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Turtle Creek Watershed Association Newsletter

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2021 IN REVIEW

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The Ducks Are Back in Action!



Left: Watershed educational display in action.

Right: Volunteer Patrice Harden helps adopt out our racing ducks.

After an extra long rest through 2020, our ducks were back and ready to race in 2021! On Sept. 25, TCWA and Irwin Borough held another successful fundraiser while educating and entertaining the public on a beautiful fall day. Over \$3,360 was raised while over 150 attendees enjoyed live music by Jane West, food by Cheesecake Caffe, dessert by Mcfeely's Gourmet Chocolate, LLC, the duck race itself, raffles, and much more. A thank you to our sponsors this year: S&T Bank, CEC, Westmoreland Conservation District, Brandy's on Main, Calvary Church, Gift Basket World, Mastro Signs, The Print Shoppe, Accomplished Cleaning, and the Irwin Business & Professional Association. As always, we thank everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success!

Support the TCWA & Become a Member!



Are you looking to support a local non-profit that is working to restore Turtle Creek and its tributaries? Perhaps you'd like to see more public education on what you and your community members can do to clean up local streams? Or maybe you're interested in TCWA putting more projects on the ground?

Then please consider becoming a member to support future work throughout the watershed!

2021 Accomplishments



- **Volunteers have been conducting monthly water sampling throughout the watershed to compile data for our Qualified Hydrologic Unit Plan in the works.**
- **A successful public educational event (part of Murrysville Community Library's "Tails and Tales" summer reading program) was held at the Murrysville Community Center in July with over 30 attendees.**
- **A grant application for \$2,357.00 was submitted to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy BHE GT&S Watershed Minigrant Program for a new water quality monitor installation and organizational promotion & outreach items.**
- **A tree planting organized by Allegheny County Conservation District in partnership with the Municipality of Monroeville helped plant 150 native trees and shrubs in Valley Park in October.**
- **A \$34,000 DEP Growing Greener grant project was completed in August that stabilized 250 feet of Turtle Creek streambank along with a bridge abutment along the Westmoreland Heritage Trail.**
- **The spring cleanup event along Chalfant Run brought out over 100 volunteers!**
- **Tick safety signs provided by the PA Lyme Dare 2B Tick Aware Program were hung in our kiosks.**
- **Trout stocking occurred once again within Turtle Creek.**
- **Keep an eye out on Facebook for upcoming events in 2022!**

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Get Involved!

- Our meetings are conducted on the final Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining, let us know!
- 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.