

TURTLE CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

April - June 2025

First Grants Awarded for Biddle Project!



The Irwin AMD Discharge at Tinkers Run

The 49-acre Biddle parcel that TCWA recently acquired in Irwin is most likely going to be the ideal spot to extract and treat the iron-contaminated mine water that pollutes Brush Creek from Tinkers Run down to Turtle Creek. Over the winter, TCWA board member Kylie Schultz of the Westmoreland Conservation District submitted a major grant for the first phase of this work to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under its Abandoned Mine Drainage / Abandoned Mine Lands grant program. TCWA is delighted to share the news that this grant has now been funded in full for \$421,252. These funds will

support site research as well as the first phases of treatment plant design throughout 2025.

Kylie and WCD AmeriCorps Service Member Jacob Levendosky also submitted a BHE Watershed MiniGrant this past spring. This smaller grant requested preliminary infrastructure such as signage and a gate to improve site safety during the initial phases of work at Biddle. We are happy to report that this grant request was also successful. TCWA is fortunate to have such exceptional partners helping us at the Westmoreland Conservation District. We look forward to working with them to clean up Brush Creek.

Sampling the Spoil Piles

One of the earliest steps required before a mine water treatment system can be constructed at Biddle is to deal with the large “spoil piles” at the site. These are dumps of excavated mine debris, made of mixed rock and coal, that were left in place when the mine closed. Sometimes, there is enough coal left in spoil piles to make it economical to reclaim them for energy co-generation. If not, they will need to be remediated on site. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will be taking core samples of the spoil piles this spring to determine how much coal they contain. After that, we can determine the best way to deal with them.

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JOIN US

Monthly Meetings
Final Tuesday of the month, Jan to
Oct, 5:30 p.m. at Monroeville
Municipal Building (address above).

TCWA Welcomes a New Gold Sponsor ...

The TCWA Board of Directors extends a warm welcome to Electro-Kote as our newest Business Gold sponsor. This family-run business in North Irwin has been providing electrostatic painting and powder coating services to the Pittsburgh area since 1985. Many thanks to Bob and Sam Baudoux and all of the crew at Electro-Kote for your support as we continue the effort to clean up Brush Creek.



... and Thanks our Continuing Sponsors

These municipalities and businesses have supported the Turtle Creek Watershed Association over the years. All Business Gold Sponsors are acknowledged with a display of logos on the TCWA website as well as on posters at our public events, such as the summer Rubber Ducky Race.



Turtle Creek Trout Stocking



The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will stock trout between Saunders Station Bridge and the mouth of Brush Creek. The 2025 stocking events will take place on **March 27 at 12:30 PM** and **April 10 at 12:15 PM**. Members of the public are welcome to help as

volunteers, but you will need boots or waders. Stocking events are subject to last-minute changes due to weather, so keep an eye on the [PFBC trout stocking calendar page](#) if you plan to attend.

Ducky Race Sponsorships

Our annual 'Rubber Duck Race' fundraiser and nature festival will once again be held at Irwin Park in partnership with Irwin Borough. The festival will run from 1 to 4 PM on June 21.

If your company would like to become a sponsor for the event and have your logo shown on our poster and/or giveaway item, please contact Kylie Schultz (kylie@wcdpa.com) by May 15.

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Join Us At These Spring Events

TRAFFORD ROAD CLEAN-UP

APRIL 12 - 8 AM to NOON

Meet at Westmoreland Park



All Volunteers Welcome!

Gloves, Vests, & Trash Bags Provided!

For info, contact chrissy@wcdpa.com or 724-837-5271 Ext.116



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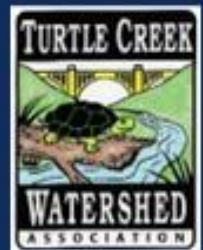
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Earth Day Watershed Walk



Free guided nature walk along Turtle Creek on the Westmoreland Heritage Trail. Children welcome! Bring your own binoculars and meet at Parkside Plaza (1 Forbes Road, Trafford PA).

APRIL 22, 2025 5 PM - 7 PM

For more information: turtlecreekwa@gmail.com

Save These Summer Dates



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Rubber Ducky Race & Community Festival

June 21, 2025 ▪ Irwin Park ▪ 1 - 4 PM



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*A Tap Talk about the
Turtle Creek Watershed
with local watershed groups*



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6 PM Thursday June 26, 2025

Wye Beer Company, 3 Forbes Rd, Trafford PA