



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fishing club hooked on preserving watershed

Pohoqualine Fish Association on Route 715, Chestnuthill Township, has been a supporter of Brodhead Watershed Association since 1989, both in donations and stewardship of the watershed.

A longtime Adopt-a-Stream sponsor, Pohoqualine recently increased its contribution to the stewardship level. (See <http://www.brodheadwatershed.org/AdoptAStream.html> for information about the Adopt-a-Stream program.)

“Pohoqualine Fish Association is a long-established private fishing club with a strong ethic of stewardship,” said BWA Executive Director Bob Heil.



While there are other private fishing clubs on Brodhead Creek, Pohoqualine is on McMichael Creek, and the club has used its unique position to preserve favorite fishing spots.

In the 2008 Monroe County Open Space program, Pohoqualine sold the development rights of its land to permanently protect 794 acres. The easement forbids any development along 12 miles of pristine McMichael Creek and three tributaries – Hypsy Creek, Fall Creek and Bowers Creek.



The upper 500 acres are open to public recreation, including hunting and fishing, through the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s open access program.

In 2016, the fishing club allowed BWA to host its annual Ramble on the club grounds.

“While enjoying the BWA Ramble, one could not help but think of the great history of land and water protection that has existed and continues to exist at Pohoqualine – a model for what conservation efforts should be,” Heil said.