

## 2018 Annual Report Remaining focused on our mission

**2018** was another intriguing year at the Brodhead Watershed Association. With challenges, threats and opportunities before us, we faced them all, while remaining focused on our very simple mission: clean and abundant water for all in our watershed.

An unexpected challenge came on Easter weekend when a tractortrailer crashed off Interstate 80 and sent bundles of small plastic pellets hurtling into the headwaters of Pocono Creek. Unfortunately, due to the size of the tiny pellets, they could not all be cleaned up, but we worked with various partners and media outlets to bring attention to the threats to our streams.

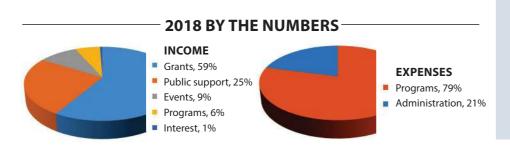
A more predictable but disappointing challenge was a coalition that emerged to challenge Exceptional Value (EV) streams in the Poconos. EV streams are proven through a scientific process to be the best of the best, and worthy special protections. Unfortunately, a coalition exists in the Poconos which believes



that this represents an economic burden. We joined in the lawsuit to support the state Department of Environmental Protection, and were very pleased when an Environmental Hearing Board judge dismissed the case in October. BWA does not seek to be in litigation, but we were ready and willing to do so for protection of our streams.

An opportunity became a reality on Nov. 29, 2018, when BWA moved from its rented office in Paradise Valley to the new Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, a Stroud Township-owned building at the former Evergreen Golf Course in Analomink. We are busy making this home, and

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#### **BWA'S NEW PRESIDENT**



Name: Craig Todd Age: 65 Town: East Stroudsburg Occupation: Retired What prompted him

**to join BWA:** Dedicated leadership and membership offering the ability for citizen involvement in protecting the county's water resources.

Favorite BWA event: Stewardship Favorite place in Poconos: It's all good!

What he would like to see BWA do in future: Outreach to public officials and policy makers, expand membership and advocacy.

#### **BWA'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT**



Name: Rob Sedwin Age: 63 Town: Scotrun, Pocono Township Occupation:

Sales executive What prompted him to join BWA: Love of the environment and its protection Favorite BWA event: Annual Members & Friends Celebration Favorite place in Poconos: Big Pocono State Park What he would like to see BWA do in future: Expand and reach more people

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working to make this a center for education and environmental events.

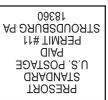
We also added another part-time staffer – Michelle Riley – charged with development, to ensure that all of our programs can continue to flourish fully funded.

In the midst of all of this, so much remains the same.

Our Streamwatchers are monitoring monthly more than 70 stream sites, our Native Plant Sale is the center of early summer enthusiasm, and our annual dinner celebration brings together supporters to celebrate our waters.

We engage the community in the benefits of our environment with monthly walks and, thanks to a continued grant from the Lehigh Valley Health Network Pocono Foundation, were able to fund children's nature programs – such as creek snorkeling - again this year.

It takes a community to protect the water, and rightfully so, because it is our water. Our water for drinking, recreation, agriculture, industry, public health and quality of life in our community.



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

Streamwatch trains volunteers and eauips them to become stewards of their local stream. A corps of about 70 volunteers monitors more than 100 stream locations every month. Volunteers learn to use scientific testina kits to check and record pH, nitrate-nitrogen, and orthophosphate. They also record water and air temperature and their observations of stream conditions.

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