



Welcome to the

2026 SPRING FULL PARTNERS MEETING



Lancaster
CLEAN WATER PARTNERS

Our Values



Collaboration not duplication

We support and elevate one another to achieve greater impact together than we could alone, combining our unique strengths instead of duplicating efforts.



Think big, be bold

We operate with a bias toward action and innovation, driving results that build momentum for bold solutions and lasting positive change in our communities.



Trust

The partners have confidence in each others' abilities and share a commitment to a community-based approach that fosters accountability and trust.



Clean and clear water for all

Access to clean water is a fundamental right. Through collaboration, we amplify diverse voices and work to ensure equitable access for all, particularly for those who have historically been denied.



Transparency

We communicate how decisions are made and operate with genuine openness and authenticity.



Responsive leadership

We are responsive to one another and our communities, adjusting our approach to meet evolving challenges and opportunities>



Engage a Strong, Effective, and Inclusive Backbone Organization

2026 New Board Members:

- Patrick Fleming, professor at F&M and farmer
- Matt Kofroth, Conservation District Assist. Manager

New Executive Committee Members

- Ezra Rothman, Jeff Swinehart
- Other Exec Comm members: Michelle Marsh, Steve Campbell, Justin Evans, Jenna Mitchell Beckett

Backbone Staff



Example: 2 hour EPA field visit and a full day visit with CBT staff

Backbone

- Organized logistics with Chesapeake Bay Program staff or CBT staff
- Designed the agenda to reflect how projects are connected as part of a bigger effort
- Explained the funding

Partner organizations

- Hosted on site
- Worked with landowners
- Presented their story
- Gave site-specific information and results



Overview Discussions

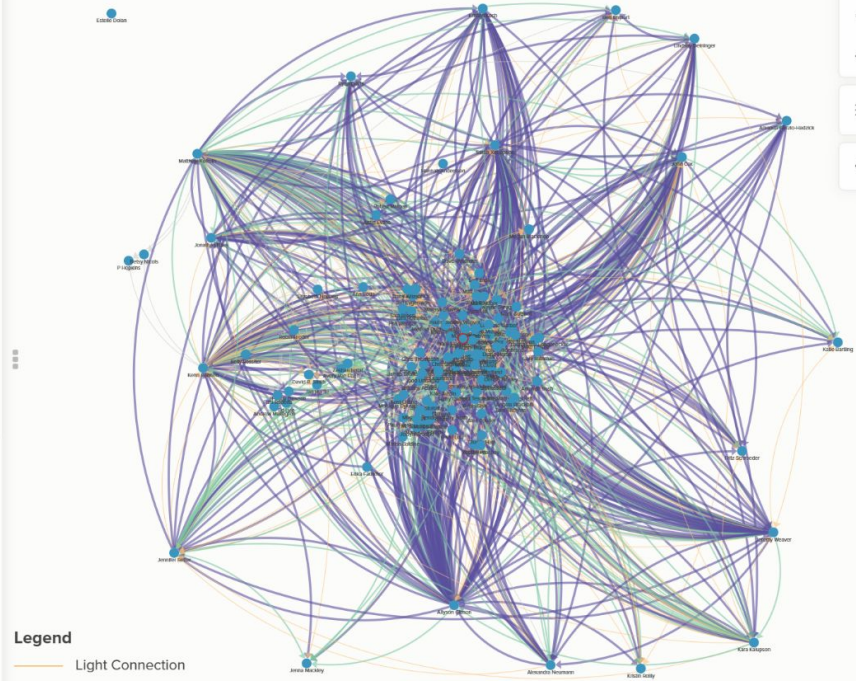
Lancaster Clean Water Partners Map



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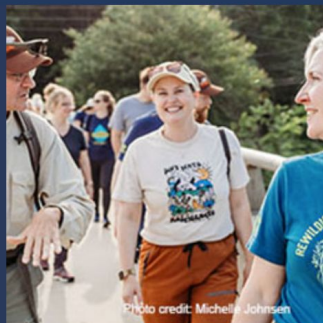
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2026 Newsletters



January 2026



February 2026



March 2026



April 2026

2025 Newsletters



January 2025



February 2025



March 2025



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Clean Water Conversations

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Investing in Collaborative Models and Their Capacities:

AN EVALUATION OF THE NATIONAL FISH
AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION'S INNOVATIVE
NUTRIENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION
GRANTS PROGRAM

AMY E. MICKEL, PhD
SHARON D. FARRELL



**The
Stewardship
Network**
TOGETHER FOR NATURE

August 2025

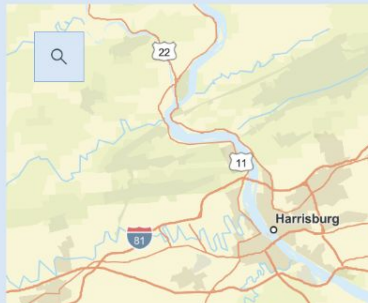
NFWF's INSR assessment

and

Collaborative Impact Model



52
of priority parcels outreach & implemented

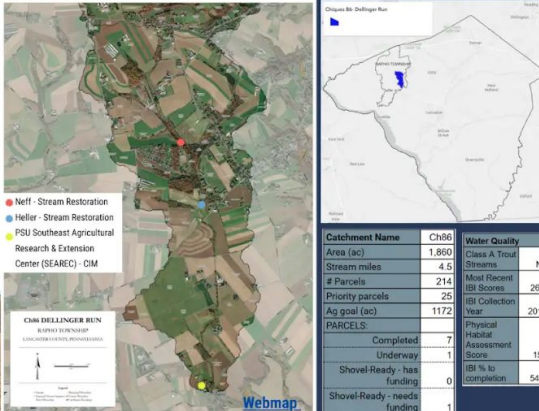


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Dellinger Run Stream Delisting Strategy Catchment Chiques 86

Catchment Description

Dellinger Run is a 2.9 sq mile catchment of over 200 parcels in Rapho Township in the lower Chiques Creek watershed. Nearly 75% agricultural, the strategy has focused on farmer outreach and farmer-driven goals for their community.



Webmap

Partners

Penn State Ag & Environment, Donegal Trout Unlimited, Lancaster County Conservation District, and local landowners have spearheaded the stream restoration projects and water quality monitoring in Dellinger Run. The Water Monitoring Action Team, Rapho Township, and other stream delisting partners are accelerating implementation and incorporating monitoring protocols.

Accomplishments

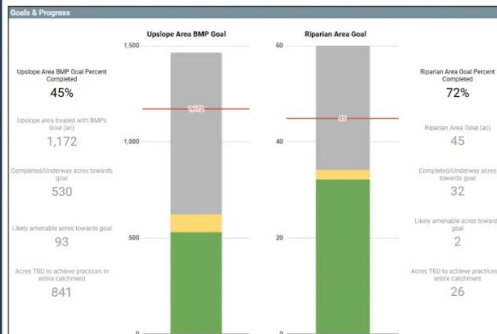
- Streambank stabilization project along 3000+ feet of Dellinger Run (Neff property) funded by the Countywide Action Plan (CAP) grant.
- Stream restoration funded by NFWF that included 500 trees successfully planted and established through the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the BEST riparian buffer maintenance program (Heller property) plus a meadow funded locally.
- 4.5 acre forest riparian buffer restoration at PSU's SEAREC research farm.
- Robust monitoring program, including continuous in-stream monitoring (CIM) station located at catchment drainage point, synoptic sampling, and eDNA macro sampling.

Next Steps

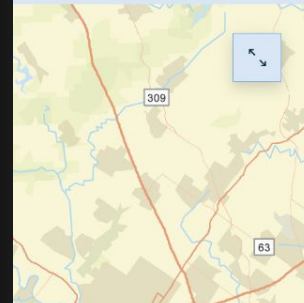
- Connect two stream restoration projects through outreach and implementation on priority parcels.
- Implement increased manure storage and improved nutrient management at dairy farm.
- Explore nutrient use efficiency practices on

Progress in Dellinger Run

The stream delisting strategy has measured progress toward BMP implementation and riparian restoration that Dellinger Run is approaching or exceeding.



115
priority landowner property projects implemented, as of 3/2026





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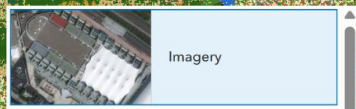
Lancaster's Countywide Action Plan (CAP)

An overview of CAP funding and projects within Lancaster County

Noelle Cudney
February 25, 2026



Find address or place



- Wetlands, Riverine Non-forested
- Wetlands, Terrene Non-forested

Policy

Trout Streams

Class A Trout Streams



Streams Supporting Natural Trout Reproduction



Trout Stocked Waters



Urban Areas



Prioritization

Growing Greener Watershed



Collaborative Watershed Mapping Tool v3.0

How To?

Reset Map

- Flood Hazard Areas ...
- State Gamelands ...
- Environmental Justice Areas ...
- Disadvantaged tracts from Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool ...
- Urban and Village Growth ...
- Urban Areas ...
- Places 2040 Character Zones ...
- State House Boundaries ...
- US Congressional Boundaries ...

- Lancaster County
- Municipalities
- HUC 12 Watersheds
- NHD Streams
- MS4 Municipalities
- Parcels

Print



Collaborative Approach

**A reminder to check:
Is your organization a partner?**

Fill out the form if you're not a partner yet.

- There is power in the numbers**
- Look around you - who should be at the table and would appreciate an invitation?**



Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck

CRC
Conestoga River Club



The CRC

“The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to promote the conservation and improvement of the Conestoga River in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and its watershed as well as education ...to the fullest extent.”

The Past

- **Todd Roy**
Lone Wolf on the River
- **The Club**
Many who have a
Passion for the
Conestoga

The Present

- **New ED/PD**
Expand and broaden
expectations.
- **Board Development**
Roles, Responsibilities

The Future

- **Programming**
Kayaking, Education,
Youth
- **Improvement Plan**
Launch Sites, Riparian
Buffers



River of the Year



Vision

The CRC envisions a day when the Conestoga River is once again a healthy, thriving centerpiece of the Lancaster community. With clean, safe waters; accessibility for boating and recreation; we seek a future where people and the natural world flourish together.



Mission

As a water trail manager, the CRC advocates for the conservation and stewardship of the Conestoga River. We achieve this by engaging the public through education, recreation and community projects to reinvigorate the health of the Conestoga River for all members of the Lancaster communities of today, and for generations to come.



Values

Empathy

Community

Personal & Collective Responsibility

Learning

Promoting Solutions



Programming 2026

River Clean Ups

Wednesdays- (every week)- County Park

June 13

July 19

August 8

September 12

September 19

Specialty Floats

Mother's Day

Father's Day

Independence Day

Moonlight Floats (monthly)

Mennonite Women's Float

Choose Clean Water Conference Float

Fun Facts Floats Series

May 22, Emily Broich: Conestoga River Birds

June 15, Adam Zern: River History

TBA, Michael Mantooh: River Indigeneity

TBA, Kate Austin: City Tour: Less Runoff=Cleaner River

River Arts Series

Dorothy Frey, Millersville University: Fine Art Painting by the River

Erik Anderson, Franklin & Marshall College: Water Writing

Andrew Pauls/Bobbi Carmitchell: 1st Annual Conestoga River Days

Photography Contest: Youth/Adult categories



Programming 2026

**CRC
Connections**

Quarterly Dinners at Conestoga Restaurant
April 13, July 7, Sept 11,
Nov 20 (Extra Give)

Water Week

June 6: Petroglyph Float
June 7: Pride Float
June 8, 9, 11, 12: Daily Floats
June 10: Conservation Legacy Float, Press Conference, Luncheon

**Roots, Branches,
Hands**

PA IPL Collaboration: 5K trees/ 3 years
Tree Equity Map

**August 21-12
Retreat**

Water Empowers Women- 27 slots, Women Only
Gifford Pinchot State Park



Celebrating Success:

The Conestoga won 2026 PA River of the Year and \$15K grant; Here's where the money could go



SARAH NICELL | Staff Writer Jan 29, 2026



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Success Story → Measuring our Collective Impact

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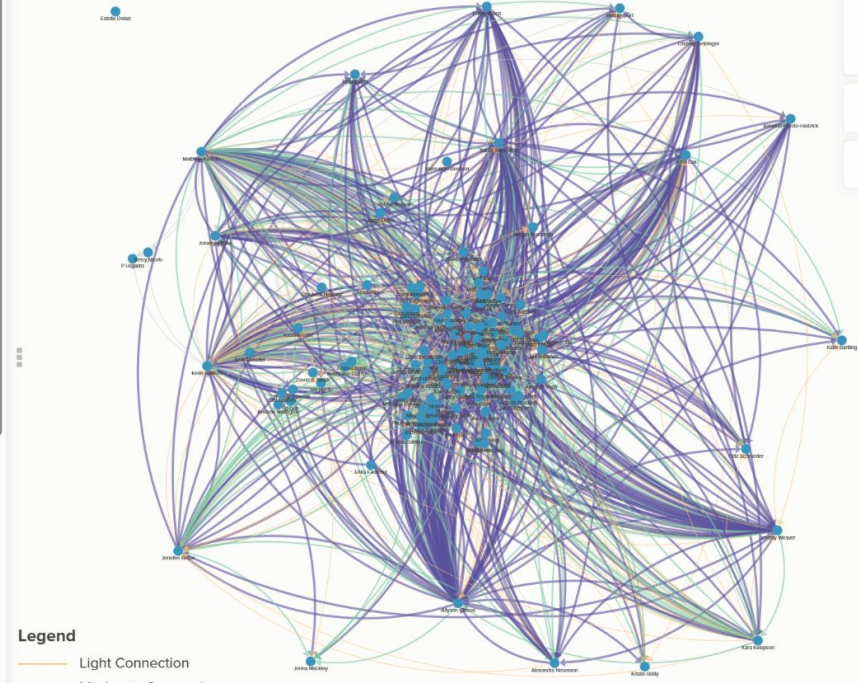
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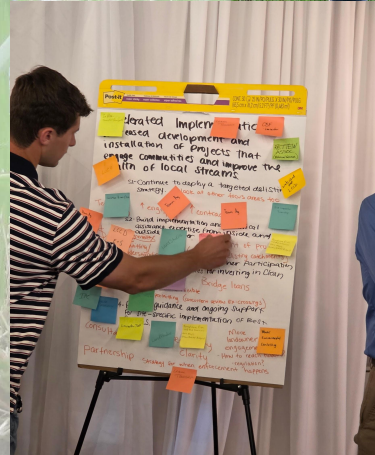


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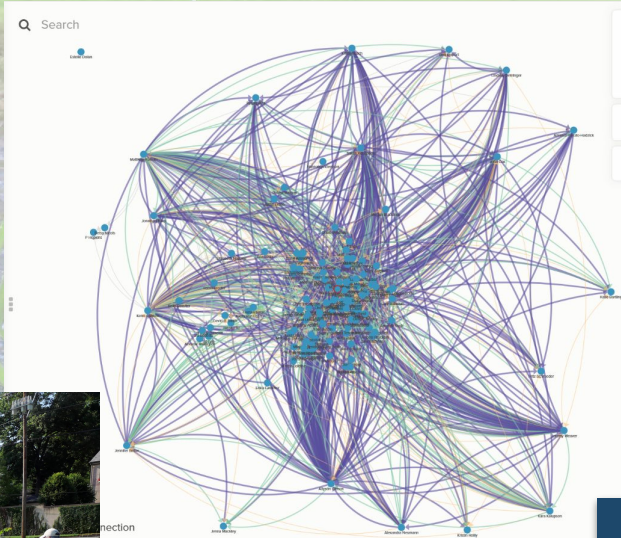


Shared Measurement - Measuring Impact of the Network

- Important to document the impact of trust, connectivity & working together
- Introducing our 2026 Network Coordinator: Erika Faulkner



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Clean Water Partner's Annual Survey

The Lancaster Clean Water Partners is the collaborative network of organizations working together to accomplish Clean and Clear Water by 2040. The goal of this survey is to assess the value and impact of the network of partners working as a collective to enhance each other's reach through collective action. Survey responses are not limited to one per organization; we encourage every individual that is helping Lancaster get to *Clean and Clear Water by 2040* to participate to give as much perspective as possible.

This survey should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey to better document the partnership's collective impact in Lancaster County. Your perspective is critical to our collective work!



Accountability and Implementation

The Common Agenda is a tool we all own and use to get to shared goals + impact

Progress Indicators show the data definitions and baseline of the Common Agenda



Break-out Sessions

“To be committed to change is to bring our organizational assets and individual talents collectively together in order for the whole to be greater than its individual parts.”



STRETCH BREAK



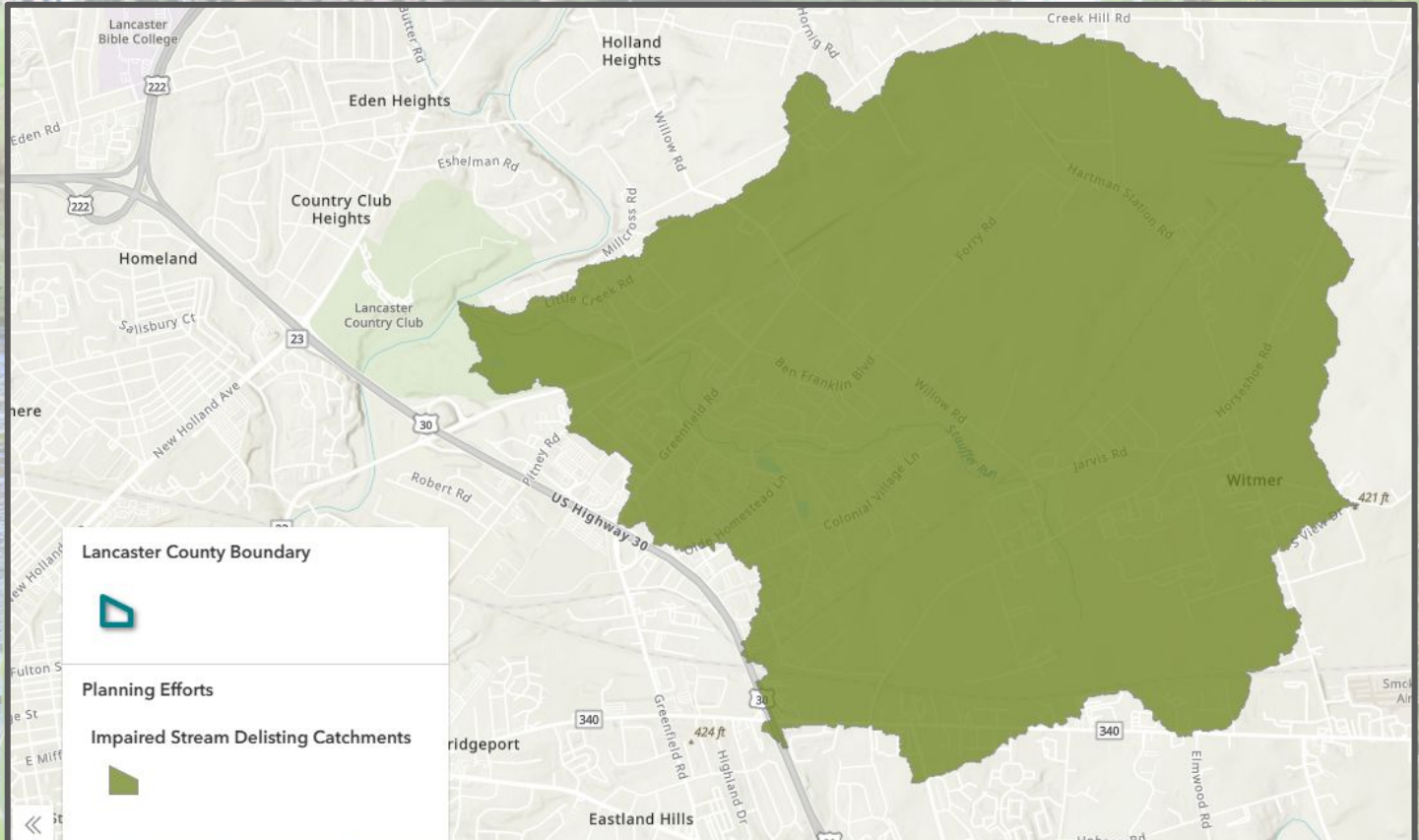
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What is the Delisting Strategy?

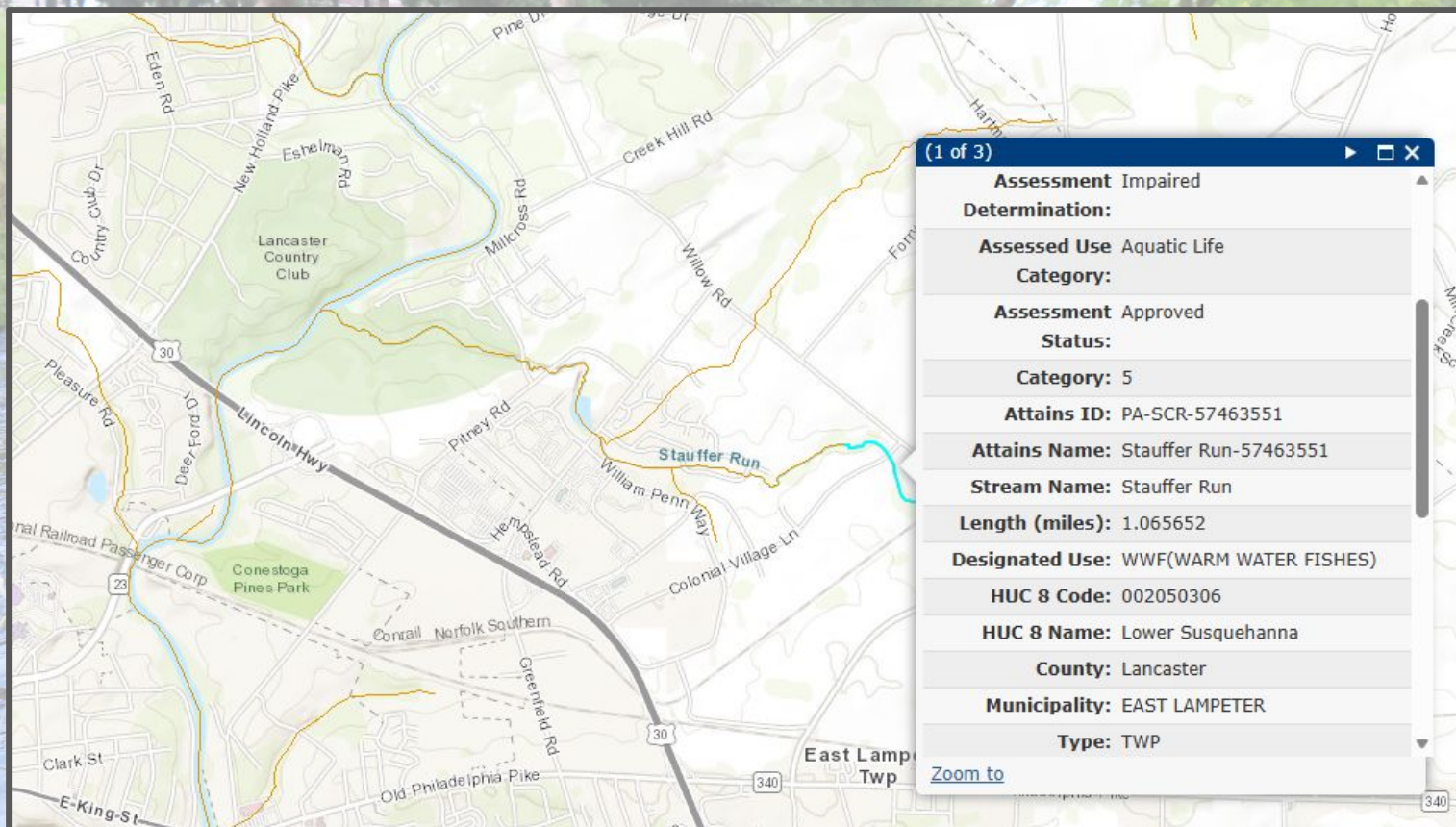
- When streams fail to meet water quality standards, they are added to the 303(d) “impaired waters” list
- We know, because we measure and study streams!
- “Delisting” a stream means that a stream’s water quality has improved so much, that it can be removed from the “impaired waters” list
- Delisting requires significant, focused resources (people, funding, and time), so many organizations have committed to a strategy that streamlines the delisting process
- Coordinated efforts in Agriculture, Stormwater, and Residential sectors by a wide variety of stakeholders using tried and true Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- We know when it’s working, because again, we measure and study the streams!



You're in a "delisting" watershed right now!

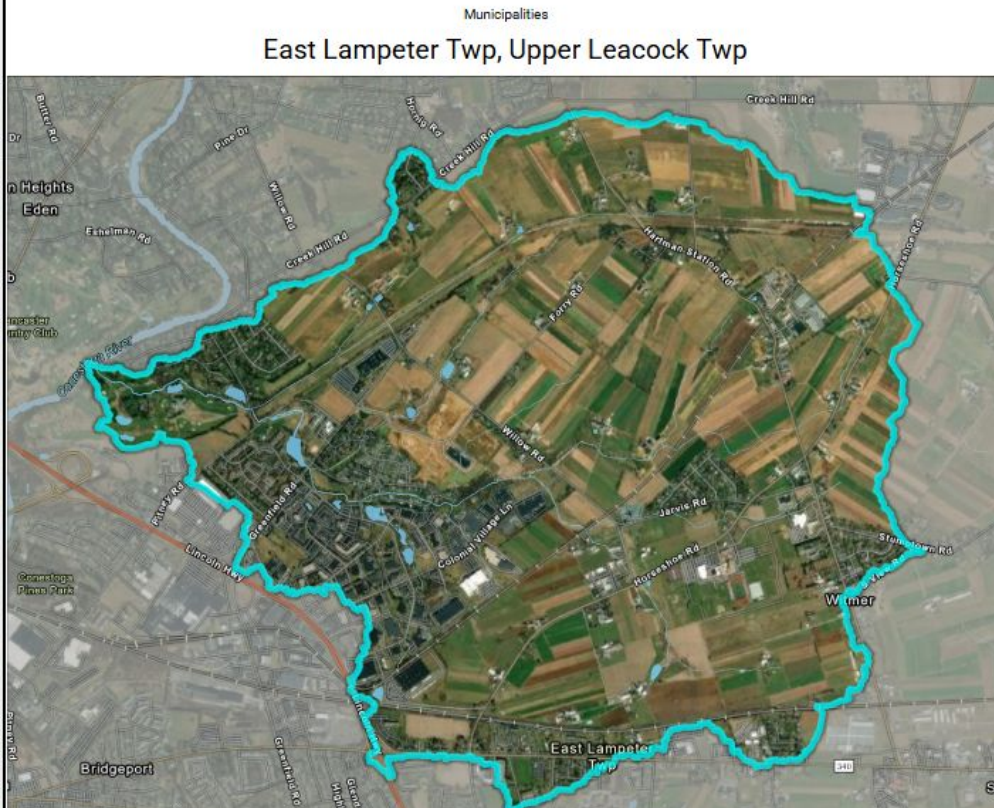


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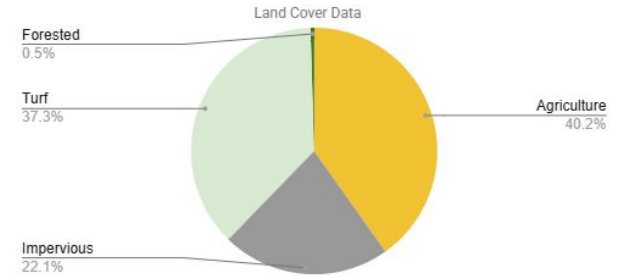


More on Stauffer Run & Delisting

Geography

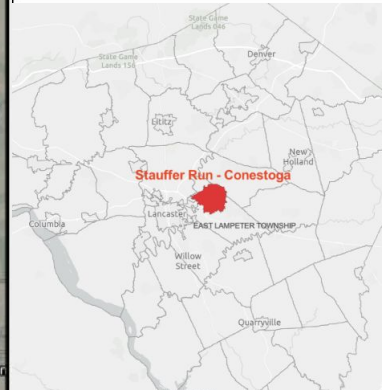


Land Cover



Streamside Landcover

| Restoration Opportunity Area (ac) | Conservation Opportunity Area (ac) | Developed Area (ac) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 96 | 16 | 19 |



Catchment Area (ac)

3,359

Total Parcels

786

Priority Parcels

46



Stauffer Run





Environmental Best Practices at Greenfield
*High Associates' Commitment to Conservation,
Habitat & Education*



Our Approach

How We Advance Environmental Stewardship

- Long-term, place-based land management
- Strategic partnerships with conservation experts
- Focus on measurable, on-site impact
- Investment in our people and practices
 - *Greenfield sits within the Stauffer Run watershed—every landscape improvement we make contributes to cleaner water, healthier habitat, and long-term stream protection*



Habitat Restoration & Water Quality

Meadow & Buffer Restoration

- 3-acre meadow restoration along Stauffer Run
- Ongoing stream and habitat monitoring to track long-term water quality and ecological health
- Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay partnership
- Ben Franklin Blvd:
 - 4.3 acres restored
 - 1,100 trees & shrubs
- Calvin G. High Pavilion:
 - 0.5-acre buffer extension
 - 150 trees planted



Native Landscape & Care

Building Resilient Landscapes

- Native gardens across Greenfield
- Butterfly Garden for pollinators
- Green mulching practices
- Invasive species removal
 - *Beyond environmental impact, these spaces support physical health, mental well-being, and meaningful outdoor connection for the community.*



Wildlife Habitat & Monitoring

Supporting Biodiversity

- Bluebird Project
- Hawk Mountain partnership
- Kestrel boxes installed throughout Greenfield
- One barn owl box installed

Why it matters:

- Biodiversity indicators
- Natural pest management
- Long-term monitoring



People, Partnerships & Programming

People & Partnerships

- Lancaster Conservancy partnership
- Conservation landscaping crew training
- 12 employees trained to date

Free Environmental Programming at Greenfield

- Open, no-cost programming for the community
- Educational events connected to:
 - Meadow and habitat restoration
 - Native plants and pollinators
 - Wildlife projects and stewardship
- Water Week programming focused on Stauffer Run
- Programs help translate on-site initiatives into learning, awareness, and engagement



High Foundation: High Impact Area- Environment

Focus Area for Grantmaking & Transformational Investments

- New High Family Nature Preserve
- \$10M commitment to new environmental center & nature preserve in City of Lancaster



High Associates | Greenfield



Sunnyside Peninsula: New Environmental Center

- Home to 8 leading environmental nonprofits
- Public programming including environmental education, green workforce development and outdoor recreation
- New 70-acre nature preserve



Save The Date

- Small Clean Water Fund
 - \$1,000 - \$20,000
 - Application Due: 7/1/2026
 - Award notification: 9/1/2026
- Stormwater Action Team BMP Lunch-n-Learn
 - May 12 11:30am -1pm
 - Spring Hill Park Mountville Borough
 - Municipal + Watershed Leadership Academy action project site
- 100 partners celebration!
 - July - details TBD
 - *Who will be our 100th partner?*



Save The Date

SAVE THE DATE

Fall Full Partners Meeting

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22

26

LOCATION:
HOFFER FARM
547 N PENRYN RD,
MANHEIM, PA 17545



**REGISTRATION
AND MORE
INFORMATION
TO COME!**



Thank You!



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**Join Melissa and Keith
outside the door for the
meadow and riparian buffer
walking tour**



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