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From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Brodhead Watershed is nominated for PA 2014 River of the Year! Spotlight on Barrett Township, the Source of the Brodhead Creek.



Darryl Speicher, BWA Vice-President, admires a view of the Brodhead Creek near his home in Barrett Township.



Barrett holds a prestigious geographic position in the watershed as the source of the Brodhead Creek! In our own Barrett Township, the Middle Branch and the Leavitt Branch meet and the Brodhead Creek is born. It is soon joined by Buck Hill Creek and Goose Pond Run, Spruce Cabin Run and the Mill Creek all flowing through beautiful Barrett Township.

The community has shown its resolve to cherish and protect this magnificent natural resource. Through the open space program they have purchased property in the headwaters at Mount Wismer, The Gravel Family Preserve, and Chestnut Mountain. Then there is the Pasold farm Natural Preserve; a half mile stretch of the Brodhead Creek just south of Canadensis, that gives us all access to this beautiful stream as it spills over the sandstone shelves and cobble stones. These properties afford everyone outstanding opportunities to get outside and enjoy our home in a natural setting. The sound track for these outings during all seasons of the year is the rhythm of the Brodhead and her tributaries.

Show your civic pride. The public can vote for their favorite state waterway now through 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27. Visit www.pariveroftheyear.org to vote and learn about the nominated waterways and the River of the Year program. To learn more about the Brodhead Creek visit the Brodhead Watershed Association's website www.brodheadwatershed.org.

There will be stiff competition from the other rivers and watersheds nominated throughout the state. Some of these waterways flow through large metropolitan areas with potentially many more voters so I encourage you all to vote at least once, but many times, not just today but each and every day until the deadline on December 27. We all have fond memories of our days spent in the cricks around here. Let's share our sense of place with the world, vote Brodhead Watershed for 2014 PA River of the Year!

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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