

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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## **Brodhead Watershed Association Receives \$5,000 for Rain Garden and Native Plantings**

The Brodhead Watershed Association has received a 2014 Pocono Forest and Landscape Conservation Assistance Program mini-grant in the amount of \$5,000 to restore the former Evergreen Golf Course as a habitat for native Pocono species. Stroud Township acquired the 40 acre Evergreen Golf Course on May 31st, 2013 through their open space program, and has designated it the ForEvergreen Nature Preserve.

Plans include:

- A demonstration rain garden that will intercept run-off from the former golf clubhouse roof before entering the Brodhead Creek, which is adjacent to the property. The garden will be designed by BWA Board member and landscape designer Robin Petras.
- Plantings that support native birds and other wildlife. Consulting on native plant selection and locations are Darryl and Jackie Speicher of the Pocono Avian Research Center.
- An interpretive sign describing the ecological and historical significance of the Brodhead Creek, designed by BWA and PHLT Board member Don Miller.
- An Earth Day celebration in April 2015.

The grant program is an endeavor of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and is being administered through the Pennsylvania Environmental Council's Northeast Regional Office. The grant runs until April 30, 2015.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit environmental organization formed in 1989. BWA is dedicated to protecting and preserving water resources and the environment of the Brodhead watershed and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries. The BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring.

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