phase is planned for 2027, funding dependent. Construction of Phase 2 is anticipated to start in August.

The second contract is for funding to complete the construction of the Beaver Creek Stream Restoration Project. The grant amount is for \$59,515.00 with a grant deadline of December 31, 2026. The project was put out to bid at the end of April, with Kinsley construction coming in with the lowest responsible bid of \$299,780.00. Adams County Conservation District has agreed to utilize a portion of their CAP funds to cover the project (see later agenda item), since it's located in both York and Adams Counties. A YCCD Exelon HIP grant and a PA Fish & Boat Commission Habitat Improvement grant will cover the remaining project costs. As a reminder, the design and permitting portion of this project was covered under a Growing Greener grant.

Agenda Item 3.c. Beaver Creek - Adams County Conservation District CAP Contract

As previously mentioned, Adams County Conservation District is contributing CAP funding to cover 50% of the Beaver Creek Stream Restoration Project. The grant amount is for \$149,890.00 with a grant deadline of December 31, 2026.

Agenda Item 3.d. Lake Lehman Phase 2 - Flyway Change Order

This is a contract amendment to provide funding to Flyway to complete the construction of Phase 2 of the Lake Lehman Floodplain Restoration project. The contract amendment is for \$732,260.00 with a project completion deadline of December 31, 2026.

Agenda Item 3.e. Beaver Creek - Kinsley Contract

This is a contract between WAY and Kinsley to complete the construction of the Beaver Creek Stream Restoration Project. The contract amount is for \$59,515.00 with a project deadline of December 31, 2026.

Agenda Item 3.f. Lake Lehman - LandStudies Monitoring & Maintenance Proposals

This is for two contracts with LandStudies for them to complete the required Monitoring & Maintenance for the Lake Lehman Floodplain Restoration project. Funding has been obtained to cover the complete cost for Monitoring, but for only two years of Maintenance. The contract for Maintenance stipulates that if funding of maintenance years 3-5 isn't obtained, LandStudies won't complete the work. The total Monitoring cost is \$29,672.00 for 5 years and the total Maintenance cost for 5 years is \$250,300.00.

Submitted applications since the March meeting:

- Foundation of PA Watersheds: \$6,800 for Myers Mill Dam Design & Permitting

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Virtually via Teams
Minutes

Board Actions via Email (January 2026)

On January 26, 2026, a motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Matt to accept \$163,126.00 from PA DEP's Growing Greener for East Branch Codorus Creek UNT at East Springfield Road Floodplain Restoration Design and Permitting. This motion was approved unanimously by email vote.

On January 26, 2026, a motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Matt to accept \$119,000.00 from PA DEP's Growing Greener for UNT to Kreutz Creek at Stonewood Road Stream Restoration Design and Permitting. This motion was approved unanimously by email vote.

On January 30, 2026, a motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Lettice to accept the High Foundation award of \$8,290 for the East Branch Codorus Creek stream restoration permit update to get the project shovel ready. This motion was approved unanimously by email vote.

Noting a quorum was present, the meeting was brought to order by President, Rachel Stahlman, at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were as follows:

Present: Emily Neideigh, Jodi Sulpizio, Rachel Stahlman, Matt Leisses, Rob Harvey, Cathleen Mastrilli, Ben Dinkel, Duane Hyson, Lettice Brown, Ethan Davaiau, and Cindy Pizziketti

Guests: Dan Stevenson, Kevin Staugh, John Affriol, Frank Kempf and Jim Morris

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 12th, 2026, meeting. Rachel asked the board members present to review the minutes of the October meeting, and for a motion to approve them. **Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes. Duane seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
2. York Countywide Action Plan
 - a. Executive (President)
 - b. Committee Reports
 - i. Education and Outreach - no meeting
 - ii. Project Implementation - Jodi - group met and shared status of projects.
 1. Buffalo Valley Run Project Update -received DEP comments. Pending final approval and an email vote may be necessary
 2. Beaver Creek Project Update - This project is CAP funded and a collaboration of York and Adams County. May need an email vote for bid approval.
 - iii. Budget and Finance
 1. Treasurer's Report & BTN Accounting- Rachel asked the board members present to review the report. **Cindy made a motion to approve the financial reports. Jodi seconded the motion. Motion passed.**
3. New Business
 - a. Project Sponsor Request - Oil Creek (YCRTA/C.S. Davidson) - YCRTA asked WAY to become the lead on the third phase of the Oil Creek restoration along the Hanover Railtrail. The project was discussed and John from YCRTA said that they do not have the bandwidth to see this last phase to conclusion. Emily said that WAY does have the capacity to take on this project. **Cindy made a motion and Lettice seconded the motion to take on this project. Motion was carried unanimously by all board members present.**

- b. Project Sponsor Request - Kreutz Creek (Kinsley) - WAY was asked to be the grant sponsor of this project. **The restoration project was described and after discussion Cindy made a motion that WAY become the grant sponsor and Matt seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all board members present.**
 - c. Project Sponsor Request - Pilot Program for Bradford Pear Invasive Species Removal (Land Logics Group) Emily had limited information on this proposal and the individual spearheading this initiative was not present to answer questions. **Cindy made a motion to sponsor this grant, Rob seconded the motion. The motion did not pass.**
 - d. Annual Report - Emily shared the annual report.
 - e. Strategic Plan Consultant Approval - Matt described the process that the committee went through to evaluate the applicants. **The committee recommended that Kelly Dearman be hired. Motion was carried out by all board members present with Cindy abstaining.**
 - f. CAP Admin Contract - CAP will fund WAY at \$9,800 starting April 2nd, 50 hours per pay period **Matt made a motion to accept these funds and Cindy seconded the motion. Motion was carried out by all board members present with Rachel abstaining.**
 - g. EcoStrategies Contract - Construction Services for Buffalo Valley Run - **Cindy made a motion to award the contract to EcoStrategies and Duane seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all board members present.**
 - h. ECS Proposal - Construction Services for Beaver Creek - **Cindy made a motion to award the contract to EcoStrategies and Jodi seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously by all board members present.**
 - i. WPC Contract - Freshwater Mussel Survey - This is moving forward and the contract will need an email vote.
 - j. Project Tracking Process - Emily showed the tracking document she has created. This can be found in WAY's Google drive folder
 - k. PAFBC Stillhouse Run Project = This project in Fairview Township will include wild trout habitat improvement. PAFBC has designed the project and will probably be willing to fund the project - but will also oversee the project. We will have an email vote in the future about the construction contract.
 - l. PACA&D Design-a-thon - Pa College of Art and Design created some new graphics for WAY that can be found in the Google drive folder.
 - m. Leadership York - Board Forward is a new leadership development initiative launched by Leadership York and the York County Community Foundation through the York County Nonprofit Collaborative. Designed to strengthen Executive Director and Board Chair partnerships, the program focuses on building stronger governance practices and a more resilient nonprofit sector across York County. We have asked for a scholarship because we currently only have \$250 budgeted for development and this program costs \$1000.
 - n. Willis Run Clean Up - May 16 - Lettice brought it to our attention that Rotary's Preserve Planet Earth Committee would like to be involved in this cleanup. Their focus may be further upstream than the planned cleanup near where Willis crosses George Street. It was agreed that we would all work together.
 - o. Go Green in the City - April 18th After some discussion it was agreed that WAY will not set up a table at this event.
4. Networking (All)
- a. F&N Bantz Park Clean Up - March 18th at 9am
 - b. UNT to Mill Creek Clean Up at Eastern Market - March 21st at 10
 - c. Willis Run Clean Up - May 16th
 - d. Codorus Creek Clean Up - July 25th
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Cindy made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Jodi and passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:20pm.