

Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy

The Lancaster Watershed Leadership Academy supports the leadership and watershed development of individuals involved in the collective effort for clean water in Lancaster County.

Scholars walk away with an understanding of watersheds, leadership skills and application, and countless resources to integrate themselves into clean water work. This twelve-month program is jam-packed with eight single day sessions and eight Zoom sessions filled with watershed content, field investigations, and professional leadership content, in addition to an overnight retreat on the Chesapeake Bay. The course is \$300. Scholarships are available.

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2025 Applications
Due October 4, 2024
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It's been challenging and fun, and I've made new friends and built relationships. I highly recommend the Academy to anyone considering it

— *Jim Lewis, Master Watershed Steward*



It was one of the most rewarding, educational experiences I've ever had. If you're on the fence about signing up, DO IT!

— *Lindsey Deininger, Everest*



Throughout the academy, I learned how what we do affects water quality while also growing my professional network.

— *Kayli Rentzel, Project Engineer*

2025 Academy Schedule

Full-day sessions are 8-5 p.m. (listed below) and 60-minute Zoom sessions are held monthly

November 14, 2024

Academy kick-off dinner and reception

January 25, 2025 / Manheim

Introduction to watershed science and management; Facilitating civil discourse and leadership

February 22, 2025 / Ephrata

Connection between watershed management and drinking water protection; Personal strengths

March 29, 2025 / Earl

Small-scale agriculture and cultural connections; Integrating communication, culture, and values

April 26, 2025 / Southern Riverlands

Land use and the plethora of plans; Personal leadership through civil unrest

May 17, 2025 / Peach Bottom

"Big ag" business; Corporate social responsibility and diversity

June 14, 2025 / Lititz

Attend three Water Week events; Where the suburbs meet the fields; Outreach and conflict management

September TBD / Lancaster City

Urban stormwater and green infrastructure; Training and mentoring tomorrow's leaders

October TBD

Scholars will design and execute the full-day session agenda; Location TBD

November 2025 / Chesapeake Bay

Three days/two nights at a Chesapeake Bay Foundation Island education center; Group dynamics and action

December 2025: Commencement!

June 2026: Reunion