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Educating Youth Leadership



Board members Rob Cronauer (left photo), Bill Mihalco, and Alyssa Harden (right photo) teach the group of Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy students about Turtle Creek.

Board members of the TCWA gave a presentation on the watershed to a group of high school students from Westmoreland County on June 23, 2020. This group was a class of the Leadership Westmoreland Youth Academy. According to their website, this is “a five-day leadership development program designed to introduce participants to leadership concepts and provide interaction with local business, government and community leaders”. These students visited the Westmoreland Heritage Trail (WHT) to help with some volunteer work as well as learn the ins and outs of a few local non-profits, namely the WHT and the TCWA. They heard brief presentations from each group, which included learning about the Turtle Creek Watershed, what the watershed association does, the history of the group, and different ways they can get involved/volunteer. Thank you to the students for being such an attentive group and to the WHT for inviting us out!

We're still celebrating our 50th!



While we continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary behind the scenes, we hope you are all still getting outside and enjoying the watershed on your own (safely, of course)! Sorry we haven't been able to mingle. We look forward to coming out of our shell when it's safe to gather again.

New and Upcoming Developments



- A \$1,600 Western PA Conservancy Watershed Mini Grant (funded by Dominion Energy) was awarded to TCWA for the purchase and installation of water quality monitoring equipment. The station will be installed sometime in the fall near the Franklin Township Municipal Sanitary Authority and will provide a baseline of water quality data on Turtle Creek.
- A \$990 Western PA Conservancy Watershed Mini Grant (funded by Dominion Energy) was awarded to TCWA for the printing of newsletters and promotional material.
- Our 2020 Rubber Duck Race fundraiser was unfortunately canceled due to COVID-19. We look forward to seeing you all next year for the fundraiser (all of our ducks will be extra rested and ready to race)!
- An application for a Growing Greener grant to create a Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan for Turtle Creek was submitted earlier in 2020.
- Wildflower pollinator seeds were delivered for the students at Sunrise Elementary. Students will be able to plant their seed packets in the fall. Each packet will create a 4'x6' pollinator garden.
- Our 50th Anniversary celebrations will be extended into next year, so keep an eye out for exciting updates (like our first ever geocache)!

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Get Involved!

- Our meetings are conducted on the final Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Come and join us!
- Interested in becoming a member? Fill out the membership form from our website and send it in!
- Follow us on Facebook for all the latest updates on our activities, projects, and volunteer opportunities.

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