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Ann Foster has been elected president of the BWA board of directors.

NEW BWA PRESIDENT

Ann Foster: Volunteerism in her nature

By Morgan Natiello

When Ann Foster was a young girl, her father would take her on early-morning hikes along the Appalachian Trail. As an adult, she volunteered with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources at Promised Land State Park. Now, she is president of Brodhead Watershed Association and already has plans for the future.

Ann is a determined leader. She graduated from Penn State University with a degree in horticulture and from Northampton Community College as a registered nurse. Following her

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Two BWA projects grab media attention

Two environmental efforts by BWA were publicized on local media recently – rain gardens and the clean water campaign:

Three rain gardens bloom

BWA, in its continuing effort to “green” downtown Stroudsburg and East Stroudsburg, has installed rain gardens on Quaker Alley, Stroudsburg, and at East Stroudsburg High School South.

WBRE, WNEP and BRC13 filmed installations and interviewed volunteers installing the gardens. Print media also featured the projects.

Created in partnership with Sarah Street Grill, the Quaker Alley garden will capture runoff from the restaurant’s roof and parking lot, allowing rain to slowly infiltrate the soil. This prevents pollution and erosion by keeping stormwater from racing away to nearby streams.

Two more rain gardens were planted at East Stroudsburg High School South property by students from teacher Pat Bixler’s class, with help from the Natiello family, who are participating as Penn State-trained Master Watershed Stewards.

These demonstration rain garden projects are administered by Brodhead Watershed Association using grant money from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. For information, see brodheadwatershed.org.



Sarah Street Grill in Quaker Alley, Stroudsburg, sports a new rain garden.

Campaign: To help clean waterways, don’t feed ducks

News media also publicized BWA’s effort to reduce fecal contamination in the Brodhead Watershed.

BWA has proof of bacteria and pollution in the Brodhead, Pocono and McMichael creeks in Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg and Stroud Township from a study done last summer. Condensing all that data into a campaign for the public, BWA says: “Please don’t feed the ducks.”

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