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Watershed

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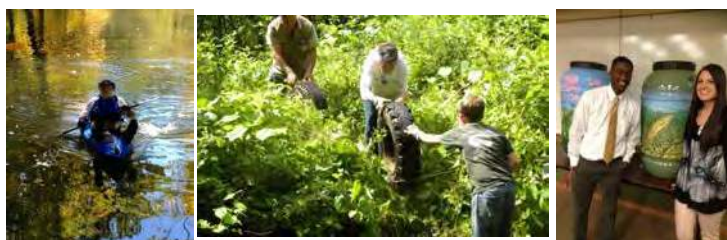
Gathering and Sharing Information

- * **More than 50 trained volunteers** monitor stream flows and water quality in our Streamwatchers program
- * **Habitat-friendly planting** is encouraged at our annual Native Plant Sale and workshops
- * **Fun, fascinating public programs** on-stream during River Ramble
- * **Chris Perry Memorial Kayak Sojourn** with on-stream programs
- * **Hikes to the hidden beauties** of our area with knowledgeable naturalists, partnered with Pocono Heritage Land Trust



Publicizing the Work We Do

- * **Celebrating Conservation Success** at our annual Membership Dinner, this year honoring Nancy Shukaitis
- * **Cherry Valley Festival**, co-sponsorship supports the wildlife refuge
- * **Important Habitat Improvement on the McMichael Creek** with grant funding
- * **50 New Stream Name Signs** educate passing travelers
- * **Lake Creek and McMichael Creek** litter cleanup
- * **Illegal Dump Clean-Ups** coordinated with Sanofi Pasteur volunteers for United Way Day of Caring
- * **Stream Temperature Monitoring** on local waters



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Dear Members and Friends of the Brodhead Watershed,

How connected are you to your watershed? Can you name the streams in your neighborhood? Have you walked their shores, kayaked them, fished them, or just sat and listened to them? The BWA wants to help you make the connection by offering outdoor activities that are fun and educational, by speaking up at public meetings when watershed issues arise, by continually monitoring stream health through our Streamwatcher program, and yes, even by adding signs to identify the streams you live near or drive across.

The BWA continues the good work it started twenty five years ago. The mission has remained the same...to protect the environment and water resources within the watershed. Our Silver Anniversary is upon us. What should we do to celebrate our achievements? First of all, continue the work. We always will need your involvement, time, expertise, and support for this, and I hope you will consider contributing even more. But what is next?

In the past, BWA has partnered with other organizations to achieve specific goals, very often with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. BWA and PHLT are now considering a more permanent, joint home. Stroud Township has generously offered the use of the old Evergreen Golf course clubhouse to establish a home for us and a preserve along the Brodhead, the ForEvergreen Preserve. We are in the process of evaluating the property's needs and how our organisations can use this beautiful setting to continue our work, promote our programs, and develop new initiatives. It seems fitting that the BWA's twenty-fifth year may be marked by a new home along the banks of the the Brodhead. More information about this initiative will be coming soon. For now I thank you for your past support and hope you will continue to support our efforts, volunteer if you have some time, and please spread the word to others by asking them to join.

Please look over the 2014 calendar that is enclosed and join in -- whatever interests you.

Dr. John Smith, President