

Hello from the Shermans Creek Conservation Association! Summer is just around the corner! Soon stream temperatures will be rising, especially for those streams that do not have a forested riparian buffer. However, shade for our streams is not the only protection riparian buffers provide. Riparian buffers protect our communities from erosion, flooding, drought, and pollution. Buffers filter stormwater before entering our streams or the groundwater. A healthy riparian buffer is important for all streams and consists of native vegetation and is wide enough to filter pollutants, create healthy habitat, and hold & absorb flood waters. SCCA has joined several other organizations in support of the PA Campaign for Clean Water's "Buffers 100" initiative to require 1) 100 foot forested buffers on either side of every stream in PA; 2) An additional 50 foot forested buffer for first and second order streams; 3) An additional 200 foot forested buffer for streams classified as High Quality or Exceptional Value. See additional information concerning riparian buffers in Pennsylvania in the "Other Items of Interest" section of this email and at [www.pacleanwatercampaign.org](http://www.pacleanwatercampaign.org).

### **SCCA Announcements, Meetings and Upcoming Events**

If interested in volunteering for helping with any of the following events (in blue/italics), please contact SCCA at [shermanscreek@embarqmail.com](mailto:shermanscreek@embarqmail.com) or call Linda Sieber at 582-3376. For a membership form, please print and mail the form found on our website at <http://www.shermanscreek.org/application.htm>.

#### ***Shermans Creek 2010 Crocks Now Available for Pre-Order***

For 2010, the crocks were again designed by Keaton's pottery and exhibit a beautiful cattail design. Don't miss out, order your 2010 Shermans Creek collectible crocks! Pick up dates for the crocks will be sometime in November – plenty of time for Christmas gift giving! Fill out attached order form and mail with \$29 (per crock) payment to SCCA, 385 Dark Hollow Road, Shermans Dale, PA 17090.



#### ***Shermans Creek Clean-Up – POSTPONED to June 13, 2009***

High water has caused us to postpone the stream cleanup from June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope for sun and think dry thoughts this week! Join us for our annual clean up on Shermans Creek - this year from Drumgold's Corner (Shortcut Road) to ending at the Mt. View Bridge at Delville Dam Rd. The clean up is done primarily by canoe or kayak, but we also need help on land. If you do not own a canoe or kayak, SCCA will provide one to all of those who sign up ahead of time. Food and drink will also be provided for those who register. See attached flyer for details.

#### ***Nimrod Sporting Event - June 27, 2009***

The Nimrod Field Day event is held annually by the AMP Nimrods, Inc. and the Marysville Sportsman's Association and is open to all children ages 8-16. This year, it will be held Saturday June 27 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Marysville Sportsman's Assoc. in Duncannon. This purpose of this event is to combine safety requirements and opportunities for the youth to gain an appreciation for their responsibilities as good stewards of our natural resources to provide for our future generations. Bring your children or grandchildren for a wonderful educational experience. Free lunch provided. SCCA will be there and will be putting on a macroinvertebrate demonstration.

### ***SCCA Members and Community Meeting – July 27, 2009***

Meetings are generally held the third Monday of each month (November is an exception due to hunting season). Meetings usually involve a summary of recent past events and upcoming events that require some volunteers, as well as ideas for newsletters, grants, educational workshops, working with school districts and community partners, and much more! Meetings are held in the Carroll Township Municipal Building at 40 Rambo Road in Shermans Dale from 7PM – 8PM. Members and non-members invited to attend.

### ***Build your own rain barrel workshop – August 22, 2009***

Rain barrels collect and store rainwater from your rooftop to use later for things like lawn and garden watering (but not food gardens!). Water collected in a rain barrel would normally flow through your downspout, onto a paved surface, and eventually into a storm drain. Rain barrels save you money by conserving water, reduces water pollution, and recharges groundwater. SCCA, Carroll Township, and Perry County Master Gardeners will be putting on a make your own rain barrel workshop – stay tuned!

### ***Perry County Fair – August 25 – 29, 2009***

Look for the SCCA booth at the county fair! Stop by and say hello and let us thank you for being a member. If you would like to volunteer to help man the booth, please contact us!

### ***Other items of interest in Perry County and surrounding areas...***

#### **Electronics Recycling Day for Perry County Residents**

**Saturday June 13, 8AM-2PM** (rain or shine) at Business Campus One in Duncannon (Next to the Duncannon Family Health Center). The minimal cost to you is \$5 for 5 items or less, \$10 per carload, or \$20 per pick up load. For more information contact the Perry County Conservation District at 582-8988 ext.4 and see the attached flyer. The event is sponsored by the Perry County Commissioners, the Department of Environmental Protection and the Perry County Conservation District.

#### **New Perry County Recycling Guidelines**

Beginning in June, all Perry County recycling locations will now be **accepting office paper**. However, the recycling centers, will **no longer be accepting clear glass**. See attached flyer for recycling center locations and dates, as well as an updated list of acceptable items.

#### **Riparian Buffer Report Released for Pennsylvania**

While the report was encouraging that 192 municipalities in thirteen counties have some kind of buffer ordinance, none of those communities are located in Perry County. Riparian buffers are extremely important in maintaining clean drinking water sources and research has shown that a minimum of a 100-foot buffer has the best results. Municipalities can't solve this problem on their own though, a statewide ordinance is needed to protect Pennsylvania's waters. The report is available online at [www.cleanwateraction.org/pa](http://www.cleanwateraction.org/pa). Stay tuned for more information and how SCCA will help be a part of the push for Buffers 100!

#### **Chesapeake Bay has been designated a National Treasure**

President Obama signed an executive order designating the Chesapeake Bay as a National Treasure. The Executive Order goes on to require a number of federal agencies to carry out specific activities within the next 120 days. Most important among these is the charge for EPA to "examine how to make full use of its authorities under the Clean Water Act to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay and its tributary waters." Hopefully this new order will allow for more funding and more programs to help clean up the bay!

## **Cedar Cliff High School in Cumberland County Wins 5<sup>th</sup> Place at PA Envirothon**

Penncrest High School in Delaware County won first place and Perry County schools came in 24<sup>th</sup> place out of 65 counties that participated this year! "The Envirothon is designed to give students an opportunity to acquire and demonstrate their knowledge of environmental resources and their connection to each other and human activities. The students are challenged in the areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soil / land use, wildlife, and a current environmental issue. The 2009 current environmental issue was biodiversity in a changing climate." Congratulations to all of the teams that participated and we are looking forward to next year!

## **Plant a Tree in Pennsylvania Parks with a click of your mouse**

For the second year, the Odwalla Plant a Tree program will donate \$100,000 worth of trees to 11 state park systems across the nation based on the "votes" of web site visitors. Go to <http://www.parkvisitor.com/odwalla/> and click on Pennsylvania.

See you on Shermans Creek!!

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