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Report to the Membership

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NPC Funds Cleanup by Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance

NPC's new funding program that aims to remove litter and trash from streams and their banks has funded its first project. We are happy to report that in January NPC funded a tire clean-up conducted by the Shamokin Creek Restoration Alliance (SCRA).

SCRA is an all-volunteer group working to restore the central Pennsylvania Shamokin Creek watershed which has been polluted by acid mine drainage. The group has worked on several projects including a small AMD (acid mine drainage) treatment and education site on Carbon Run, a tributary to Shamokin Creek.

One issue facing SCRA is the trash and litter in and along the waterways. Carbon Run is a good example of this trash problem. Jim Koharski, SCRA president, contacted NPC in November 2002 for clean-up funding. Koharski had volunteers ready to help remove tires from an area along Carbon Run. Original estimates had approximately 200 tires in the area.

NPC awarded funding to the group, and on a cold, blustery Saturday morning in January, volunteers from the watershed group and Northwestern Academy

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Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources completed its review of the draft river conservation plan and provided NPC with several pages of suggestions and comments. The project team has been busy incorporating those suggestions and comments in an effort to prepare the document for public presentation.

NPC is beginning to set locations and dates for a round of public meetings in late April to present the draft plan. This is the second phase in the public involvement process. These meetings will provide the public with an opportunity to review all or part of the plan and provide comments and suggestions on what they read.

Unlike the previous meetings, these meetings will be location specific, meaning that the presentation at each public meeting will focus on the region in which the meeting is set. The Lewisburg meeting will present ideas for the Union and Northumberland County area, while the Lock Haven meeting will focus only on the western end of the study corridor.

The meetings focus on a geographic level to provide some structure and allow interested people in a

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"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."
~John Muir

Members and Friends Push Annual Appeal Over the Top

In times of rapid economic growth, reaching fundraising goals can be less daunting than in a sluggish economy when many organizations find it increasingly difficult to meet their goals. We are happy to report that NPC's members and friends have shown their commitment to our mission in a big way by helping us exceed our annual appeal goal. NPC members and friends showed how much they care about the future of this region by stepping up to the plate and making gifts to this very important appeal. As of March 12, 2003, the total raised was \$8,780!

Our members and friends know that NPC's mission of conservation continues in both booming and slow economic times. It is important that we can provide options for landowners regarding the conservation of their properties, and that we can act

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Membership Activity from 12/1/2002 through 2/28/2003

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by Bernette & George Fitzgerald

Are We in Your Will?

Have you planned a special gift to NPC? Remembering NPC in your will can be a way to leave a legacy to future generations or honor loved ones. If you have already included us in your plans or are going to make a gift to NPC in your will, please be sure that you have designated your gift to "Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy," federal employee identification number 23-2606163. You will note that there are many organizations with the word "conservancy" in their name, so please include our full name to ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.



Plan to Attend These Hikes

Spring is here and that means it is time to get outdoors and enjoy warmer weather. After the winter we have experienced this year, we are sure that our first hike of the year will be well-attended, as everyone has a bit of cabin fever!

Fearless hike leader Ruth Rode will guide us on a hike of the Farrandsville River Cliffs. This hike is significant to NPC because it features views of the Susquehanna at the starting point of the West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan's coverage area. NPC has been working on this plan for two years and we anticipate finishing the project this year.

Our second hike of the year will take place on Saturday, July 12. Like last year, we will partner with the Eagles Mere Conservancy. We will hike the Butternut Trail in Sullivan County at World's End State Park which features views of the Flynn Property, a project NPC closed the books on in 1993. In addition to the beautiful vistas, one section of the trail looks out on a field of large boulders that not many people have seen.

All of our hikes are free and open to the public. Participants will be asked to sign a waiver the day of the event, and those under the age of 18 will need a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

We recommend that participants wear sturdy hiking shoes and appropriate hiking attire. Also, bring plenty of water and a snack. Some other items you may wish to bring with you include sunscreen, sunglasses/hat, and binoculars. For hike meeting times and locations contact NPC.

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quickly to organize the funding to purchase a property in danger of development. The annual appeal also provides vital operating funds that keep NPC's offices open with a professional staff trained in land-use issues.

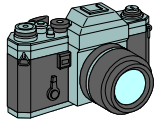
NPC would not be able to accomplish our mission without YOUR support, and we are grateful.

Of course, the challenge continues; several philanthropic publications are predicting that nonprofit organizations will see flat giving or reductions in giving in 2003. Many organizations throughout the country have already made or planned cutbacks as they predict the loss of funding.

For those of you who made gifts to the Annual Appeal, our deepest thanks.

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Nature Photography Workshop Scheduled

Have you ever seen something so interesting or beautiful in nature that you wanted to capture it on film, only to get fuzzy shots of your thumb or feet? If you have an interest in nature photography, and would like to learn techniques to improve your photos, make plans now to attend the two-day nature photography workshop on Saturday, May 31 (9 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sunday, June 1, 2003 (1 p.m.-5 p.m.). Jerry Zeidler, local photography enthusiast, will lead the workshop at PPL's Montour Preserve. Participants will learn techniques and take photographs on Saturday, and Sunday's session will begin with a critique of their photos and tips on how to improve.

There will be a small fee for participation: \$20 for NPC members and \$25 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is required and class size will be limited to 20 people. Reservations will be available on a first-come, first served basis. A special thanks to PPL for allowing us to use their facility to hold this event.

Pine Creek Watershed Conservation Plan

For nearly 5-years NPC has been working on a river conservation plan for the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River. The River Conservation Plan program also allows for planning efforts to be done on a watershed scale. In this type of project, the project team looks at ways to maintain, enhance, or improve both the water body and its watershed.

The Endless Mountains RC&D is leading an effort to develop a watershed conservation plan for Pine Creek. Rob Parker with Endless Mountains has organized a steering committee made up of NPC, the Pine Creek Preservation Association, the Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group, Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute, the Pine Creek Council of Governments, and representatives from the municipalities and counties along Pine Creek.

Three public meetings will be held in May to begin the planning process. At these meetings a short presentation will be given to provide the public with more information about the river conservation program and specifically, the Pine Creek Watershed Conservation Plan project. The public will be given the opportunity to participate in developing the plan.

This first round of public meetings is very important. The information gathered from the public at these meetings provides the basis for the rest of the plan and will direct the steering committee on how to proceed and what ideas or topics need further research and study.

Meetings are set for Wellsboro on Saturday, May 17; Galeton on Monday, May 19; and Waterville on Saturday, May 24. For the exact location/time, contact NPC or visit the NPC website after May 1. If you want to be added to NPC's contact list for this project to receive meeting information and project updates, call or e-mail the NPC office.

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worked to collect the tires, carry them to the top of the hill, and load them into a rollback dumpster. Original estimates were slightly off-- **296** tires were removed, with a total weight of 4.4 tons!

The tires were transported to the Lycoming County Landfill for processing. With the tires gone, they will no longer threaten the water quality of Shamokin Creek or provide a potential breeding area for mosquitoes and West Nile virus. Koharski explained, "This is part of a continuing effort by the Alliance to remove litter and trash from this section of Coal Township."

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certain area to learn more about how the plan addresses that area's situation.

A postcard will be sent with the meeting dates and locations, as well as information on where you can go to review a full copy of the plan. NPC will be working to have the plan available on its website, as well as having hard copies of the plan in various public places.

This phase of the planning process involves a 30-day comment period. The public will be able to provide NPC with written comments, suggestions, and reactions to the plan in an effort to ensure the plan addresses the public needs.



Membership Challenge!

From now through May 6, 2003 members are challenged to get the word out about NPC to their friends. For each new NPC member you recruit, we will put your name in a drawing to win one of our great new screen-printed tee shirts. The winners will be drawn at the Annual Dinner. If you win, not only will you get your choice of tees, but the new member you recruited will receive one, too!

Use a Credit Card to Make a Gift!

In today's busy world, many of us no longer rely on a traditional checkbook for payments and purchases. With the prevalence of debit cards and automatic payments, you may not even open your checkbook more than a few times each month. With the way consumers spend their money changing more each day, we have decided to offer an easier way for you to make gifts to NPC or purchase merchandise.

From now through the end of June, we will be offering members and friends the opportunity to make their membership gifts and merchandise purchases with MasterCard and Visa. **If this service is popular, we will continue to accept credit cards, and will offer twelve-month membership installments.**

If you would like to use your credit card to make a gift or purchase with NPC, please call the NPC office and we will be happy to help you.

Estate Planning Benefits

Did you know that there are options available that can provide benefits to you or your heirs, and help further NPC's mission at the same time? Unfortunately, many people do not take the time to consider these types of options until it is too late, and the benefits are lost.

One option that can allow you to enjoy income and/or tax benefits is a charitable remainder trust. The charitable remainder trust can be designed to provide you with income during your lifetime with the interest from a gift made to NPC. Or, you could choose to use the interest from the gift to pay for a life insurance policy that would provide benefits to your heirs.

Charitable remainder trusts can be established through the gift of an asset such as a house, land, or cash. Because NPC is a 501(c)(3) organization, gifts made to NPC are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the IRS.

Many organizations cite these estate-planning options as being underused. This may be because the process may seem confusing, and individuals do not realize that these options could be a good idea for their own estates.

If you have not yet given thought to this important subject, NPC can give you examples of how others have structured gifts in ways that were beneficial to themselves and others. Of course, you should always consult your tax or legal professional for specific information on how to use these tools to your greatest benefit.

Pine Creek Rail Trail Bike Trip

If you have not yet taken a ride on the Pine Creek Rail Trail, you are missing the opportunity to see what many consider to be one of the most beautiful natural areas in the world. On Saturday, June 28, 2003, we are offering you the chance to take a guided trip with us.

Join fellow NPC members, friends and others as we pedal approximately 16 miles through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon from Darling Run to Blackwell. Our guide will be Weldon Cohick, Jr. Weldon is an avid cyclist who holds the record for the number of trips through the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon at 237! He will point out many features along the trail, and if we are lucky, we will see some wildlife along the way.

We encourage people of all skill levels to participate. You may bring your own bike or rent one. We recommend that you bring along sunglasses, sunscreen, water and a bagged lunch.

Participation is free, and bike rentals and shuttle service by Pine Creek Outfitters are available at a group-discount rate. Cost of the bike rental is \$22 (includes bike rental and shuttle service). Shuttle-only tickets are also available at a cost of \$10 each. To receive these rates, rental and shuttle reservations should be made by calling the NPC office.

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Pre-registration is required for all participants, and all participants must sign a waiver prior to the start of our journey. Those under 18 years of age must have a waiver signed by their parent or guardian.

To carpool from NPC's Williamsport office, please contact Julie Adams at 570-323-6222 or email jadams@npcweb.org prior to June 28.

For more information, to register, or to make reservations for bike rentals/shuttle tickets, contact the NPC office. You can read more about the rail trail by checking out these websites:

<http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/rails/pinect.html>

<http://www.pinecrk.com/bike/bike.html>

NPC Volunteers are the Best!

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time at the NPC booth at the Trout Unlimited Trout Kickoff in March:

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| Don Alsted | Harvey Katz |
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2003 NPC Activities

Saturday, May 3

Farrandsville River Cliffs Hike

Tuesday, May 6

Annual Dinner

Saturday, May 17

Spring Canoe Outing

Saturday, May 31-Sunday, June 1

Photography Workshop

Saturday, June 28

Pine Creek Rail Trail Bike Trip

Saturday, July 12

Butternut Trail Hike

Monday, September 15

Golf Tournament

Saturday, September 13

West Branch Wilderness and Hyner Run Views Hike

Calling All Amateur Photographers!

Calling all amateur photographers – we want your best nature photos depicting natural scenes found in Pennsylvania! On Sunday, October 12, 2003, NPC will sponsor a Photography Contest at its booth at Little Pine State Park's Annual Fall Field Days. The contest is open to amateur photographers only. For this competition, amateur is defined as one who derives less than twenty percent of their livelihood from the sale of personally produced photographic images.

This contest recognizes two levels of expertise: Amateur (A) and Advanced Amateur (AA). Level placement will be determined by the entrant on the honor system. For more information, or to obtain a brochure with an entry form, please contact NPC at 570-323-6222.

Spring Canoe Outing Sold Out!

The Spring Canoe Outing scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2003 has reached its maximum due to an overwhelming response from members and the public. The outing, which had been limited to NPC members until March 1, filled up quickly after it was offered to the public.

For those of you who were interested, but unable to register, we have begun a waiting list, and will explore the possibility of offering the trip in the future. Thanks to everyone who showed such a great interest in the outing.