

# NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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**Lake Creek Clean Up June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**



On Friday June 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, volunteers from the Brodhead Watershed Association, Pocono Heritage Land Trust and East Stroudsburg University students worked with residents of Saylorburg to remove nearly 70 tires and a dumpster's worth of trash from Lake Creek.

Until 2011, a junkyard existed in the Village of Saylorburg along the banks of the creek. Numerous tires had been stored there, within the floodplain of the creek. During high water events many tires migrated downstream. These tires were predominantly truck tires, and usually still inflated and on their rims, which enabled them to float down stream.

Sheelagh Murphy, a BWA StreamWatcher and Saylor Lake resident, made the Association aware of the situation and connected BWA with concerned residents, Bob Heil and George Kitchen, which set the clean-up project in motion. Seventeen volunteers worked for two days to remove 70 tires and a large dumpster of assorted other trash from the stream.

The clean-up would not have been so successful without the support of Jim Lambert and the Monroe County Waste Management Authority/ Litter Control and Beautification Committee staff. Mr. Lambert provided a dumpster and took care of recycling the tires.

Thank you to Becky Lausch, Katie Barnes, Jennifer Kutch, Adam Buell, Al Grassa, Joe (Spyder) Snyder, Todd VanBuskirk, Brenda Klein, Marvanne and Jim Tracy, Linda and George Kitchen, Bob Heil, Don Miller, Chris Merli, Denis Giffels and, especially, Sheelagh Murphy.

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. 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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