

First Edition

Schuylkill County Conservation Directory



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Dear Friend of Conservation and the Environment,

Schuylkill County's VISION and the Schuylkill Conservation District are pleased to provide you with this First Edition of the Schuylkill County Conservation Directory. This directory is a product of the very successful First and Second Annual Conservation Summits held in June 2009 at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park and September 2010 at St. Clair Area Fish and Game.



Each summit brought to the table many diverse conservation-oriented individuals, organizations, school groups and agencies who shared their talents, successes, and challenges. All were enthused to hear of the good work being done to help the environment right in our own back yard.

This directory highlights the opportunities for everyone to cooperate to make good things happen for our environment. By working together we can preserve our natural resources for future generations. This directory is a work in progress and periodic updates will be made. New environmental challenges and opportunities can come about at any time and concerned conservationists will rise to the occasion.

To find out more about local conservation efforts, you can get a free subscription to the Schuylkill Conservation District e-journal, "SEEDLING" by e-mailing "Porcupine Pat" McKinney at porcupinepat@yahoo.com. You can also visit the Schuylkill County's VISION website at: www.schuylkillvision.com.



Yours for the environment,

The Staff and Board of the Schuylkill Conservation District
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Areas of Interest

	FARMLAND PRESERVATION	BACKYARD CONSERVATION	ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION	WILDLIFE HABITAT RESTORATION	SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING	WATER QUALITY	STREAM, POND, & LAKE HABITAT	AIR QUALITY	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	LAND USE	OUTDOOR RECREATION	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES	GREEN TECHNOLOGY	ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION	LAND HABITAT	SOIL CONSERVATION	VOLUNTEERS
BLUE RIDGE RIFLES MUZZLELOADERS CLUB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CATAWISSA CREEK RESTORATION ASSOCIATION	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
FRIENDS OF SCHUYLKILL PARKS & RECREATION	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
PENN STATE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
RED CREEK WILDLIFE CENTER			X									X					X
SCHUYLKILL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY CONSERVANCY	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSO.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY'S VISION	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SCHUYLKILL HEADWATERS ASSOCIATION	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
SWEET ARROW LAKE CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
WASTE MANAGEMENT/ PINE GROVE LANDFILL	X		X		X	X		X	X		X	X		X		X	

Blue Ridge Rifles Muzzleloader Club



Mission Statement:

To promote pre-1840 history by demonstrating and/or re-enacting the lifestyle and activities from cooking to shooting.



Websites:

mysite.verizon.net/BlueRidgeRifles
Like us on Facebook by typing our name

Contact:

Doyle Dietz
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www.yankeegiant@verizon.net

Current Projects:

- 10-day May Rendezvous ending Memorial Day,
- 5-day September Rendezvous ending Labor Day

Catawissa Creek Restoration Association

Websites:

www.catawissacreek.org
www.greenworks.tv/watershed_weekly/heroes/hughes.htm

Contact:

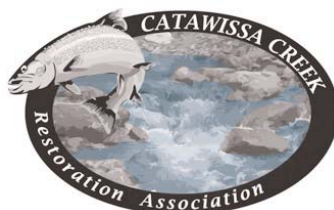
Ed Wytovich
570.875.3993, crickguy@ptd.net

Current Projects:

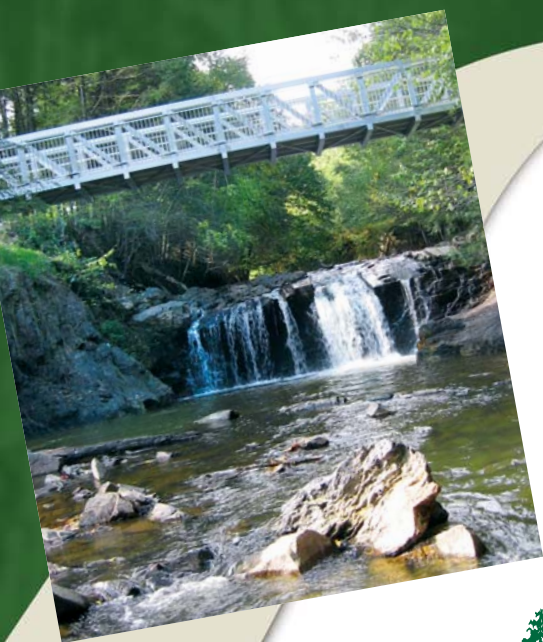
- Oneida #1 and #3, project maintenance

Mission Statement:

To reduce or eliminate stream pollution; to maintain or improve stream habitat; to control flooding and erosion; to promote recreational use of the watershed.



Friends of Schuylkill Parks & Recreation



Mission Statement:

The Friends of Schuylkill Parks and Recreation is a non-profit 501 © 3 organization working to provide financial support exclusively for the County of Schuylkill for the restoration, revitalization, and development of a county-wide parks and recreation system.



Contact:

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P. O. Box 971, Pottsville, PA

Current Projects:

- Maintenance and preservation of Sweet Arrow Lake County Park
- Provide funding for education programs at Sweet Arrow Lake and other recreational areas in the county

Accepting memorial, commemorative, and congratulatory donations at any time.

Penn State Cooperative Extension Schuylkill County

Websites:

schuylkill.extension.psu.edu
schuylkill.extension.psu.edu/Horticulture/MasterGarden.html

Contact:

Susan Hyland
570.622.4225, sch10@psu.edu

Current Projects:

- Water conservation for homeowners
- Small space vegetable gardening

Mission Statement:

To bring scientifically researched information to the residents of the county, in both formal and informal methods that will aid the people in successful use of their resources and increase their progress and productivity through education.



PENNSTATE



Cooperative Extension
College of Agricultural Sciences

Red Creek Wildlife Center



Mission Statement:

To provide a charitable, legal and humane service to the general public, veterinarians, and state and local wildlife officials by providing a facility to refer or bring orphaned or injured wildlife for care, raising, medical treatment and eventual release back to their wild and natural habitat, otherwise referred to as wildlife rehabilitation.

To provide education about Pennsylvania wildlife to the public by private consultation, and through workshops, lectures and public displays and exhibitions, printed literature, and through Red Creek's official website: www.RedCreekWildlifeCenter.com

To promote continuing education activities among licensed wildlife rehabilitators by conducting classes, workshops and lectures and providing written literature in print and through our websites.



Websites:

www.redcreekwildlifecenter.com

Contact:

Peggy Hentz, Director
570.739.4393

www.redcreekwildlife@comcast.net

Current Projects:

- On-going wildlife rehabilitation
- Site maintenance
- Fundraising
- Working with volunteers

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

Website:

www.schuylkillchamber.com

Contact:

Robert S. Carl, Jr.
570.622.1942
info@schuylkillchamber.com

Current Projects:

- Agribusiness Committee
- Adopt-An-Acre
- Schuylkill Leadership Amphitheatre Project
- Schuylkill Leadership developing E-Directory of Schuylkill County Trails

Mission Statement:

The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to serving its members and affiliates with value-added programs and services and improving the quality of life and economic vitality of our county.



Schuylkill Conservation District



Mission Statement:

The Schuylkill Conservation District is dedicated to protect, enhance, restore, and promote the responsible use of the county's natural resources for future generations by partnering, coordinating, and fostering cooperation. This is accomplished with the assistance of public agencies, private groups, and individuals.

Websites:

<http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Conservation/conservation.asp>

www.youtube.com/schuylkillconservationdistrict

Like us on Facebook by typing Schuylkill Conservation District

Contact:

Elizabeth Hinkel, 570-622-3742 ext. 5
www.ehinkel@co.schuylkill.pa.us

Current Projects:

- Watershed protection
- Farmland preservation
- Erosion and sediment control
- Environmental education



Schuylkill County Conservancy

Websites:

www.schuylkillcountyconservancy.org

Contact:

Megan Blackmon
570.622.3742 ext. 119
meganalisewilliams@gmail.com

Current Projects:

- Owl Creek
- Kittatinny Ridge Alliance
- Bicentennial Tree Project

Mission Statement:

The Schuylkill County Conservancy is a non-profit 501c3 organization working to protect and enhance the quality of life in Schuylkill County by preserving farmland, open space, rural heritage, streams, wetlands, waterways, forests, historic sites and structures, and other natural resources.

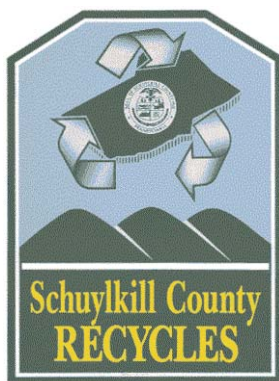


Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste



Mission Statement:

Provide quality environmental planning and resource protection for the citizens of the county through the development and implementation of appropriate waste management strategies.



Websites:

www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/Offices/Recycles/index.asp

Contact:

Lee Raring
570.628.1220,
lraring@co.schuylkill.pa.us

Current Projects:

- Drop-off recycling program (ongoing)
- Electronics Recycling
- Cell Phone Recycling
- Fall Clean up

Schuylkill County Sportsmen's Association

Contact:

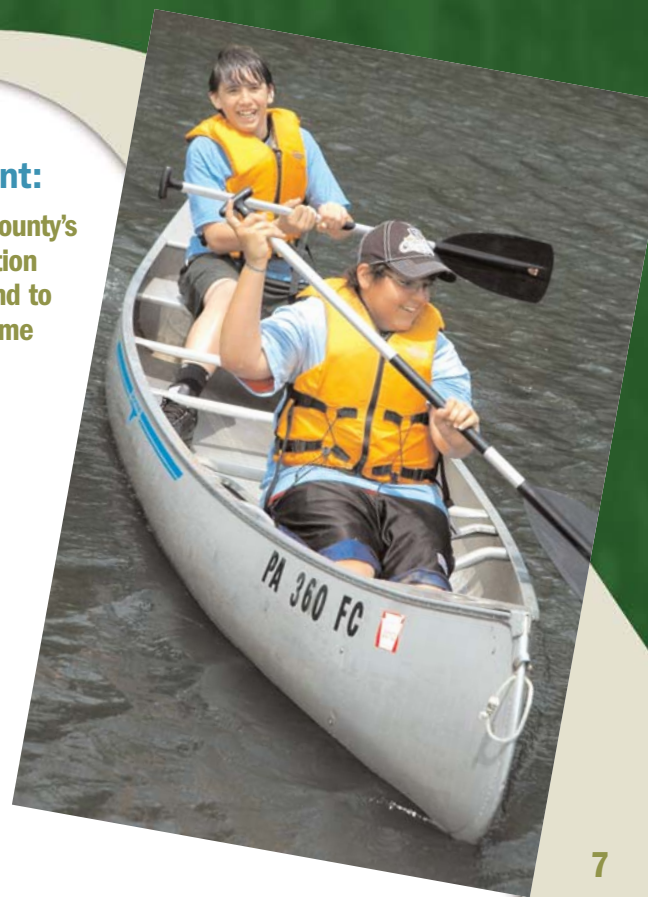
Dennis Scharadin
570.739.2085
ringneck1@verizon.net

Current Projects:

- Schuylkill County Youth Field Day
- Norm Thornburg Youth Conservation Camp
- Schuylkill County Women's Day

Mission Statement:

To educate Schuylkill County's people about conservation and the environment and to introduce them to lifetime outdoor activities.



Schuylkill County's VISION

Mission Statement:

Schuylkill County's VISION mobilizes community resources to create a better future for Schuylkill County.



Website:

www.schuylkillvision.com

Contact:

Kay Jones 570.622.6097
kjones@schuylkillvision.com

Current Partnership Projects:

- Conservation Summit I - Conservation Groups
- Conservation Summit II - Engaging Students
- Agribusiness Committee - Preserved Farm Signs, Farm Map, Celebrate Ag Day
- Discover Schuylkill - Online Educational Resources

- Schuylkill TeleVISION - Sweet Arrow Lake, Schuylkill Conservation District, Conservation Awards
- Schuylkill River Greenway Association
- Generation Next - Sweet Arrow Lake
- Bear Creek Festival
- Student Green Clubs

- Trailtown Conference
- Teacher Workshop on Wheels
- Highridge Green Contests
- Highridge/Gordon Community Litter Clean-up
- Hearth & Harvest Agriculture Curriculum

Schuylkill Headwaters Association

Website:

www.schuylkillheadwaters.org

Contact:

Megan Blackmon
570-622-3742 x118 or ext. 119
mblackmon@schuylkillheadwaters.org

Current Projects:

- Pine Knot (Duncott)
- Pine Forest
- Silver Creek Treatment System
- Numerous outreach events

Mission Statement:

To promote the environmental integrity of the Schuylkill River, its tributaries, and the watershed that lies within the boundaries of Schuylkill County.



Sweet Arrow Lake Conservation Association



Mission Statement:

To preserve and protect Sweet Arrow Lake for our generation and future generations.



Websites:

sweetarrow.homestead.com

Contact:

Denise Donmoyer
570.345.8952
nightowl57@verizon.net

Current Projects:

- Interpretive Signs
- Wildlife Inventories
- Commemorative Tree & Bench Programs
- Park Construction Programs

Waste Management - Pine Grove Landfill

Websites:

www.wm.com/about/community/whc/wildlife-habitat-sites.jsp

Contact:

Sean Ryan, Manager
570.345.6070
sryan@wm.com

Current Projects:

- Pine Grove Landfill
- Wildlife Habitat Development Project

Mission Statement:

To be the best international integrated leading waste management company - working in the best competitive environment to deliver the best value and sustainable waste solutions to meet the world's needs. We are dedicated to providing a professional, responsive and caring service using innovative technology combined with proven methods to protect the environment.





Schuylkill County Watershed Associations

and State Conservation Agencies

Catawissa Creek Restoration Association

Ed Wytovich, President
12 Paul Street
Ashland, PA 17921
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crickguy@ptd.net
wytoviche@udasd.k12.pa.us

Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association

Roseann Weinrich, President
420 Dutchtown Road
Ashland, PA 17921
(570) 875-4642
rbwbionerd@yahoo.com

Northern Swatara Creek Watershed Association

Ken Ninkovich, President
309 Sweet Lake Arrow Road.
Pine Grove, PA 17963
(570) 345-0220
Bob Evanchalk, Secretary
revanchalk@co.schuylkill.pa.us

Schuylkill Headwaters Association

Bill Reichert, President
PO Box 1385
Pottsville, PA 17901
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Tri-Valley Watershed Association

Demetrius Kasmari, Treasurer
425 East Main Street
Hegins, PA 17938
(570) 682-3228
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Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association

Bill Nace, President
397 Matter Lane
Millersburg, PA 17061
julesnace@hotmail.com
Bob Pennell, Secretary
rpennell37@comcast.net

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) www.dep.state.pa.us

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) www.dcnr.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission www.fish.state.pa.us

Pennsylvania Game Commission www.pgc.state.pa.us

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Directory of Environmental Contacts for Schuylkill County High Schools

SCHOOL	CLUB NAME	ADVISOR	CONTACT
• Blue Mountain High School	Green Club	Anne Cryer/Lisa Barnes	570-366-0511
• Mahanoy Area Educational Complex	Environmental Club	Cathy Stone	570-773-3443
• Marian High School Minersville Area Junior-Senior High School	Recycling Club Classroom Activity	Student driven Mel McDonald	570-467-3335 570-544-4761
• Nativity BVM High School	Environmental Club	Jason Jones	570-622-8110
• North Schuylkill Junior/Senior High School	Envirothon Club	John Slotterback	570-874-0495
• Pine Grove Area High School	Envirothon Club FFA Recycling	Ken Newswanger Taryn Morgan Missy Bosack	570-345-2731 570-345-2731 570-345-2731
• Pottsville Area High School	Ecology Club	Diana Beausang	570-621-2962
• Shenandoah Valley Junior/Senior High School	Envirothon Club	Albert Matunis	570.462.1957
• Tamaqua Area High School	Biology Club Environmental Club	Roseann Weinrich Kirsten Klingaman	570-668-1901 570-668-1901
• Tri-Valley High School	Environmental Club FFA	Pam Ulicny Gretchen Dingman	570-682-31252 570-682-31252
• Williams Valley Junior/Senior High School	Eco-Club	Cory McCartney	717-647-2167

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Websites of Additional Environmental Partners

- Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team (ACCWT)** www.accwt.org
A program supported by VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America) volunteers, assisting watershed organizations in impoverished coal regions with education activities, obtaining grant funds, monitoring water quality.
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation** www.cbf.org
With educational material, access to critical bay issues, and tools for citizens to take action on behalf of the bay.
- Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor** www.delawareandlehigh.org
A 165-mile pathway that played an integral role in the history of both the region and the United States.
- Delaware River Basin Commission** www.state.nj.us/drbc/drbc
Lists on its website the data on basin flows and reservoir elevations, technical reports, educational page and other information on the watershed.
- Delaware Riverkeeper Network** www.delawariverkeeper.org
Fact sheets, environmental data, fishing reports, and information to protect the river and its tributary watersheds.
- Ducks Unlimited** www.ducks.org
A world leader in wetlands and waterfowl conservation—filling the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow, and forever.
- Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation** www.epcamr.org
Represents a coalition of watershed organizations and reclamation partners.
- Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds** www.pennsylvaniawatersheds.org
A grant-making organization dedicated to the improvement of our watersheds.
- Hawk Mountain Sanctuary** www.hawkmountain.org
An international center for conservation, education, and research about raptors.
- National Wild Turkey Federation** www.nwtf.org
A national non-profit conservation and hunting organization that has worked for the conservation of the wild turkey.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service** www.nrcs.usda.gov
The Federal agency that works in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain natural resources on private lands.
- Northern Swatara Creek Watershed Association** www.nscwa.homestead.com
Promotes the environmental integrity of Swatara Creek, it's tributaries and watershed that lie within the boundaries of Schuylkill County.
- Office of Surface Mining** www.osmre.gov
The U.S. Government's official website with information on reclaiming abandoned mine lands.
- Partnership for the Delaware Estuary** www.delawareestuary.org
A non-profit organization established in 1996 to take a leadership role in protecting and enhancing the Delaware Estuary.
- Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts** www.pacd.org
Statewide organization for conservation districts. Their motto is Conserving Natural Resources for Our Future.
- Pennsylvania B.A.S.S. Federation Inc.** www.pabass.com
A non-profit service organization with concerns about bass, water quality, and habitat.
- Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs** www.pfsc.org
Provides a statewide, united voice for the concerns of all sportsmen and conservationists.

Rails to Trails Conservancy www.railstotrails.org

A non-profit organization based in Washington, DC, with a chapter in Pennsylvania, whose mission it is to create a nationwide network of trails from former rail lines.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation www.rmef.org

Ensures the future of elk, other wildlife, and their habitat.

Ruffed Grouse Society www.ruffedgrousesociety.org

A national, non-profit wildlife conservation organization whose mission is to improve the environment for Ruffed Grouse, American Woodcock, and other forest wildlife.

Schuylkill Action Network www.schuylkillwaters.org

Protects and restores water in the Schuylkill River watershed through partnerships with organizations, businesses and governments.

Schuylkill County Government www.co.schuylkill.pa.us

Provides an informative website that includes the conservation district and Sweet Arrow Lake County Park.

Schuylkill On the Move www.schuylkillonthemove.com

Promotes health and wellness through walking and works to create more walkable communities.

Schuylkill River Heritage Corridor www.schuylkillriver.org

Managed by the Schuylkill River Greenway Association to promote the appreciation and awareness of the Schuylkill River's natural and cultural attractions.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission www.srbcb.net

Commission activities and projects, technical reports and summaries of hydrologic conditions in the basin.

Swatara Creek Watershed Association www.mbcomp.com/swatara

Works to protect, enhance, and educate people about water quality and environmental concerns in the watershed that includes Schuylkill, Berks, Lebanon, and Dauphin counties.

Sweet Arrow Lake County Park www.sweetarrowlakepark.com

Located in Pine Grove, and is open to the public for fishing, hiking, boating, birding, environmental education, and other programs. Featuring a Clubhouse that is available for rent for receptions, business meetings and more.

Sweet Arrow Lake Conservation Association (SALCA) www.sweetarrowlake.com

Member supported organization that helps to develop programs and projects at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park.

Trout Unlimited www.tu.org

Works for conservation, protection and the restoration of North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, ensuring that future generations will enjoy fishing.

USDA Farm Service Agency www.fsa.usda.gov

Works with farmland cooperators to promote conservation with concerns about our food supply.

U.S. Geological Survey www.usgs.gov

Unbiased, multi-disciplinary science organization that focuses on biology, geography, geology, geospatial information, and water, we are dedicated to the timely, relevant, and impartial study of the landscape, our natural resources, and the natural hazards that threaten us. Learn more about our goals and priorities for the coming decade.

Whitetails Unlimited www.whitetailsunlimited.com

A national organization dedicated to the betterment of whitetail deer.

Wildlands Conservancy www.wildlandspa.org

A non-profit, member-supported organization that has been dedicated to land preservation, river restoration, trail development, and environmental education.