

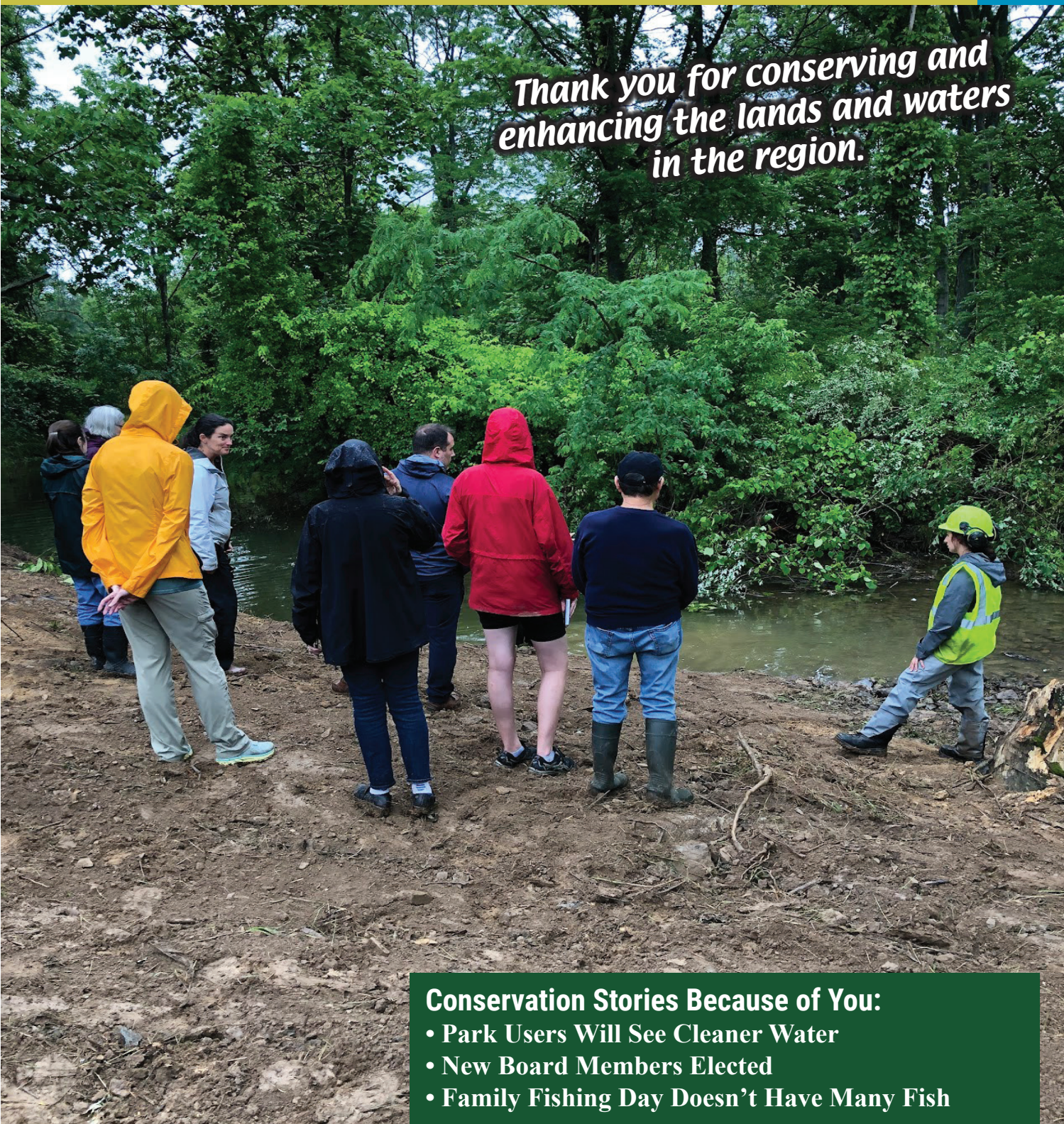
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Conserving and enhancing the lands and waters of Northcentral PA



Summer 2023

*Thank you for conserving and
enhancing the lands and waters
in the region.*



Conservation Stories Because of You:

- Park Users Will See Cleaner Water
- New Board Members Elected
- Family Fishing Day Doesn't Have Many Fish



The crew from PA Fish and Boat Commission and Union County Conservation District secure the logs with rebar.

Township Park Gets Some TLC Because of You!

A lot of the water quality work NPC's members support happens on rural properties that aren't open to the public. The water quality improvements achieved in this work are a public benefit and "felt" by everyone downstream of the project.

Recently, however, the stream team got to work with East Buffalo Township, Union County.

East Buffalo Township has worked with the team at other township parks over the years. They recently acquired Turtle Creek Park and are in the process of developing their management plan. The eroding stream banks were an immediate concern and something the Township was in favor of tackling right away.

The long-term support NPC's members have provided

water quality work has allowed the stream team to work time and time again in the Turtle Creek watershed. Most of the farmers in the watershed who want to work with the team, have already had work done on their properties. Now the team is looking at other opportunities to partner with non-agricultural landowners.

With the help of an adjoining landowner, phase 1 of a 2 to 3 phase project was completed in June at the Park. The usual structures were used to stabilize the streambank and reconnect the stream to the floodplain where appropriate.

If you're at the Park, be sure to keep an out for logs in the stream!! You're helping create fish habitat and improving the water quality!

On the cover: NPC Board members joined Merrill Linn Conservancy Board members for a tour of the work being done at Turtle Creek Park.

What Did Sara See At the Conservation Easements You Helped Make Possible??

Monitoring conservation easements in the spring is a wonderful time to take notice of all the beauty that this time of year has to offer.



Mountain Laurel at Van Horn

June means mountain laurel blossoms. Mountain laurel is Pennsylvania's State Flower, and this year we experienced a super bloom. The owner of a Lycoming County easement takes pride in his abundance of mountain laurel, offering viewing tours for his friends, and suggesting a mid-June date for easement monitoring so that NPC staff can enjoy the sights and scent.



Trillium at Robwood Mountain

Trilliums are among the first wildflowers to emerge in Pennsylvania. The red trillium pictured here was found after a fresh blanket of snow melted on a property in Sullivan County in mid-April. Rather than attracting spring bees, the maroon, flesh-colored petals and faint

fetid odor given off by the red trillium appeal to flies for pollination. The faint odor given off by this species has earned it the nickname "stinking-Benjamin."

Red Eft Phase of Eastern (Red-Spotted) Newt at Morgan Valley Rd



The Eastern (red-spotted) newt is a native salamander that lives for 12-15 years and is unique in its return to aquatic habitat as adults; most other salamanders live out their adulthood as terrestrials.

Is NPC in Your Will?

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 will, please be sure to let us know so we can thank you now!"



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NPC Membership Elects New Board Members to Help Lead

The Annual Membership Meeting is an opportunity for NPC's members to elect board members to guide the organization during a three-year term. At the June 13, 2023 meeting we thanked Adrienne Craig and Tiffani Kase for their service and elected Stephanie Radulski, Lisa Strouse, and Steve Young to their first three year-term.

Stephanie Radulski

As some may remember, Stephanie worked here at NPC in the early 1990s as a land protection specialist. After moving on from NPC she has spent the last 24 years working as a consultant for organizations such as American University and the American Psychological Association. Among other commitments, she volunteers in the community as a Williamsport Area School District Education Foundation board member and serves on the James V. Brown Library Author Gala Fundraising Committee. She also founded her own specialty candle business in 2021.

Lisa Strouse

Lisa just retired from the East Lycoming School District and taught a variety of science classes over the last 18 years. She served as an Envirothon club advisor

and participated in the Chesapeake Bay's Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences, taking students on canoe trips along the West Branch Susquehanna River. Lisa was also the Greenhouse Manager at the school and ran several successful community plant sales. She previously worked as a chemist at a water and wastewater testing laboratory. Additionally she's completed training as a Penn State Master Gardener and a Pennsylvania Master Naturalist with special interests in native and invasive plants, pollinators, composting and raised bed gardening. She's on her next career now as a realtor and still enjoys music, hiking, gardening and teaching children and adults about nature!

Steve Young

Steve got his BA from Lycoming College, his MBA from Northeastern University, and retired from Massachusetts General Hospital as Assistant Director of Facilities Operations in the Division of Comparative Medicine after 32 years of facilities management in the Boston area. He volunteers as a mechanic at Bicycle Recycle Williamsport, serves as the Senior Warden at Saint James Episcopal Church Muncy, and is the Secretary for the Muncy Area Lions Club. Additionally,

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The patio at Herman & Luther's was a great setting for some wonderful food!

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Lisa Strouse and Stephanie Radulski were each elected to a first 3-year term along with Steve Young.

he likes to tinker with wood and metal in his workshop, play Pickleball, build and fly radio controlled Discus Launch Gliders, go sailing, and spend as much time as he can with his four grandchildren.

Adrienne Craig

Adrienne is wrapping up her Board service as our chair. She's worked to increase support for conservation as landowner interest in NPC has grown. Adrienne advocated for us to apply for a capacity building grant to work with a development expert and she continued to encourage us as we worked to create a plan and have begun implementation. She's donated her time and culinary talents several times including hosting a fundraising dinner for 8 at her home.

Tiffani Kase

Tiffani was the chair prior to Adrienne. Tiffani guided the organization through the pandemic. Like many organizations we had to transition to meeting by zoom and figuring out how to build camaraderie in the board when we weren't actually together. Tiffani doesn't shy away from the hard conversations and we are a better organization because of that.

Family Fishing Day Doesn't Have Many Fish

The Family Fishing Event at Rose Valley Lake in Lycoming County was a great example of why it's called "fishing" and not "catching."

While the kids and adults put forth an admirable effort, the fish weren't cooperating. A couple of kids caught 2 or 3 fish, but most of the kids were just losing worms. However, all the kids said they had fun. (and we'll believe them)

NPC's members, like you, help create access points to creeks and streams throughout the region and support work to create cleaner water and better fish habitat. Holding these events helps people learn a little more about how to enjoy the natural resources in our region and highlight the conservation work underway.

The program also highlights that NPC is a fishing tackle loaner site. We have spinning rods and flyrods that can be loaned out just like a library book.

And, don't forget to highlight the fly rods, we're partnering with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on "An Introduction to Fly Fishing" on Saturday, August 19. You need to register through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission website:

<https://register-ed.com/events/view/200270>

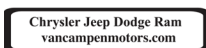


While there weren't a lot of fish caught during the event, Cody Whipple from PA Fish and Boat Commission had extra worms and other supplies to keep everyone fishing.

Good Weather and Great Company During An Afternoon in the Garden

Thank you to Malcolm Barlow and John Schaeffer for hosting us in their garden!! The afternoon had pleasant weather and great conversations along with fabulous music from Knarly Knuckles!!!!

Thank you to everyone who attended and the sponsors who made the afternoon possible!



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The Knarly Knuckles kept the music going and had some guests dancing in the yard!

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Mark Your Calendar!

What NPC events are you going to attend?? More information will be posted on our website, Facebook page and e-news as decisions are made and details are finalized!

- **July 23** – Forest Bathing at Worlds End State Park
- **July 29** – Susquehanna River Valley Watershed Festival 10:30am to 3:30pm at Briar Creek Lake Park
- **August 19** - Introduction to Fly Fishing at Little Pine State Park – Pre-registration is required
- **September 23** – Wellsboro Hometown Science – see us on The Green in Wellsboro
- **October 1** – East Lycoming Education Foundation at Hughesville Fairgrounds
- **October 15** – Little Pine State Park Fall Festival – Noon to 4:00pm
- **November 1** – Nan “Drag’n Fly” Reisinger, speaking on her experience as the oldest female thru-hiker of the Appalachian Trail (as of this newsletter) at Orlando’s in Muncy – free evening program, seating is limited; first come, first seated



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