



Report to the Membership

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Draft River Conservation Plan Unveiled at Public Meetings

The draft Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan was presented during a series of public meetings in May. The five meetings were held in the evening over a period of two weeks. Thank you to all the attendees who gave up their evening to attend a meeting, learn more about the draft plan and provide input.

During the meetings, several questions came up time and time again. In an effort to assure these questions are answered, we are providing a recap of these questions below.

Who is in charge of this project?

The Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan's development has been guided by a Steering Committee. The individuals and groups represented on this committee include: county planning commissions, county conservation districts, local business owners, local developers, aquatic and fisheries experts, and recreational users of the river.

The Steering Committee has been working since 1999 to prepare a river conservation plan that conveys the ideas and suggestions brought out in public meetings during the planning process. The group has worked to

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Farrandsville River Cliffs Hike

by Ruth Rode

On one of the few absolutely gorgeous, sunny days of the spring of 2003, NPC members and friends hiked to the Farrandsville River Cliffs. This article was written by hike leader Ruth Rode.

"To cherish what remains of the Earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival."

~Wendell Berry

Thirteen people enjoyed a beautiful afternoon observing nature and history where the corridor begins for the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan. With landowners permission, we ascended to the Farrandsville Ledges, overlooking the river and surrounding area. We contemplated upriver mine acid pollution as we observed Lick Run

flowing into the emerald green river.

Moss Phlox or Pinks, Columbine, Rue Anemone, Early Saxifrage, Cinquefoil, Rock Cress, Sweet Birch and Witch Hazel were some of the plant life we saw on the walk. A Northern Fence Lizard was observed basking in the sun on the rocks.

As our country's flag on the ledges waved in the breeze, we learned of Farrandsville's history. Named for William P. Ferrand, this town originated in 1831 and erected an iron furnace in 1836. James Ralston converted the furnace to hot blast in 1839. Also, coke replaced charcoal as a fuel. A steam engine with ten

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NPC Finds a New Home!

NPC has a new home! At the beginning of June, NPC's offices moved to a new building, located on the first floor of 330 Government Place in Williamsport. The NPC staff is excited to be in the new building, as it has much-needed meeting space in which our volunteers and committees can work.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to super-volunteer Helen Schwarz for her time and expertise in helping NPC move to the new offices! Helen not only gave hours and hours of her time helping to organize the move, but packed and carefully labeled boxes of office supplies, furniture, equipment, etc. She provided advice on arranging workstations, and also came in to help organize the new office. Broken pieces of office furniture went home with Helen and came back repaired the next day

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Membership Activity from 3/1/2003 through 6/15/2003

CORPORATE MEMBERS

Bald Eagle (\$2000+)

PPL Corp./Montour Preserve

Osprey (\$1,000-1,999)

M & S Conversion Co. Inc.

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Citizens & Northern Bank
Girton Manufacturing Co.
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Management

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Small Business (\$100-499)

Central PA Auto Auction Inc.
Clinton Co. Economic Partnership
Dixon A. C. & R. Corp.
Lamar Advertising
Mericle Commercial Real Estate
Miller Brothers Auto Sales Inc.
PA Bureau of
Forestry (Tiadaghton)
Webb's Super-Gro Products Inc.
Wheeland Lumber Co. Inc.
Yoas Services Inc.

GENERAL MEMBERS

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Bobcat (\$1,000-4,999)

George & Shirley
Durrwachter
Joanne Fisher

Black Bear (\$500-999)

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Blair & Mary Carbaugh
Charles & Jane Darrow
Martin & Jean Doughty
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Russ Kimura & Denise Hamby
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Richard & Susan Sprout
Robert & Jean Teufel
Whistle Pig Fishing Club

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Inez L. Van Campen
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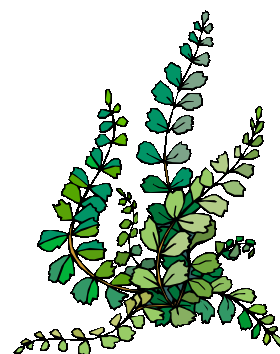
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MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

In memory of Dr. Luther W. Fetter
by Bruce & Norma Jean Burns

In memory of Sr. Judge Charles
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Board of Directors News

NPC welcomed four new board members to the Board of Directors on May 6, 2003 at the Annual Dinner. Nominating Committee member Jay Alexander read his committee's recommendation that John Best, Marc Lewis, Ray Mattie and Christine Sleboda be elected to the board. Following a unanimous election, these individuals were welcomed as the new board members.

In addition, the board held its annual election of officers at its May meeting. Board Chair Kevin Drewencki was nominated for a second term as Chairman; Kim Van Campen was nominated for Vice-Chair; Rich Schluter for Secretary; and Ann Tyler for Treasurer. All the nominees were elected. The board also appointed Christine Sleboda to the Assistant Treasurer position and Les Noelk, Christine Sleboda and Jay Alexander to serve on the Executive Committee.

Congratulations and thanks to all for their willingness to serve!

NPC Intern Graduates

For the last two years, NPC has enjoyed the presence of Carrie Monroe, a bright, energetic student from Lycoming College. Carrie has served in many capacities although her primary duties have been in helping with the River Conservation Plan. Carrie was always willing to help out wherever needed; she provided kick-net demonstrations to members and the public at NPC events, drove golf carts at the golf tournament, put together displays for events, and even organized volunteers from her sorority to help out at NPC's Earthday Celebration at Franco's.

Carrie graduated in May and plans to continue her education in graduate school this fall. We will miss Carrie's sense of humor and willingness to chip in to further NPC's mission. All of us wish Carrie the best!

Annual Celebrity Waiter Night at Peter Herdic House a Success

NPC's Celebrity Waiter Night was held again this year at the Peter Herdic House on March 14. Many members and friends came out to enjoy an evening of fun, and support conservation.

New this year was a silent auction which featured two dining packages. The first package was a dining package for eight served on the Herdic House patio (donated by Gloria and Marcia Miele). The second package was dinner for eight cooked in the winner's home by Chef Richard Hoschar, Executive Chef for the Susquehanna Health System.

NPC extends special thanks to many people who made the evening a success. First, we thank Gloria and Marcia Miele and their staff for making us welcome at the Peter Herdic House and opening their facility to our event.

A big thank you also to Chef Richard Hoschar for donating his time and talent to benefit NPC's mission and to Gloria and Marcia Miele for their silent auction donation. Thanks to those who bid on the items!

Thanks to the generosity of our raffle donors, as well. Ed Williams donated a gorgeous set of Rhodolite Garnet earrings, and the Clinton County Solid Waste Authority donated a patriotic Woolrich blanket.

Finally, we thank our celebrity waiters! Thanks go out to: Jack Kramer - Celebrity Maitre'd, Gail Bair, John Best, Representative Steve Cappelli, Gary Hutchinson, Dr. William and Sarmite Judson, Rick Mason, Mark Shuman, Terry Wild, and Mary Wolf.

Final Hike of the Year to Feature Vistas in Clinton County

Our hikes this year have been well-attended and very much enjoyed. If you have not yet made it to a hike, please plan to attend the final hike of the year on Saturday, September 13 which will feature the West Branch Wilderness and Hyner Run View.

As always, 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. You will need to bring water, a snack, as well as sunscreen, sunglasses/hat, and binoculars. For hike meeting time and location contact NPC at 570-323-6222.



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boilers generated 170 horsepower to propel the blast 24 hours a day. Only repairs shut down the furnace, which was producing 50 tons of pig iron per week. This furnace was thought to be the first successful hot-blast in North America. High-grade iron ore was transported from Montour Ridge in Columbia County due to poor quality local ore. Coal from the area, the first fire brick factory in Pennsylvania at Farrandville, and limestone from Nittany Valley supplied the furnace.

Production of pig iron slowed in the 1870's. This iron furnace was deeded to the local historical society in 1951. It is the lone visual reminder of Farrandville's industrialized history of producing pig iron, fire brick, nails, lumber, railroad cars, and coal mining. Its wooden Methodist Church was built in 1897. CCC Camp S-120 existed just north of town from 1933 to 1941. Part of a fireplace reveals its location. The canal along this branch of the Susquehanna River ended at Farrandville.

Queen Maria Christina of Spain had her agents, John and Christopher Fallon, build the Fallon Hotel in Lock Haven with money from the sale of Florida to the United States. A mansion was built for the queen near Farrandville, a mile west of Lick Run. However she never had to seek refuge in the United States and the mansion was burned and or demolished fifty years later.

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engage as many people and interest groups as possible through a variety of techniques.

The Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy (NPC) is the lead partner in the process. NPC has been organizing and coordinating meetings, maintaining mailing information for those individuals or groups who have participated or expressed interest in the plan, and working on a daily basis to keep the project process moving forward.

Who will implement the projects outlined in the plan?

Suggested projects or ideas listed in the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan can be implemented by a variety of organizations. Municipalities, service clubs, special interest groups, or community groups can work to take an idea and put it into action.

A river conservation plan is an effort to encourage voluntary stewardship and participation. Projects will be implemented where there is a willing property owner. The plan cannot mandate a landowner to do something.

Will this restrict the way I use the river?

4 A river conservation plan is a planning document. It is not legislative, nor is it regulatory. It is a plan, just like a municipal or county comprehensive plan, or an organizational strategic plan. Once completed, the plan does not impose or require restrictions on how the resource is used.

If a local municipality or regulatory agency, such as the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, feels that a restriction is necessary, or an existing restriction needs to be enforced, that is the municipality or agency's decision. The municipality or regulatory agency would go through its normal process of preparing and implementing that restriction.

Who decided what ideas or suggestions would be in the plan?

Public participation has been a key to this process. The steering committee has worked to make as many people aware of the process as possible using the resources available. Local media outlets, such as the newspaper and radio stations, have carried information. Additionally direct mail has been used to send over one thousand individuals and groups information about the plan and the process. At community events NPC has attended, flyers and other information have been available.

This public information gathering process is the basis for the ideas and suggestions found in the plan.

The steering committee used facilitated group discussions, questionnaires, and interviews to gather suggestions and ideas from the public. This process allowed for a wide range of input and suggestions from many sources.

The Steering Committee then reviewed the information and ideas gathered. Ideas were grouped together under headings and further organized. The end result was a Management Options Table, found in the draft plan, which includes several hundred ideas. This table outlines all the ideas.

The public participation process is ongoing and will continue throughout the Steering Committee's work to develop the plan.

What is NPC's role in implementation?

NPC is one of many groups involved in developing the Lower West Branch Susquehanna River Conservation Plan. There may be certain projects NPC will support and work to achieve, but NPC does not have the interest or the resources to work on all the projects suggested in the plan. NPC will choose projects listed in the plan based on whether those projects are a good fit with our mission and organizational values.

The plan has been developed as a broad-based community plan, and it will take broad-based community support to implement ideas in the plan.

NPC will work to hold a yearly meeting where individuals and groups interested in the implementation process can learn more about what is going on, and gather information on projects or interests similar to their own. These meetings will be held in an effort to facilitate open communication and networking between groups and individuals interested in the river.

Why develop this plan?

The project partners working on the plan recognized the need to be proactive in developing a river conservation plan, so that it reflects the values of our communities. The plan is meant to be a community-based vision of what people want to see happen to the river. The plan will give local communities a voice in what the future of the river can look like.

Completion of the project will also open up opportunities for communities along the study corridor. Local groups will become eligible to apply for state grants of up to 50% of the cost of projects listed in the plan. These projects include things like parks, flood mitigation and educational programs.

Where can I read the plan?

Those interested in learning more about the plan

Spring Canoe Outing Adventure

Saturday, May 17 was a slightly overcast day, yet the spirits of the participants of our Spring Canoe Outing were unclouded. Allan, Betsy and Jeremy Quant, operators of Canoe Susquehanna, talked to the group about water safety and gave a brief lesson on paddling the 26-foot long canoes. Then it was time to float down the Susquehanna River from Montoursville to Muncy. After the trip, participants reported that everyone had a great time, seeing wildlife and historical sites along the way.

For those of you who wanted to participate in this year's trip but could not, take heart! We have already started to plan at least one more trip next year.



NPC members and friends took part in a morning float down the Susquehanna River in May.

Calling All Amateur Photographers!



We want your best nature photos depicting natural scenes found in Pennsylvania! On Sunday, October 12, NPC will sponsor a photography contest at Little Pine State Park's Annual Fall Field Days. If you don't have the perfect photo yet, keep looking for shots in the following categories: Pennsylvania Mammals, Pennsylvania Birds, Scenic Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Flora, Aquatic/Reptiles native to Pennsylvania, and Open (images depicting the State's natural resources and settings not defined in another category). The contest is open to amateur photographers only. Amateur is defined as one who derives less than twenty percent of their livelihood from selling 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. Awards will be made in the following categories: Grand Prize – Best of Show, Best of Category/Class Awards and People's Choice.

The contest rules are as follows: 1. Photographs must be single, unmanipulated images produced by the entrant; 2. No photographs depicting mounted wildlife specimens, cultivated flora, or domestic animals; 3. Limit of two entries per category per entrant; 4. Prints only – B&W and Color judged together; 5. Photographs placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in previous Fall Field Day contests are not eligible; 6. Restriction on overall size of entry is 16"x20"; 7. Any identification of the entrant on the face of the entry must be covered prior to submission.

Contact NPC for more information or to obtain an entry form.

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(thanks also to Charlie Schwarz!). In addition, special thanks to Mike and Camille Salvatori at MAS for donating printed postcards to NPC to announce our address change to our members and friends!

Please note that our new mailing address is: PO Box 2083, Williamsport PA 17703. Our telephone number is the same: 570-323-6222.

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can access both an Executive Summary and the full plan on the NPC website at www.npcweb.org. Copies are also available in the following locations:

Clinton County

Clinton County Planning Office
Ross Library

Lycoming County

Lycoming County Planning Office
Montgomery Area Public Library
Muncy Public Library
W.B. Konkle Memorial Library
James V. Brown Library
Jersey Shore Public Library

Northumberland County

Northumberland County Planning Office
Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library
Milton Public Library
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Warrior Run Area Public Library

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Members and Friends Support NPC at Annual Dinner

NPC gathered on Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at DiSalvo's Restaurant to celebrate another year of partnership in conservation. Once again Chef Vincent DiSalvo and family generously donated the dinner, which directly benefits NPC's conservation efforts.

143 guests came to the dinner to celebrate the commitment of our members and volunteers to NPC's mission. The evening's program featured Jerry Zeidler, local nature photography enthusiast, who gave a program on photography of the natural beauty of our region.

Slate Run Tackle donated this year's raffle prize: an Orvis fly rod, reel, line and backing. The lucky winner of the fly fishing package was Jay Alexander.

Special thanks to

...*Chef Vincent DiSalvo and family*

...*Jerry Zeidler* for his informative program

...*Hoyer's and Rob Colley* for the use of their screen and for setting it up for us

...*Slate Run Tackle* for their donation of the raffle prize

...*George Durrwachter* for his phone calls

...*Kim Van Campen* for her beautiful centerpieces

Upcoming NPC Activities

Saturday, July 12 -- **Butternut Trail Hike**

Saturday, September 13 -- **West Branch Wilderness/Hyner Run Views Hike**

Monday, September 15 -- **Golf Tournament**

Sunday, October 12 -- **Photography Contest**

Monday, October 20 -- **Tioga County Dinner**

Wednesday, November 12 -- **Bloomsburg Area Member Reception**

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. There are many organizations with the word "conservancy" in their name, so including our full name will ensure that your wishes are carried out as you intend.