

NEWS RELEASE

From the Brodhead Watershed Association

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Grant to help Mountainhome go greener

Brodhead Watershed Association has received a grant to bring “green” stormwater management practices to the Mountainhome, Pa., area.

The grant, from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is for \$53,000, with another \$35,000 in matching funds including donations from the Weiler Family Foundation (\$5,000) and Rotary Club of the Poconos (\$300).

BWA and its project partners – Mountainhome Methodist Church, Barrett Township, and the Friendly Community Center – will install stormwater management infrastructure in Mountainhome to protect the quality of Mill Creek. Mill Creek runs through the center of Mountainhome. Studies have shown that the stream has excellent water quality and supports native trout and other fish that need clean, cold water.

Projects will include pavers, rain barrels, rain gardens, swales and riparian buffers designed to filter runoff, preventing pollutants washed off roads and parking lots from reaching Mill Creek. Local landscapers will install the projects, with volunteer assistance from local groups.

Community workshops are also planned to share ideas for green practices with home and business owners so they can install green projects on their own properties.

Edie Stevens, BWA board member, will manage the project with guidance from a steering committee made up of Barrett Township residents.

For information about the project, email info@brodheadwatershed.org or call 570-839-1120. For information about green infrastructure and how it works, see brodheadwatershed.org/GreenInfrastructure.htm.

Brodhead Watershed Association is a nonprofit 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. BWA assists municipalities, residents, businesses and groups with protecting natural resources through education, workshops, seminars, public programs and stream monitoring. For information: info@brodheadwatershed.org or 570-839-1120.

