

Hello from the Shermans Creek Conservation Association!

Welcome Fall!!!! Believer it or not, fall is the best time to plant most trees and shrubs (better than even the spring!). Fall planting follows the heat of summer, and precedes a cool winter season. Trees and shrubs planted use this to good advantage. Plant roots grow anytime the soil temperature is 40 degrees or higher. During the winter months, the root systems of the fall-planted specimens develop and become established. When spring arrives, this expanded root system can support and take advantage of the full surge of spring growth. But remember when choosing your plants, choose native! See "other items of interest" section of this email for a \$15 coupon on trees or shrubs to be planted in Perry county.

Come to our Members and Community Meeting on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – agenda attached and further information below. We will be discussing ideas for upcoming events as well as our new Cold Water Fishery Initiative!

### **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>.

#### ***It's time to order the Shermans Creek 2010 Crocks NOW for Christmas delivery!***

These 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.



#### ***SCCA Members and Community Meeting – November 16, 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 50 Rambo Hill Road in Shermans Dale from 7PM – 8PM. Members and non-members invited to attend. ***Agenda is attached for Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> meeting!***

#### ***2010 Upcoming Events and Ideas***

We're always looking for ideas for programs or events. Come out to our meetings to volunteer to help with an event or just come to brainstorm some ideas! At the September meeting, below is a list of the following events SCCA will try to plan for in 2010.

- Annual Stream Clean Up
- Rain Barrel workshops throughout Perry County
- Riparian plantings with Boy Scouts

- Earth Day Program: April 22, 2010. Plan a program for middle school age kids
- Kid's Creek Day w/ALLARM: If ALLARM students are available-week of July 11-19th, 2010
- Cold Water Fishery Initiative (find out more at the Nov meeting!)
- Healthy Yard Initiative w/Master Gardeners (see below). Check out Bay Scapes ideas.
- World Wide Monitoring Day- March 8 or 22nd. ALLARM will provide kits at no charge.
- Awards for volunteers or other community members demonstrating environmental stewardship

### **Healthy Yard Initiative**

"Healthy Yard" project with local Master Gardeners, using our Enviroscope Model as a means to demonstrate the proper use of pesticides and fertilizers, encourage the use of native plants, address runoff through buffers and to inspire others to create Habitat gardens & Wildlife corridors. Master Gardeners will also assist the SCCA and Perry County Conservation District with other public programs regarding storm water management, improving wildlife habitats, removing invasive species, planting native vegetation, butterfly gardens, non point source pollution, and other related topics of interest.

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

### **Fall Planting Coupons Available**

Fall is a great time for planting and homeowners buying trees in Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster and Perry counties can take advantage of a discount TreeVitalize coupon at a participating garden center or nursery this season. The coupons are available at participating locations and can be printed from the TreeVitalize Web site ([www.treevitalize.net](http://www.treevitalize.net)). A coupon allows a customer to save \$15 off the purchase of a tree worth \$75 or more. The tree must be planted on a residential property. Don't delay! This shady deal expires December 1.

### **Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009**

New legislation was just introduced in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, but without a single co-sponsor from Pennsylvania. This legislation will clean up both Pennsylvania's rivers and streams and the Chesapeake Bay for swimming, fishing, and boating. It sets a legally binding deadline for cleaning up these waters by 2025. For example, for the first time, clean up plans for nutrients and sediment must apply to all sources of pollution including development, roads and highways, and agricultural runoff. The legislation, the Chesapeake Bay Ecosystem Restoration Act of 2009, authorizes more than \$1.5 billion in new grant authority for states and local governments to implement plans and projects for clean water and puts the force of law behind President Obama's Executive Order requiring every federal department to work toward restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. **Contact your representatives and senators ASAP** and state your support for this important legislation! PennFuture has a form/email prepared already for you – visit [http://www.pennfuture.org/actionalerts\\_detail.aspx?ActionID=106&Home=Y](http://www.pennfuture.org/actionalerts_detail.aspx?ActionID=106&Home=Y) and fill in your contact information today!

### **Yeah Pennsylvania!!!**

Did you know that Pennsylvania has removed more dams than any other state (more than 150 dams!)? Pennsylvania communities have the potential to reap many benefits from removing their outdated dams, such as improved public safety, cleaner water, better natural flood protection, new jobs and other economic opportunities, increased property values, restored fish and wildlife, and more opportunities for outdoor activities.

### **Green your Thanksgiving and Support Local Farms**

Go to Buy Fresh, Buy Local and click on your region, then "farms." Enter turkeys in the "what are you looking for?" box, select a search radius, enter your zip code and hit search. The page will be populated by a list of farms that sell our favorite holiday fixing. Depending on the proximity,

buying one of these birds conserves natural resources, plus some are raised free-range or in other sustainable ways.

### **It's Always Sunny in...Pennsylvania**

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Program, opened in May, less than six months ago, has already doubled the state's solar generating capacity by adding five megawatts of solar power. The Commonwealth has committed \$12.5 million to 625 projects by residential and small business consumers through the program. More than 300 solar photovoltaic and solar thermal installers have been certified under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Program.

### **Trout Unlimited Online Conservation Training**

TU's new online conservation training series for volunteers has proven popular. Join TU for the upcoming sessions and tap into the expertise of the TU staff and volunteers. Trainings are on Tuesday evenings from 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. EST. To get conference call information, email Beverly Lane at [BLane@tu.org](mailto:BLane@tu.org). November 10 – Native Fish Reintroduction (Jack Williams). Did you miss one of the previous conservation trainings? You're in luck! TU has uploaded relevant materials including worksheets that outline project planning basics, potential grant sources for chapter projects, and you can even watch a streaming video of past presentations. Go to [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) >> MyTU (login) >> Tacklebox >> Conservation Projects >> Conservation Training Materials.

### **Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Winter Fly Tying Classes**

CVTU will again offer winter Fly Tying Classes. They will be conducting both beginner and intermediate/advanced sessions simultaneously. Beginners will learn to tie 8 flies that will progressively build the skills needed to learn fly tying and will also then be armed with effective flies for the upcoming trout season. Intermediate/advanced tiers will participate in a workshop setting where CVTU tiers will demonstrate some of their favorite patterns and techniques. The course will be offered in conjunction with the South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation Department and will be held at the Boiling Springs High School. The program will begin on Thursday, January 21, 2010, and will meet every Thursday evening from 7-9 PM for 8 consecutive weeks, with the last session on March 11. See the CVTU website ([www.homestead.com/cvtu/](http://www.homestead.com/cvtu/)) or CVTU November newsletter for more details.

### **Draft Pennsylvania Climate Change Action Plan Released**

Taking the 52 actions outlined in the plan will mean the Commonwealth will do its part to safeguard our climate and our economy for future generations. Pennsylvania is a significant contributor to global warming, with heat-trapping gas pollution greater than 101 developing countries combined, so we have a significant opportunity to contribute to the global effort to combat dangerous climate change.

The plan's overall goal is to reduce greenhouse gas pollution to levels that are 30 percent below year 2000 levels, and to do it by 2020. Implementing the 52 recommendations would save \$11.7 billion and create 65,000 full-time jobs over the next decade. The measures would cut global warming pollution from power plants, homes and offices, transportation, industry, waste handling, and farms. The plan also details other reductions that could be achieved by better and more efficient land use and forest management and conservation

See you on Shermans Creek!!

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