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# NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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SKYTOP -- The Brodhead Watershed Association honored Bob Stevens of Bartonsville for 21 years of protecting Pocono water at the association's recent annual dinner meeting at Skytop Lodge.

Stevens is stepping down as a volunteer Streamwatcher and as team leader for the Pocono streamwatcher team.

He and his friend Joe Sadoski started the stream monitoring efforts with tests on the Brodhead near the Rock-Tenn paper plant, and in 1993 created an expanded Streamwatch program. BWA now has more than 70 volunteers taking weekly tests of Pocono streams, monitoring temperature, clarity, pH, and other factors .

"The Brodhead Watershed Association is proud and privileged to count Bob among its members," founding member Edie Stevens said.

Stevens was a key player in the 2006 "Great Wolf Problem," taking samples of raw sewage discharged into Scot Run by the indoor water resort, getting money from Trout Unlimited to pay for the lab analysis, and sending the results to the media. He was recognized by BWA for that effort in 2006.

He is also a charter member and secretary of the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which began here in 1977.

Stevens had a 35-year career with General Electric, where he held a number of positions involving material and process development of electrical insulation systems for large motors and turbine generators. He was also manager of engineering at GE's Schenectady Magnet Wire Mill and GE's carbon products business section. In that position, he was responsible for the modernization, operation and relocation of the carbon slab production line from Schenectady to East Stroudsburg in 1972.

He has five patents assigned to General Electric and authored a work on carbon and graphite brush materials for the Encyclopedia of Material Science and Engineering. He retired from GE in 1984 and has lived for 41 years on the banks of Pocono Creek in Bartonsville with his wife, June. They have six children, 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He is a World War II veteran, with three years in the Army Air Corps.

Stevens gardens, keeps bees, ties flies and is an accomplished water color artist and woodworker.

The Brodhead Watershed Association is a non-profit educational 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. In addition, 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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