

Manager's Report
June 15, 2023

Executive Session:

- Conducted prior to the meeting for personnel matters

A.

- **Continued Items to review/discuss/decision**
 - 1) ARP Fund – Expenditures (Discussions about what you would like the funds spent on)

B. Action Items for Discussion and Approval/Denial

- 1) Soft launch for the new website: Hellam-township-pa.proudcity.com. Please take a look and send us feed back by the end of next week. The site is not live yet and is still a work in progress but we want to know any suggestions you may have.
- 2) There is a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st for final incident management for the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge project.

C. Policies to be completed:

1. Proposed Personnel Policy Manual: On our To Do list for Spring/Summer

D. Correspondence

- 1) Received email and invitation for the PHMC historical marker unveiling and dedication for the Shoe House
- 2) Thank you letter from York County Rail Trail Authority for the donation

E. Miscellaneous:

- 1) The Re-Cap newsletter from Watershed Alliance of York
- 2) Fox Tracks – May – August 2023
- 3) Copy of 2023 PSATS Adopted Resolutions

Updates:

- We did not receive the allocation through Senator Fetterman’s office for River Drive however I just obtained a list of connectivity grants and the grant writer has it on her list to watch and submit for new ones. I also asked Chad if he would give me an updated cost estimate for the project to submit with new grant applications
- Savvy Citizen is live but not real active yet. We have a meeting scheduled with Jeralyn next week to order marketing items to get the word out about the platform
- The Pars4Paws Golf Tournament was a huge success.
- I’d also like to report that Jason is transitioning into the zoning position nicely. Things are going real well.
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Corina Mann

Subject: FW: SR 0462-038 (Lanc, #79020 LEAD) & SR 0462-056 (York, #110480) Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge Rehab- US 30 Incident Management Plan Final Report

From: Jeffrey Uhler <juhler@rkk.com>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 1:23 PM
Subject: SR 0462-038 (Lanc, #79020 LEAD) & SR 0462-056 (York, #110480) Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge Rehab- US 30 Incident Management Plan Final Report

Good Afternoon,

Based on the US 30 Incident Management Meeting Doodle Survey that was sent out in mid-May, with stakeholder request to consider an evening meeting to generate attendance, the **FINAL** Incident Management Meeting date for the Design Phase has been set for June 21th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Columbia Crossing River Trails Center. PennDOT and Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl (RK&K) staff will provide a brief project update and provide an overview of Incident Management Plan, including incident scenarios on US 30 during the closure phase of the SR 0462 Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge. **We encourage you or your proxy to attend this meeting so that all stakeholders are represented, and their input and concerns are considered.**

Please plan on attending a FINAL Incident Management Plan Meeting on June 21st from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Columbia Crossing River Trails Center: 41 Walnut St, Columbia, PA 17512

Please reply to me in a separate email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank You,
Jeff Uhler

JEFF UHLER, RSP1
Project Engineer III



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From: Tom Davidson <tom.davidson2642@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2023 3:23 PM
To: Corina Mann
Cc: Naomi Brown
Subject: Haines Shoe House PHMC Marker Dedication
Attachments: Haines Shoe House marker invitation.pdf

Good afternoon,

Attached is the invitation for Hellam Township representatives to participate in the PHMC historical marker unveiling and dedication.

Owner, Naomi Brown, will be in contact with the road department for installation in early July once she has received delivery.

Thank you for the township's support throughout this project.

Tom Davidson
Lincoln Highway Legacy LLC
223-254-8182 cell

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



**The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
the Brown family and Lincoln Highway Legacy**

**Invite you to the dedication of an official
state historical marker commemorating**

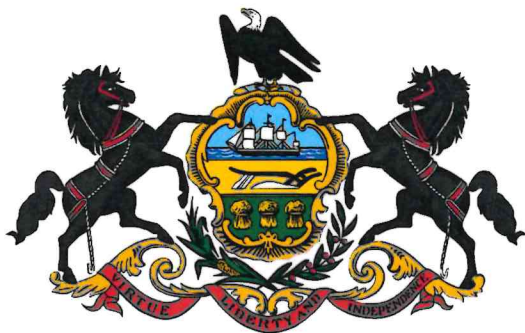
The Haines Shoe House

197 Shoe House Road, York PA 17406

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at NOON

**House tours & Becks Ice Cream available
after the dedication ceremony**

RSVP to Tom Davidson at Tom.Davidson2642@gmail.com



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(2003)*

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*State Trail Worker Award
Carl Knoch
(2004)*

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*Local Governmental Award
(2005)*

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National Rails-to-Trails
Conservancy
HRTCP
(2008)

PA Tourism Office
*Keystone Society Award
Carl Knoch
(2010)*

PA DCNR
*Trail of the Year
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy
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(2015)*

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May 31, 2023

Hellam Township
Board of Supervisors
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York, PA 17406

Dear Supervisors:

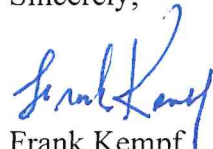
Thank you for the recent contribution to the York County Rail Trail Authority from Hellam Township. We have received the annual contribution in the amount of \$500.00 and welcome Hellam Township as a continued supporter of York County recreational trails.

The financial support from Hellam Township and so many others in the community is both gratifying and instrumental in helping us provide great recreational trail experiences to residents and visitors alike.

Largely due to generous contributions from Hellam Township and many other supporters, the York County Rail Trail Authority looks forward to participating in projects that address both local and countywide interest in public trails for health & fitness, recreation, non-motorized transportation, and maintaining the scenic beauty of York County.

Thank you once again for this contribution.

Sincerely,


Frank Kempf
Chairman


Gwen Loose, CPRP
Executive Director

Thank you

York County Rail Trail Authority is organized under the Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945. Contributions are used exclusively for the development of public trails and, as such, may be fully tax deductible pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. Official registration and financial information may be obtained by contacting the York County Rail Trail Authority.

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GOODBYE RAILS!



A 2018 feasibility study of the dormant rail corridor purchased in 2020 to expand the Hanover Trolley Trail revealed that corridor widths and contours were not sufficient to develop a trail with rails. Following an August 2022 public bidding process, York County Rail Trail Authority contracted with Kovalchick Corporation of Indiana, PA, for removal and salvage of the rails and other track material along the 8.5-mile rail corridor. Removal began in late September, and by year's end the corridor was quickly being transformed from choked with vegetation to cleared, ready for trail construction.

TRAIL BUILDING

Although small in scope, building 0.3 miles of trail in Spring Grove Borough marked the beginning of an estimated \$8.5 million expansion of the Hanover Trolley Trail. With funding from York County's American Rescue Fund, Explore York, and PA Department of Conservation & Recreation, JVI Group, Inc. of York Springs, PA completed the work in June. By year's end, York engineering firm C.S. Davidson, Inc. completed design and permitting of the rail corridor to Bair and a \$700,000 PA DCNR grant was received, allowing for 2023 construction of an additional 2.1 miles of trail.



TRAIL PLANNING



Planning for future phases of the Hanover Trolley Trail quickly revealed dramatic and damaging effects that nearby Oil Creek has had on the rail corridor in Heidelberg Township for decades. Funded through a grant from PA Department of Environmental Protection and matching funds from Codorus Watershed Endowment of York County Community Foundation, LandStudies of Lititz, PA, began design and permitting to restore two sites along the creek.

TRAIL PARTNERSHIPS

Many partners helped to build, maintain and promote our rail trail projects throughout 2022. Hanover, Penn Township, Spring Grove, and Jackson Township collectively donated 270 hours and \$14,088 to maintain the completed sections of the Hanover Trolley Trail, for an average maintenance cost of \$4,148 per mile. Hanover also contributed \$3,640 toward improvements of their trail section. Volunteer trail inspectors conducted 36 inspections. Volunteer hours totaled 1,462. Special projects and donations were valued at \$34,063. A complete list of 2022 donors can be found at www.yorkcountyrails.org.



CELEBRATIONS



On June 2, as a prelude to National Trails Day, York County President Commissioner Julie Wheeler (front row, fourth from left) cut the ribbon on the first section of the Hanover Trolley Trail to be built on the dormant rail line purchased in 2020. The annual holiday gathering was held on December 14, which included presentation of the 2022 York County Rail Trail Awards to PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources' Lori Yeich as Government Leader, Hanover Borough as Trail Organization, and Terry and Don Reichard as Trail Champions.

FINANCIALS

2022 Operating Income totaled \$55,554 with 82% private donations and 17% special programs & projects. 2022 Operating Expenditures totaled \$129,007 with 72% personnel, 18% professional services, and 9% office expenses.

Special thanks to the County of York for providing our office space at Hanover Junction Train Station. Sponsorships of *Trail News*, our semi-annual newsletter, were provided by Flying Feet Sports Shoes, Gung Ho Bikes, and Kessler's Bike Shop. Additional donors, including the generous sponsors of the 2022 Pumpkin Walk, can be found at www.yorkcountyrails.org.



OUTREACH



In 2022, YCRTA's ambassador committee was formed to provide assistance with staffing information booths at area festivals and other types of public engagement. Authority member Melanie Playdon chaired our Give Local York campaign and Pumpkin Walk event. Information booths were hosted at York's Go Green in the City, Hanover's SnackTowne Festival, New Freedom's Fall Festival, and York History Center's Oyster Festival. Technical assistance was offered to Carroll County, MD; Adams and Lancaster Counties, PA; and YCEA.

LEADERSHIP

Throughout 2022, leadership was provided by York County Rail Trail Authority Chairman Frank Kempf; Vice-chairman Mack Johnson; Treasurer Albert Gleichauf; Secretary Ed Hughes; members Silas Chamberlin, Sharon Dorn, Melanie Playdon, CJ Weigle, Brandon Wingert, and Ann Yost; and Executive Director Gwenyth Loose. Sharon Dorn concluded her term in November and was honored for her service in December. Ten volunteers served on the Authority's planning committee chaired by former Authority Chairman Carl Knoch, and an additional ten volunteers served on the Hanover Trolley Trail operating committee. An ambassadors committee was formed in 2022 to assist with public events.



CHAIRMAN + EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE



A highlight of 2022 was the many miles we walked. With 8.5 miles of newly acquired and cleared rail corridor, showcasing the Hanover Trolley Trail expansion project became a priority. And so we walked—and enthusiasm grew. A second highlight was the June 2nd ribbon-cutting ceremony opening a 0.3-mile section of trail in Spring Grove—the first new trail to be opened to the public in 9 years. Described during the ceremony as “an acorn,” this small section marks the growth of the Hanover Trolley Trail into York County's next long-distance rail trail. Onward to 2023!

THE RE-CAP

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



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WAY BOARD



Since March's issue, the WAY BOD has met three times. The overarching theme at those meetings has been **growth**. The organization is growing at an exponential rate and at times it feels like we are holding on for dear life through this growing season of WAY. It's a time to celebrate accomplishments but we also need to be calculated in our moves so that the capacity of the BOD is not put at risk. We are taking on new grant programs, more funding, and a greater appreciation to our mission. Now that we are about half way though the year, we have begun to reflect on the first half while planning for the second half (hey-oh, Watershed Week!) and looking into planning for the new year - yes, already... Restoration never rests!



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Hello Readers!

Spring proved to be quite busy for CAP implementation and happenings within WAY. We assisted with Envirothon and Shank's Mare's annual stream study sessions – education and outreach for the children! We partied hardy for the River during Give Local York to raise funds for WAY - we met our 2023 goal! Above all else, work has been happening!

Since our March issue, several CAP funded projects have been completed, which translates to more restoration progress across the County! One of the larger projects is highlighted in the pages that follow so, read on.

Now that June is here the focus is shifting to the latter half of the year – can you believe it already?! This means that event planning for WAY's 21st Annual Watershed Week is officially underway. There are some exciting things being planned for this year's Watershed Week... including a sweet t-shirt design. An array of events, both new and classical, are also being planned for us all to enjoy! Mark your calendar for September 16 – 22 and keep your eyes peeled on WAY's social media accounts and website for event information in the coming weeks.

Also, on the horizon for the second half of the year is annual CAP reporting. This year is a milestone update year, so the reporting requirements are a bit heavier than last year. Nevertheless, it's a wonderful opportunity to take stock of our current restoration standings. I'm looking forward to highlighting all the hard work we are doing.

Finally, we are approaching funding planning for 2024 CAP projects. Each October, I submit a list of "shovel ready" projects to DEP for funding consideration. York County Planning Commission then receives a lump sum from DEP to divvy up among the approved projects, but there is never enough funds to implement all of them. Projects that will result in high nitrogen reduction credits are priority projects. If you know of an unfunded or underfunded construction ready water quality improvement project that will be eligible for CAP credit, please contact me to discuss.

So much going on and so many opportunities to get involved. There is no rest in sight, and we love it that way! I hope you enjoy this issue of the Re-CAP. Thanks for reading, for your continued support, and for being on this wild water ride with us!

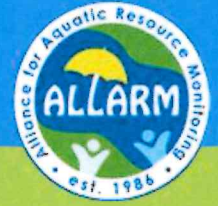
In Stewardship,



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Local Highlights: ALLARM Monitoring

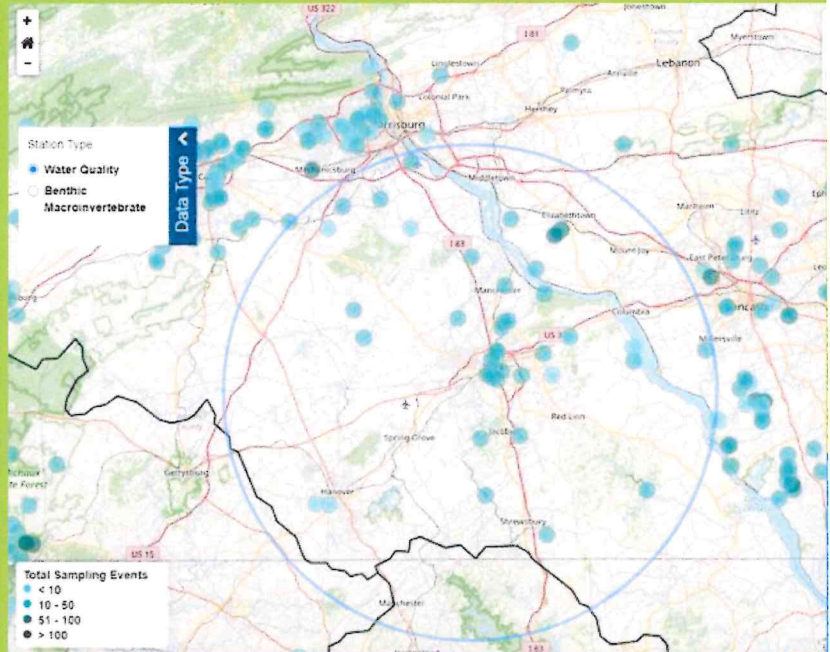


Article written and photographs provided by Cindy Pizziketti

ALLARM - The Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring-sounds like what you would shout in an emergency, and it sort of is. This program, run through Dickinson College, is empowering citizen scientists to monitor water quality throughout the county. Every month these trained volunteers take a sample from their stream site and through this monthly assessment they become aware and can raise the "ALLARM" if they see water quality deteriorating.

I have been a member of the stream team since its beginning in York County 4 years ago. Every month I wade into Kreutz Creek and take the temperature, use a secchi disk to measure clarity, measure stream depth, and grab a water sample for further lab tests (conductivity, nitrates, and pH.) These tests enable us to objectively understand what is going on in the streams we monitor. Some changes in the stream such as color are obvious, but nitrates are colorless, yet important to the health of the creek and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

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This map, pulled from the Chesapeake Monitoring Cooperative website shows the ALLARM monitoring locations across York County (in the light blue circle).



Cindy Pizziketti collects a water sample from Kreutz Creek in York County.

Local Highlights: ALLARM Monitoring



Array of water testing supplies provided by ALLARM.



Nitrate results from a sample collected from Kreutz Creek.



Nitrate results from a sample collected from Kreutz Creek near the landfill on 10/20/2020, the nitrate readings collected this day were very poor.

The ALLARM team at Dickenson supports the stream team by developing the procedures used, providing the initial training, and follow up support including quality control. Each year our samples are tested at Dickinson to make sure our results fall within certain parameters. In addition, the team at ALLARM is always there to answer volunteer questions and provide opportunities for continuing education on the monitoring process. Yearly, the program provides a site packet with the year's data, summarized statistics, and watershed information. I really appreciate both the technical support that ALLARM provides team members and the support from a community of like minded people who are also monitoring.

Visiting the creek each month has allowed me to better understand how water quality is affected seasonally. For example, in winter weather, we often notice an increase in conductivity because of the impact of salted roadways. In February, we often get a higher than expected nitrate reading, perhaps because manure has been added to fields while the ground is still frozen. Most importantly the ALLARM program has empowered me with data and insights into my stream's water quality so that I can raise the "ALLARM" if I notice a change in water quality.

Projects Around the County: UNT to Libes Creek Stream Restoration



Recently completed in May with 91.2% of its funding from the CAP, was the Unnamed Tributary (UNT) to Libes Creek Restoration. This project was several years in the making, starting back in late 2019. It included 1,861 linear feet of stream restoration with legacy sediment removal, 0.6 acres of wetland restoration, and 3.2 acres of riparian reforestation. It will improve a drainage area of 244 acres in Hopewell Township by reducing 244,655 pounds of sediment, 814 pounds of nitrogen, and 200 pounds of phosphorus annually. The entirety of the project was completed by Ecotone. A huge, massive thank you to DEP for the funding, Ecotone for the design and construction work, York County Conservation District for the contracting work, and most importantly landowners for implementing a watershed restoration project on their property!



Event Highlight:

Shank's Mare Susquehanna River Field Days

Shank's Mare began offering Susquehanna River Field Days in the mid-1990's and has since introduced well over 20,000 students to the river. What better way to educate future stewards than to give them a hands-on day of learning and adventure. The goal of these field days is to give an overview of the habitat, ecology, and history of the Susquehanna River. There are three learning stations that students get to experience:

- **River Discovery:** Students embark on a guided paddle tour of Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna River. After a paddling orientation and short discussion on Susquehanna River facts and its unique relationship to the Chesapeake Bay, students launch kayaks and paddle the waterway searching for wildlife, including Bald Eagles, Osprey, Great Blue Heron and more. This adventure provides an opportunity for students to get an up-close view of this waterway and note the importance of the Susquehanna to our environment and the Chesapeake Bay. For most, this is their first experience in a kayak and on the River!

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Students studying Fishing Creek. Some are in groups using kick nets (yellow tools pictured) to disturb the creek bed and catch macroinvertebrates while other are looking under rocks.



Largest Stonefly found during May's stream studies of Fishing Creek.



Two different Dragonfly Larva's found during stream studies. These were the only two found all month long.

Event Highlight:

Shank's Mare Susquehanna River Field Days



- **Streamside Discovery:** Students explore Fishing Creek and become acquainted with the macroinvertebrates that live in and around the area through hands-on interaction. By discovering the aquatic life and the mammals and amphibians that visit the stream, students can determine the health of the waterway and the important relationship the streams have to the rivers into which they flow.

- **Rivertales:** Students gather for a short presentation on the history of the Susquehanna River and its importance in the daily lives of those who inhabited its banks. From the Native Americans to the early European settlers and their border disputes, to the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal, the river has played a significant role in the settling of our area.



Hellgrammites, (long and leggy), Water Penny (flat and copper color), Mayfly's (three tails).

CAP Coordinator, Rachel Stahlman, assisted throughout the month of May with the "Streamside Discovery" learning station. Each group of students thoroughly enjoyed stomping around in Fishing Creek searching for signs of life. We found so much throughout the month including crayfish (both native and invasive), leeches, aquatic worms, dragonfly larva, hellgrammites, water pennies, stone fly, cadis fly, mayfly, crane fly larva, and much more! Group after group designated the stream as healthy after they had fun turning over rocks and using kick nets to find the macro-critters. It's wonderful what Shank's Mare does for the youth of our community!



Students gather at the end of a stream study while Elizabeth Jones with Shank's Mare describes the macroinvertebrates we found.

Event Highlight: Envirothon!

York County Conservation District, along with its partners, celebrated the 38th Envirothon in York County this May. Nearly 1,000 students participate in Envirothon each year where they showcase, on teams representing their school, their knowledge in Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, and a new environmental Current Issue each year. Envirothon events are held in 66 of 67 PA counties, all 50 states, Canada, and beyond. FUN FACT: York County is one of the few places throughout North America to offer the Envirothon beginning in the third grade! This year, WAY was a proud sponsor of the Envirothon! York County Planning Commission's (YCPC) CAP Coordinator/WAY President Rachel Stahlman, along with YCPC Senior Planner Anne Walko, assisted with the Current Issues and Scavenger Hunt testing stations. Anne is a veteran Envirothon Committee member and has been helping with the success of Envirothon for several years. Rachel is brand new to the Committee this year but had such an amazing time that she plans to continue volunteering for years to come. HUGE THANK YOU to York County Conservation District and especially to Michael McKelvey, their Education/Communication's Coordinator, who steers the ship to make Envirothon the great success it is!



The Envirothon banner to welcome students.



WAY's sponsorship sign displayed at Envirothon.



Day 1 awards ceremony.

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.

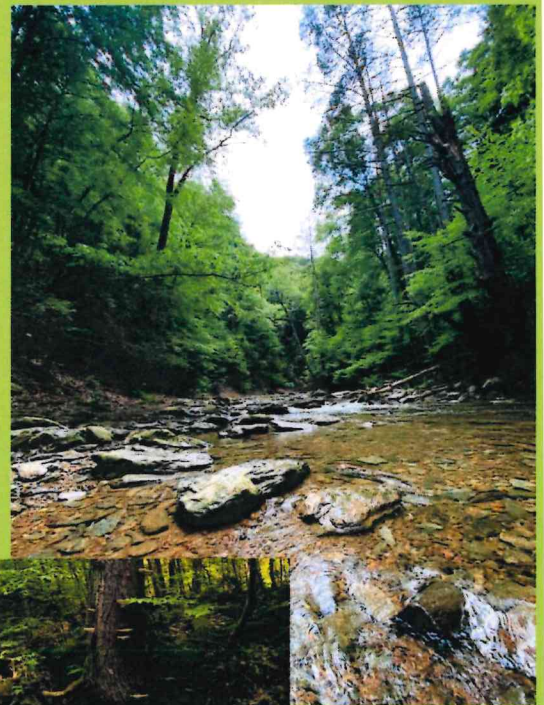
Feeling extra playful? E-mail your answer along with mailing address to rstahlman@ycpc.org to get a WAY prize delivered to you if your answer is correct.

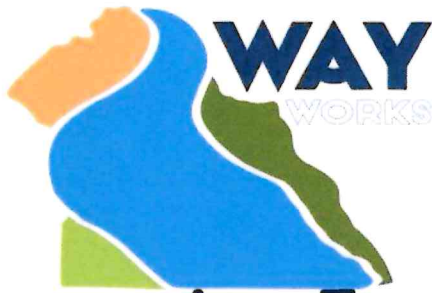
We also take submissions! Send in some sneaky photos from a favorite spot in one of our watersheds along with clues to the location and you may get featured!

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

Clues

- This creek starts at an elementary school in Red Lion
- Once upon a time, there was a trolley line that ran parallel to it
- You can enter this creek from the Susquehanna River
- This creek has a popular name - another York creek shares the name
- Each year this creek is stocked with trout





Upcoming Events

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

JUNE

6/17, 10am - 12pm, Tree Tending @ Horn Farm

6/19, 9am - 11am, Greener Codorus Initiative @ Foundry Plaza

6/24, 9am - 12pm, Riverfest @ Columbia Crossing River Trails Center

6/28, 5:30pm - 7:30pm, Greener Codorus Initiative @ Foundry Plaza

JULY

7/14, 6pm - 9pm, Rockin' for the River @ Shank's Mare

7/27, 6pm - 8pm, Tap Talks: Michael Garrigan @ Collusion Tap Works

7/29, 9am - 1pm, Annual Codorus Creek Clean Up @ TBD

AUGUST

8/11, 6pm - 9pm, Rockin' for the River @ Shank's Mare Outfitters

SEPTEMBER

9/16 - 22, 21st Annual Watershed Week @ York County!

OCTOBER

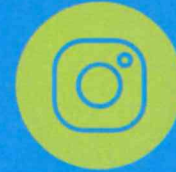
10/14&15, 4th Annual Plastic Purge @ TBD



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

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**



Fox Tracks

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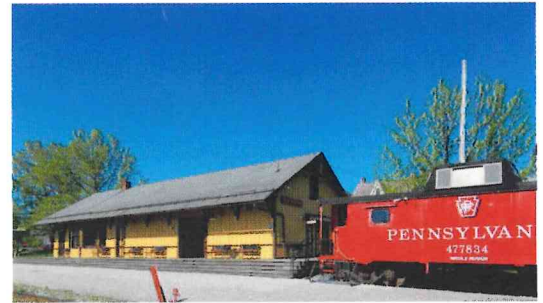


Cultural History at the York County Parks

While our miles and miles of trails and beautiful nature center are great for learning about wildlife and exploring the outdoors, don't forget about the opportunities to learn about our historical and cultural history, too!

Visit the Wallace-Cross Mill on Sunday afternoons for a tour of an 1826 water powered grist mill where farmers in York County would have taken their grain to be processed. See water turning the wheel, the wheel turning the wooden gears, and learn how the millwright would have used that power to work the various equipment to hoist, shell, grind, and bag the grains. The museum docents will be hosting a special event each month including the ice cream social, geology day, and harvest day.

Visit the New Freedom Train Station and Hanover Junction Train Stations to learn about different points in history along the railroad. See tools that would have been used while building the railroad, weigh yourself on the freight scale, learn about famous people of history that traveled through these stations, and use a telegraph to communicate to the other station. The train station museums are open on Saturdays and Sundays 1pm-5pm. They also have local enthusiasts hosting "Porch Talks" at 7pm on four different Wednesdays discussing various historical events.



Lastly, check out Native Lands for a one-mile self-guided tour of the Native Lands Heritage Trail, which interprets the last known settlement of the Susquehannock from 1676-1680 and the European settlers who moved into the area. Pick up a waystop guide at the Zimmerman Center for Heritage to begin your walk through a grass hiking trail. Imagine what life might have been like over 400 years ago as you walk.

See the program guide for full event details. For those who want to get more involved than just a visit, the Friends of the Heritage Rail Trail and Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill are always welcoming new members. Go to SupportYourParks.org or contact the Parks office at 717-840-7440 to request more information on volunteering as a museum docent or greeter! We are always looking for dedicated volunteers throughout our park system!

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Nature Moment - Barred Owls

This spring, visitors to Nixon Park have been lucky to spot a Barred Owl on a regular basis hanging out near the nature center in the early morning and evenings. It's typical behavior for Barred Owls not to move around very much or migrate. Of 158 banded Barred Owls that were recaptured, none moved farther than 6 miles according to Cornell Labs. Barred owls are known for living around wetlands and feasting on crayfish and frogs at dusk and dawn, food options that Nixon Park has plenty of. They also eat mammals, birds, and reptiles. Barred Owls hoot the familiar "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" eight hoot pattern. You can listen for Barred Owls calling back and forth to each other next time you hike in the early morning, dusk, or on an overcast day at Nixon Park, especially in winter. Next time you're at Nixon, be sure to keep your eyes and your ears on the lookout for owls. You never know "hoo" you might find!



Photo by: Bob Reiter

Nature Moment - Bats

This past February, a team of park staff and volunteers visited the iron ore mine shafts at Raab County Park to conduct a bat survey. This was the first survey done since 2018 and the findings were encouraging! These mines once housed over 150 bats for their winter hibernation before White Nose Syndrome (WNS) decimated the bat population. WNS was first discovered in the United States in 2006. It is a deadly fungal disease that affects a bats hibernation and has killed nearly 90% of bat populations. While not back to historic numbers, we are encouraged that around 10 bats were found to be hibernating



within the mines, which is more than the most recent surveys conducted after WNS reached our area in 2011 where surveys yielded no bats at all. Data from the surveys is reported to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and York County Parks will continue to work with the wildlife agency to protect this critical habitat into the future.

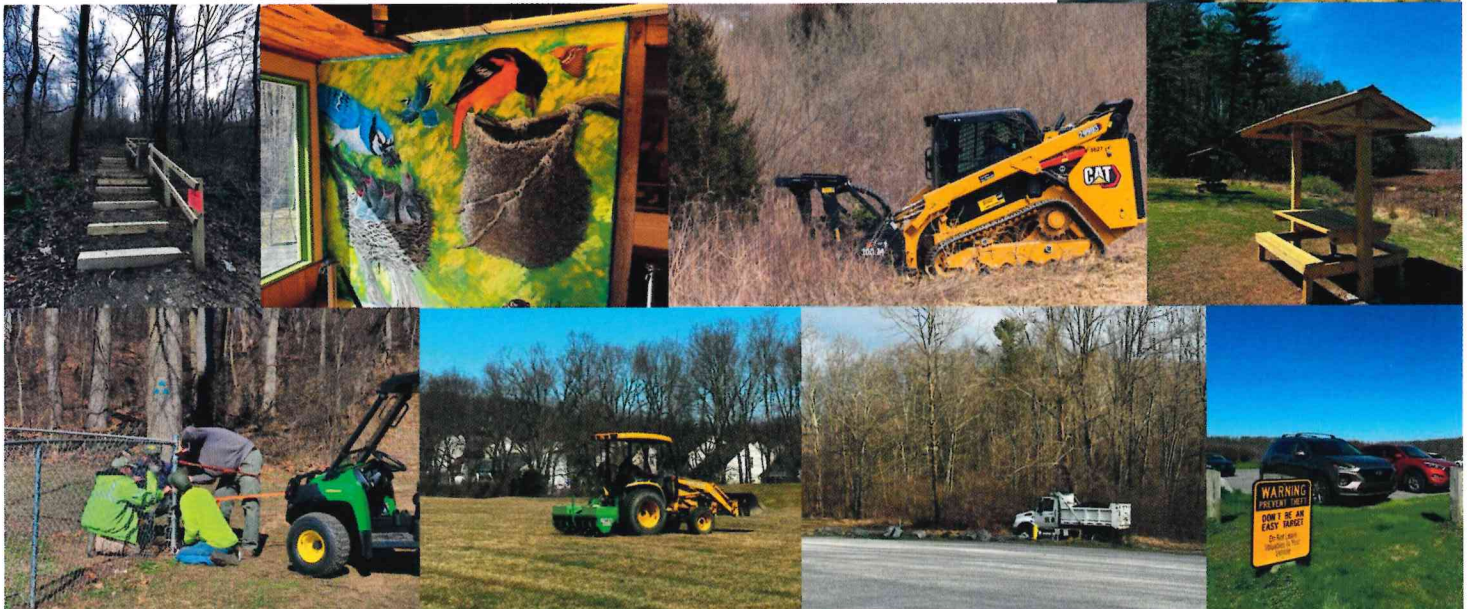
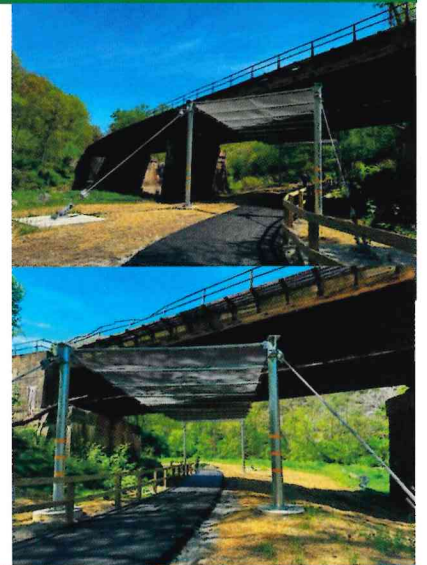
Left: Assistant Director, Teddy Fisher crawling out of the mine—photo by Roxann Barnett. Right: Tri-colored bat found in 2023—photo by Linette Mansberger.



Park Improvements and Maintenance

Eagle scout projects added new steps and a railing to the Shortcut Trail at Nixon and a canopy table at the South George Street parking lot at Kain Park. Our maintenance crews have been busy doing vegetation management at Nixon, including clearing a large field of invasive species, aerating and preparing sports fields at John Rudy for the busy spring rental season and repairing storm damage at Spring Valley. We are also working on a new exhibit at Nixon Nature Center that will be complete soon about bird nests. Additionally, new signage has been added to several parking lots as a reminder to prevent vehicle thefts.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce the canopy work at the Blackbridge Railroad Bridge along the Northern Extension is complete and is now open to all traffic!



Special Event - Issac Pruitt



York County Parks Chief Ranger Erskine is seen above presenting Issac Pruitt (9) with a badge and uniform making him an honorary Park Ranger. Staff joined with other County emergency management departments for this special event.

Employee Spotlight

Fern Weaver - Administrative Support

Fern Weaver joined the York County Parks Department in November of 2019. When you call into the Parks office, there's a good chance that Fern will be the voice on the other end of the line. Fern is a valuable part of our team at York County Parks and we are thankful for her service to York County!

Q. What is your favorite part about your job?

A. The people I work with.

Q. What is something on your bucket list that you haven't had a chance to complete yet?

A. Go to Europe, especially England and Scotland.

Q. What do you want people to know about you?

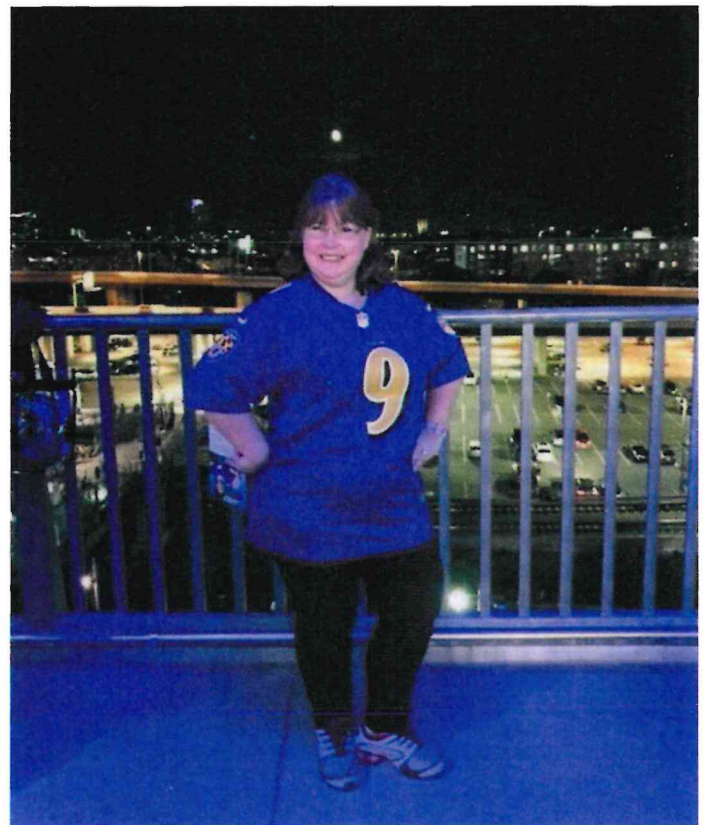
A. I am very family oriented and love spending time with my husband, 4 kids, 4 sisters, a brother, 1 dog and 2 cats.

Q. What is the first thing you would do if you won the lottery?

A. Pay off my house and my siblings houses.

Q. What are your favorite sports teams?

A. Baltimore Ravens and Baltimore Orioles



Lake Redman Boat Rental

CLOSED FOR 2023 SEASON

Lake Redman has been lowered 5 feet as part of the Lake Williams Dam Project. At 5 feet below normal water level, the boat docks and launch area will be out of the water. The boat launch and boat rental will be closed throughout the 2023 season. Carry-in boats (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, etc.) are permitted at Lake Redman.



Entering the Lake Williams lakebed is strictly prohibited.

Citations will be issued to anyone on the Lake Williams lakebed.



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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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I would like to receive my newsletter via email: Yes No

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- I'd like to make an additional tax deductible contribution of \$_____ to:
 - York County Parks Foundation Charitable Trust
 - Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill
 - Friends of Heritage Rail Trail Corridor
 - Friends of Canine Meadows
- I'm interested in volunteering

Benefits of membership include:

- A one-year subscription to our newsletter
- 10% discount in Nixon Park Gift Shop
- Special "Members First" and free member programs
- Pavilion rental discount, one per year (\$15 off /reservation)

Membership supports:

- York County Parks
- Friends of Wallace-Cross Mill
- Friends of Heritage Rail Trail Corridor
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Park Staff News

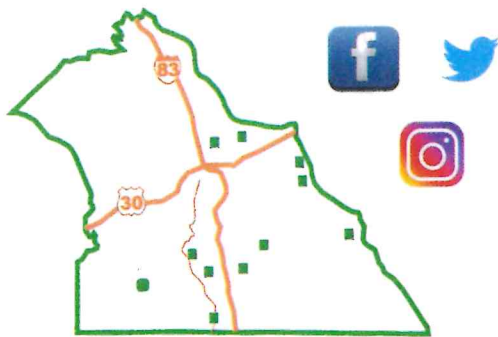


Steve Haer joined the York County Park Ranger department in September of 2022. Before joining York County Parks, Steve served as a Park Ranger for four years in South Carolina. He has an Associates degree in Wildlife Technology from Garrett College. When he's not at work, he enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his wife and family. He is most looking forward to getting to know the residents of York County that visit the park system and providing them with a safe and enjoyable experience in the Parks. **Welcome Steve!**

Andy Richard started working with the Parks in December of 2022 as a Group Leader in our maintenance department. Prior to joining the Parks staff, Andy was most recently a stay-at-home dad and previously, a teacher and wilderness youth counselor. He enjoys doing just about anything outside, whether it's biking, hiking, camping or traveling and spending time with his wife and daughter. His favorite part about the position is being able to take care of the parks he is proud of and has always enjoyed. **Welcome Andy!**



Barry Myers retired from the County of York in March of 2023. Barry served as the York County Parks Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds for 20 years and spent the last three years as the Public Works Director for the County. Barry oversaw countless projects during the growth and development of the York County Park system, including the restoration of Hanover Junction and New Freedom Train Stations, restoration of the historic Howard Tunnel, the Northern Extension of the Rail Trail, construction of the Parks maintenance building and much more. We wish Barry nothing but the best as he moves on from the County and we thank him for his service to the residents of York County over the last 23 years. **Congratulations Barry!**



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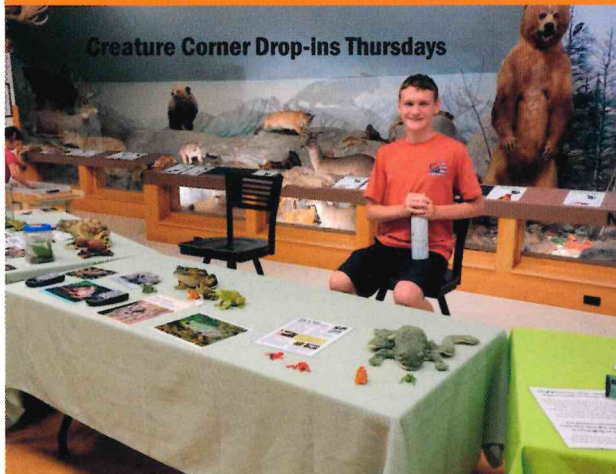
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our park lands and facilities.*

May -
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2023

Program Guide



York County Department of Parks and Recreation



Creature Corner Drop-ins Thursdays



Pandorus Sphinx Moth Under Blacklight Flashlight

Mothing and Caterpillar Searches July- Sept

By Andy Wyatt



Snapping Turtle at Nixon Park

By Tim Senft



Porch Talks on the Rail Trail



Sunset Scrambler Bike Rides Tuesdays

Parks Advisory Board Meetings

Nixon Park, 6pm

These meetings are open to the public.

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday, July 18

Public Star Watches



York County Astronomical Society often hosts public star watches and radio and solar viewing events at the Rudy Park Observatory.

Please visit

www.astroYork.com

for information on this summer's events.



Wallace-Cross Mill Open Houses May-Oct

Park Properties

Open Dawn until Dusk Daily

Administrative Headquarters

John C. Rudy Park

400 Mundis Race Road, York, PA 17406, (717) 840-7440

Mon - Fri 8:00am-4:30pm

(Closed daily 12:30-1:00pm)

Hours of Operations

Nixon Park

Nature Center

(717) 428-1961

5922 Nixon Drive, York, PA 17403

Tue - Sat 8:30am-4:30pm

Sun 12noon-4:30pm

Hanover Junction and New Freedom Train Stations

Saturdays & Sundays

May 27-Oct 1

1pm-5pm

Wallace-Cross Mill

Sundays June 4-Oct 8

1:30-4:30pm

Holiday Closures

Rudy Office & Nixon Park Nature Center closed.

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4

Independence Day

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Happenings in the Parks for Families

TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS: (Registration required for yellow programs)

CALL: 717-428-1961 x1 OR EMAIL: NixonCountyPark@YorkCountyPA.gov

Include: your name, number of participants, ages of children, & phone number.

Demystifying the Honey Bee Swarm: A Rare Glimpse Into Their Secret World

Saturday, May 6

Nixon Park, 12:00-2:00pm

Join local beekeepers Anastasia & Robert Denoncourt from Cherry Lane Farm, LLC to witness a honey bee swarm up close. Learn how swarms are a powerful tool to benefit the environment. Participants will catch a glimpse into the magical world of bees and have their questions answered by experts.



Themed Nature Walks

Nixon Park, Sundays, 2:00-3:30pm

May 7—Wildflowers

May 14—Mothers in Nature

May 21—Pond & Wetlands

May 28—Birds & Blooms

June 4—Creek Walk (Water shoes required!)

June 11—Tremendous Trees

June 18—Father's Day

June 25—Summer Solstice

August 20—Colors of Nature

A park naturalist will lead a casual nature walk to explore seasonal changes in the woods. We'll watch for signs of wildlife, migrating birds, spring wildflowers, and anything that stirs our curiosity. *No registration required.*



Statewide Free Fishing Days

Sunday, May 28

Tuesday, July 4

Kain and Spring Valley Parks

No fishing license is needed to fish on these days. It's a great way to introduce

a friend or relative to the lifelong sport of fishing. All other fishing regulations apply. *No registration required.*

Historic Mills Open Houses

Saturday & Sunday, June 10-11

1:30-4:30pm

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

The Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site is typically open for general tours on Sundays June through Sept from 1:30-4:30pm. On these dates the mill is open in conjunction with three other mills, making it a great time to tour all four in the same weekend. Muddy Creek Forks, New Park Wind Engine, and Eden Mill all have something unique to offer. The restored 1826 grist mill is located at 15759 Cross Mill Road, Felton, PA 17322. *No registration required.*



Creature Corner Drop-ins

Thursdays, June 15, 22, 29

Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27

Thursdays, August 3, 10

Nixon Park, 10:00am—3:00pm

Drop-in anytime to visit the featured creature display. The display will include touchable objects, intriguing trivia, and a creature enthusiast to tell you all about it. *No registration required.*

June 15—Bears

June 22—Nesting Birds

June 29—Predators Vs. Prey Skulls

July 6—Snakes

July 13—Frogs

July 20—Turtles

July 27—Nocturnal Animals

Aug 3—Birds of Prey

Aug 10—Moths & Butterflies



Attic Clean-out Yard Sale!

Friday, July 7 - Saturday, July 8

9:00am—3:00pm

Nixon Park

Various items will be for sale by donation on the lawn of the nature center. Pick-up an aquarium, reptile tank décor, wildlife poster, pieces of a retired exhibit, and much more. Cash only. *No registration required.*



Reptile Shows

Friday, July 7

10:00am-11:00am & 1:00-2:00pm

Nixon Park

This live reptile show with reptile expert Jesse Rothacker of Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary will be educational and entertaining for all ages. \$2 admission per person; free for park members and children 2 and under. Call to register at 717-428-1961. Spaces are limited.



Geology Day at the Mill

Sunday, July 9

2:00pm-3:00pm

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

The Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site is open for general tours 1:30-4:30pm. At 2pm, local geologist, Jeri Jones, will be sharing local fossils, dinosaur footprints, and teaching you how to pan for gold. This event is free and does not require registration. The restored 1826 grist mill is located at 15759 Cross Mill Road, Felton, PA 17322.

Streamside with a Master Watershed Steward

July 16—Nixon Park

July 30—Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

Aug 13—Spring Valley

2:00-3:30pm

Join a Penn State Master Watershed educator for a hike to a creek with the aim of discovering what aquatic life lives there. Assess the stream's health by



Happenings in the Parks for Families



sheller and hand grinders for corn and wheat. Snacks will be available that highlight the different grains. All events and tours are free and do not require pre-registration. The restored 1826 grist mill is located at 15759 Cross Mill Road, Felton, PA 17322.

Happenings in the Parks for Young Children (2-5)

Reptile Storytime & Craft

Thurs, July 6

Nixon Park, 9:30am-11:00am

Park staff will read a story and guide activities focused on the theme. The group will then make a craft project to take home. \$5/child.

Mini Nature Camp for Toddlers

Wednesday, August 16

9:00am-2:30pm

Nixon Park

Was your student too little to come to nature camp this summer? This day is a special day to do everything nature camp! Toddlers 3-5 will attend with a parent, grandparent or babysitter. We'll play games, make new friends, explore the creek, go on a nature walk, and more! The program is for 3-5 year olds that have not attended our summer camp. \$25/pair. Spaces are limited. Call to register.

seeing which tiny animals and baby insects you can find and learn how to improve stream health. Pack water shoes, old sneakers, or rain boots, and a small towel. Visitors may not enter the creek without close-toed shoes.

Wetland Drop-In

Sunday, July 23

Nixon Park, 2:00-4:00pm

Drop-in (come during any part of the program & stay for as long or as short as you want) with wetland biologists Karen and Tom Johnston. They will welcome you and guide your hands-on, boots-wet exploration of the plants and animals in the wetland. Wear rain boots. *No registration required.*



Mothing & Black Light Caterpillar Searches

Fridays, 8pm-10pm

July 28-Rocky Ridge, Hidden Laurel Parking Area, Meet at Pheasant Pavilion
Aug 18 & Sept 1-Nixon Park, Meet at Nature Center

Join park naturalists and fellow insect enthusiasts to explore the various insects that are attracted to bright lights in the forest. Stay as long as you'd like to observe and learn. Stay by the lights, or join leaders on a slow, dark, walk in search of nibbling nocturnal caterpillars. We expect to find various moth species, beautiful caterpillars, and various other interesting insects. If you're interested in nocturnal insects please purchase and bring your own high powered blacklight flashlight such as the uvBeast with 100 LEDs. Some extra lights will be available to share.



person; free for park members and children 2 and under. *No registration required*

Ice Cream Social at the Mill

Sunday, Aug 13

1:30-4:30pm

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

Enjoy a tour of the water powered grain mill and have some ice cream while you're there. Events and tours are free and do not require pre-registration. The restored 1826 grist mill is located at 15759 Cross Mill Road, Felton, PA 17322.



Caterpillars Drop-In

Saturday, August 19

Nixon Park, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Curious about the world of caterpillars and butterflies? Drop-in (come during any part of the program & stay for as long or as short as you want) on Deb Carman, Penn State Master Gardener and butterfly educator, and her leaf-chewing friends. Meet some live caterpillars and learn about their habits and required habitats. *No registration required.*



Harvest Day at the Mill

Sunday, Sept 10

1:30-4:30pm

Wallace-Cross Mill Historic Site

Harvest is a busy time at the mill. We will celebrate the harvest by working with grains ground at Wallace-Cross Mill. See the mill in operation and use a corn

Native Pennsylvania Wildlife Presentation

Sunday, August 6

Nixon Park, 2:00-3:00pm

Meet the mammals, birds, and reptiles that share our backyards! Learn to appreciate and live in harmony with some of these amazing creatures. This live animal program with Raven Ridge Wildlife Center will take place outdoors. Please bring a picnic blanket and/or camp chairs. \$2 admission per



Fall Native Plant Sale

Saturday, September 16

John Rudy Park, 9am-2pm

Shop for native plants from our local native plant nurseries. Explore the wildlife value, beauty, and diversity of the plants that belong in our landscapes.



Habitat Action Days

November 1-5

Nixon County Park

Huge habitat action event! Help plant trees and remove invasive species!

Organize your family, business, or civic group to volunteer together. Look for the schedule of events in September!



Happenings in the Parks for Teens & Adults

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 CALL: 717-428-1961 x1 OR EMAIL: NixonCountyPark@YorkCountyPA.gov
 Include: your name, number of participants, ages of children, & phone number.

Warbler Walk

Sunday, May 7
 Rocky Ridge Park, Meet at Information Kiosk at first parking lot on the left, 8:00-10:00am
 Search for migrating warblers and other songbirds with naturalist and experienced birder Randy Phillips. See some of the eastern forest's most colorful birds in the woods that top the ridge. Birders of all levels welcome. Bring binoculars and field guides.



Bird Walks

Thursday, June 1, Heritage Rail Trail, Gladfelter's Station Parking Lot
Thursday, July 20, Nixon Park, Upper Parking Lot
 7:30am-9:30am
 Take a casual bird walk with parks naturalist, Nancy Heiser. Binoculars will be available to borrow.



"Lincoln's Boys"

July 5, New Freedom Train Station: "Hobos & the Railroad"
July 19, New Freedom Train Station: "Northern Central Railway"
 Various railroad enthusiasts will share their knowledge during these talks from the station porches. Bring your own lawn chairs to enjoy this porch talk outside of the train station. *No registration required.*

York County Master Gardener's Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 13
 Rudy Park, 8:30am-2:00pm
 Plant growers from around the region will offer a large selection of native plants for sale. Master Gardener experts will be on hand to answer your gardening questions. The Kilted Griller will be offering a variety of food items for sale. Books, stepping stones, and garden tools will also be for sale. Educational programs occurring throughout the day. See the Facebook event for a full listing or call the Penn State Ext Office at 717-840-7408. *No registration required.*



Summer Camp Leader-in-Training & Volunteer Orientations

Thursday, June 1, 6:00-8:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 1:00-3:00pm
 Nixon Park
 Orientation and sign-ups for teens and adults interested in volunteering at summer camp. Learn and practice how to be a mentor, leader, and role model for students attending nature day camps.



Nature Watercolor Class

Saturday, July 1
 Nixon Park, 9:30-11:30am & 1:00-3:00pm
 Artist Teanna Byerts is excited to guide you through a beginner's watercolor class outside in the shade with nature as our inspiration! All materials provided. Both classes are the same. \$10/person.



Parks Hunting Permits Available

Tuesday, August 1-Wednesday, November 22
 Nixon Park, regular hours
 Rudy Park, regular hours
 A parks permit is required to hunt in the York County Parks. Permits and waivers are available between these dates.

Porch Talks

Wednesdays, 7pm
June 7, Hanover Junction Train Station: "Train Accident at Brillhart Station"
June 21, Hanover Junction Train Station:



Sunset Scrambler Bike Rides

Heritage Rail Trail, 6:30pm-9:00pm
 Riders will travel 13-15 miles on the rail trail. The group determines the pace. Each rider must have a bike, helmet, lights, water, and basic repair kit. No earbuds or speakers permitted. Rides travel south unless otherwise noted. See "Friends of the Sunset Scrambler Bike Rides" Facebook for more information. *No registration required*



Parking Location	Series #1	Series #2	Series #3
Brillhart Station	April 11	May 30	July 25
Glatfelter Station	April 18	June 6	Aug 1
Seven Valleys	April 25	June 13	Aug 8
Seven Valleys-North	May 2	x	x
Hanover Junction	May 9	June 20	Aug 15
Hanover Junction-North	x	June 27	Aug 22
Railroad	May 16	July 11	Aug 29
New Freedom	May 23	July 18	Sept 5

Moonlight Bike Rides

May-September
Heritage Rail Trail
 Riders will travel for 1.5 hours on the rail trail after dark, approximately 9-10 miles. Each rider must have a bike, lights, water, helmet, & basic repair kit. *No registration required*



May 13, 8:30pm	Hanover Junction (N)
June 3, 8:30pm	Seven Valleys (N)
July 1, 8:30pm	Hanover Junction (N)
July 29, 8:30pm	Seven Valleys (N)
Sept 9, 7:30pm	Brillhart Station (S)



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2023 Adopted PSATS Resolutions

23-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide an alternative means of generating revenue for the maintenance and repair of local roads due to a reduction in Liquid Fuels taxes from alternative energy motor vehicles (*e.g., electric, propane, liquified natural gas, hydrogen, etc.*). BUCKS COUNTY

23-03 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek to amend the Second Class Township Code to provide for a dedicated millage for the maintenance and repair of township roads. BUCKS COUNTY

23-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3362 of Title 75 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to set the default speed limit on unposted unpaved roads, including dirt and gravel, at 35 mph instead of the current 55 mph. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize experienced municipal employees with a Class A or Class B CDL license to provide entry-level driver training to new municipal employees, as an alternative to mandatory training, prior to taking the driving test and written examination to obtain a Class B CDL license. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-08 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law to exclude projects where a non-public body is paying the project costs. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-09 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Right-to-Know Law (*Act 3 of 2008*) to authorize local agencies to ask if requested documents will be used for resale, business solicitation, or financial gain and allow agencies to charge a reasonable fee to cover all costs associated with fulfilling these commercial records requests, including labor costs for time spent traveling, duplicating documents, and providing online responses. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek to amend Section 917 of the Second-Class Township Code to eliminate the requirement for annual advertisements when appointing a CPA, AND FURTHER, that an advertisement be required in the first year that a CPA is appointed and again if a township decides to use elected auditors. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-11 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek to amend Section 407 of the Second Class Township Code to authorize townships to convene a vacancy board meeting to fill a vacancy on the board of supervisors before the conclusion of the 30-day window if the remaining supervisors are unable to agree, AND FURTHER, to authorize petitions to the court of common pleas to fill vacancies immediately after the remaining supervisors fail to fill the position and the vacancy board chair position is vacant or if vacancies occur for a quorum or more of the board of supervisors. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seeks to sunset provisions for Act 17 of 2020 benefits for municipal personnel that contract COVID, consistent with the expiration of other pandemic-related emergency benefits. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to permit municipalities with excess police pension funds from a disbanded or defunct municipal police department to transfer these unencumbered funds to another municipal police pension fund within the Commonwealth. BUCKS COUNTY

23-14 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation that would authorize municipalities to negotiate with other police department(s) for pension service credits for police officers with prior full-time service. LEBANON COUNTY

23-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3751(b)(2) of Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the fees that local police departments may charge for police report requests from \$15 to \$30. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any effort, legislative or otherwise, to infringe upon townships' ability to charge appropriate stormwater management fees on property owners. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-18 RESOLVED That PSATS seek legislation that municipalities and municipal authorities levying stormwater management fees provide for unlimited offsetting credits to those fees for the following:

- a. Each acre of compliance under each of the following: a National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or County Conservation District approved Conservation Plan, an Erosion and Sediment Plan, an Act 38 Nutrient Management Plan, and/or an implemented NRCS Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan;
- b. Each approved Manure Management Plan;
- c. Erosion controlling structures including diversion ditches, grass waterways, stone waterways and terraces;
- d. NRCS or County Conservation District approved manure holding structures;
- e. Each acre of forested, wooded, or grass field, or open space; and
- f. Positive ratios of pervious to impervious areas.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

23-19 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide additional means of funding for emergency medical services and to engage in efforts to obtain additional sources of funding for emergency medical services. CRAWFORD COUNTY

23-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that emergency service providers that offer membership to their organization give amnesty to members from any fees or charges for services provided that are not covered by the members' insurance, AND FURTHER, that such providers honor amnesty given by other emergency services providers to their members. COLUMBIA COUNTY

23-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301] that require a municipality to post funds into a permanently held lot care fund. BUCKS COUNTY

23-23 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301(a)] requiring a municipality to annually set aside funds in a permanent lot care fund from the sale of lots, and construction and sale of crypts and niches in columbaria. BUCKS COUNTY

23-24 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to repeal a portion of the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §304(a)(1)] requiring a municipality to have a valid registration certificate from the State Real Estate Commission to sell cemetery lots, crypts and niches in columbaria.

BUCKS COUNTY

23-25 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation confirming that municipalities may require owners of short-term rentals to comply with licensing, permitting, and inspection requirements, regardless of whether the municipality has zoning. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the state Manufactured Housing Improvement Act (*36 P.S. 1658*) to authorize the owner of a pre-owned manufactured home to relocate the home and attest to and assume liability for the condition of the structure if the homeowner cannot find a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-licensed contractor willing to certify the proper anchoring and structural condition of the pre-owned manufactured home. CUMBERLAND COUNTY

23-27 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any policies or regulations from the state Department of Environmental Protection that would limit the ability of municipalities to determine how best to enforce their recycling ordinances, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any efforts to withhold grant monies if a municipality fails to comply with the department's recycling policies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-28 RESOLVED That PSATS urge the state Department of Environmental Protection to expedite approval of a waiver process from certain permitting criteria for elevated boardwalks in wetlands when used for educational and interpretive purposes under 25 Pa. Code, Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterway Management. CENTRE COUNTY

23-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to require more public input when wastewater and water facilities are proposed to be acquired by private utilities by requiring the selling municipality or authority to publicize the proposed sale for at least 180 days and to require at least one public meeting prior to the municipality or authority's vote on the sale.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-31 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to prohibit for-profit private utilities from acquiring municipal and authority owned water and sewer systems based on "fair market value" as defined in Act 12 instead of "book value" which was the valuation method used prior to Act 12, AND FURTHER, that "fair market value" be used when purchasing water or sewer systems from distressed municipalities or municipal authorities. BUCKS COUNTY

23-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to reject the proposed carbon dioxide budget trading program regulation, AND FURTHER, this resolution serves as the Association's official public comment on the proposed carbon dioxide budget trading program regulation. INDIANA COUNTY

23-36 RESOLVED That PSATS seek legislation to authorize community solar facilities, which are small, local solar facilities shared by multiple voluntary community subscribers who receive credit on their electricity bills for their share of the power produced. CENTRE COUNTY

23-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to implement the Senate Resolution 323 Unfunded Mandate Report's recommendation to establish a municipal mandate impact statement as part of the legislative process to identify legislation that would have a fiscal impact on local governments and require the commonwealth to share the cost of any new municipal mandate based on this statement unless overridden by a two-thirds vote of the Senate and House. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to authorize the use of single yellow lines on local roads as a guide for motorists, to help them navigate better in the dark and during inclement weather. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 212.402(a)(7) of Title 67 (*Vehicles*) of the Pennsylvania Code to read: Mowing operations along roads with less than 5,000 ADT shall not require a shadow vehicle, provided that appropriate signage is used at the beginning and the end of the mowing zone. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-40 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 42 (*Judicial Code*) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, Section 3573 (*municipal corporation portion of fines*), to authorize municipalities that provide local police service through their own department, regional police department, or by contract with another municipality to keep all fines from citations issued by local police within their jurisdiction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 217.8 of Act 111 of 1968 (*Collective Bargaining by Police and Firemen*) to require both parties involved in arbitration to equally share the costs of compensating the third member of the board of arbitration and all other expenses incurred by the board. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-42 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205(a)(8) of the Second Class Township Code to increase the cap for the dedicated ambulance real estate tax from .5 mills to 1.5 mills before a referendum is required, AND FURTHER, that the other municipal codes be similarly amended to increase the caps on the dedicated ambulance tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to establish a flexible tax structure for local government and ensure that the tax burden is shared equitably among all categories of taxpayers, including individuals, businesses and industry, and that it shall include, but not be limited to, property, revenue, business, and income taxes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require state agencies, commissions, and authorities to comply with municipal land development and zoning ordinances when developing state-owned land. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 7(a.1)(2) of the state's Sewage Facilities Law (*Act 537 of 1966*) to increase the \$25 maximum fee for verification of siting requirements for 10-acre septic system exemptions and allow the local agency to set a fee to cover its costs of verifying these exemptions. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Article V-A of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*) to authorize municipalities to use traffic impact fees for the following activities:

- 1) Construction, acquisition, and expansion of municipal facilities not identified in the capital improvements plan;
- 2) Repair, operation, and maintenance of existing or new capital improvements;
- 3) Upgrading, updating, expanding, or replacing capital improvements that serve existing land uses to comply with stricter safety, efficiency, environmental, and regulatory standards; and
- 4) Preparation of the land use assumptions plan and the capital improvements plan, which are required for the adoption of a transportation impact fee ordinance.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Second Class Township Code to provide a mechanism for townships to recover expenses incurred due to arbitrary, capricious, retaliatory, or punitive actions of the township's board of elected auditors. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law (*Act 442 of 1961*) to increase the threshold for compliance from \$25,000 to \$500,000 for all projects.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 to create a more stable and comprehensive manufacturer-implemented electronics recycling infrastructure AND FURTHER, that such changes provide for year-round collection of electronics waste in a manner consistent with convenience standards relevant to both rural and urban populations and alleviate the immediate financial pressures faced by local governments because of this act.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to clarify that banks and lending institutions holding mortgages have a vested right in any property for which they hold a mortgage and therefore can be held responsible for the maintenance and condition of the property and for any violations regarding the same when a property becomes the responsibility of a bank or lending institution.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would dissolve municipalities into unincorporated territory governed by the county. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation to remove or amend Section 303(c) of the Municipalities Planning Code (*Act 247 of 1968, as amended*), and thereby require that all land use ordinances be consistent with and comply with the provisions of the municipality's and county's comprehensive plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to establish a mandatory, single state pension system for municipal employees, require the mandatory participation of local government employees in the system, and/or remove from local control the administration of local pension and benefit plans.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation to amend the Urban Redevelopment Law to require a county to create a land bank program where a multi-municipal land bank already exists under the Pennsylvania Land Bank Act (*Act 153 of 2012*). RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would require municipalities to permit full-time police officers to purchase pension credit for prior part-time or full-time police service that the officers provided to another police department.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

23-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would designate the state as the collector of the local earned income tax. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE