

Letter from the President

Twenty five years of the Brodhead Watershed Association. Congratulations to all who had a hand in creating and continuing an organization that has become a most effective public defender of the watershed. At our 25th Annual Dinner in October, we saw record attendance and participation, and we honored the technical staff of the Monroe County Conservation District, whose efforts to protect the watershed are much appreciated.

This year, the BWA tapped into a new initiative of the William Penn Foundation to improve water quality in the Delaware River and its tributaries. BWA will expand our Streamwatch program to a wider base, training stewards in Pike County, PA and Sullivan County, NY to monitor their water quality. The \$100,000 in funding lasts for three years.

BWA also received a \$63,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to identify sources of fecal coliform in the



lower Brodhead watershed. Volunteer Creek Walkers were mobilized to walk the lower Brodhead, McMichael and Pocono creeks searching for inlet sources. Several sources of pollution have been identified and education and demonstration projects will follow.

A grant from the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection has helped spread the word about our watershed, streams, and Streamwatch Program. The grant paid for "Entering the Watershed", stream name, and "Streamwatch site" signs.

BWA received \$5,000 from PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources to establish a rain garden with native plantings on the new ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, and to help fund our 2015 Earth

Day celebration at ForEvergreen.

Our 2014 River Ramble was held at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve and was our most well-attended yet. We are studying how to improve the property, and whether we can relocate our offices there. If you have not visited the Preserve, please do. Speaking of walks, take advantage of our Where in the Watershed Walks to get outdoors in the Poconos.

The BWA makes the most of your generosity. Our total income for the year, about \$100,000, comes mostly from your support, and from grants written by our board members. How effective are we? I am proud to say that 85% of our income is spent on our programs and activities.

Thank you for your volunteer hours and financial support in 2014. I hope to see you at the upcoming Earth Day at ForEvergreen and the Native Plant Sale in May.

What were our efforts in 2014?

We spent our time...



Encouraging native plants to flourish



Training and volunteering as Streamwatchers



Making our work visible to the public



Sharing knowledge and love of the outdoors



Monitoring the streams where we live



Serving as watershed defenders



Educating the public at events and walks



Putting conservation in your hands

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1989 to promote and preserve the environment of the Brodhead watershed and the water quality of the Brodhead, Cherry, Marshalls, McMichael, Paradise and Pocono creeks and their tributaries.



2014 Annual Report

Marking 25 Years of Watershed Protection

The BWA has been busy this year. We celebrated twenty five years with new grants and the opening of the new ForEvergreen Nature Preserve. With your help, we have been training, educating, and sharing our knowledge and love of the streams where we live. We appreciate our 50 volunteer Streamwatchers, 22 Adopt-a-Streamsite Sponsors and eight Stream Stewards,

who spend their time and resources to preserve the water we drink.

We have been publicizing our work at community events such as the Native Plant Sale, the Cherry Valley Festival, the River Ramble, and our monthly Where in the Watershed Walks.

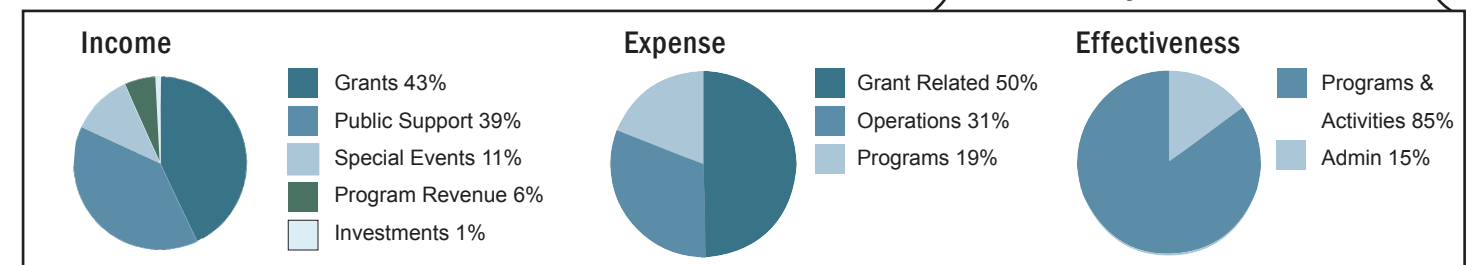
We added four new board members to help us further our mission and expand our reach

within the watershed. Are you interested in helping more?

Our accomplishments are yours, too. Our members are our lifeblood. We thank you for your donations of time, expertise, and resources in 2014.

Help us make 2015 a record year for the BWA. See the Activities Calendar inside, and mark your calendar!

2014 by the Numbers



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