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Pennsylvania Volunteer News

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"In the season of cold and white, may your spirit always shine happy and bright."

- Irish blessing

The Nature Conservancy would like to thank our wonderful volunteers, interns, and partners for all their help in November!

We accomplished so much last month including database updates, hauling out trash and tires, fixing a preserve parking lot entrance, online research, attending committee meetings, monitoring preserves, making phone calls and so much more!

And as always, many thanks to all the members of our Committees: Friends of the State-Line Serpentine Barrens, Woodbourne Stewardship Committee, Florence Shelly Wetlands Preserve Committee and the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve Committee for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing planning and outreach efforts.

Workday Schedule

Monday, January 21st – 10:00 AM

Trash clean-up at the Bristol Marsh Preserve

Please join us in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday and Day of Service to clean-up trash and clear debris at the Bristol Marsh and Croydon Woods Preserves (Bristol, PA in lower Bucks County). The more trash we collect, the less will get washed into our waterways!

**Immediately after the cleanup, join us for a FREE pizza lunch to learn about the Lower Bucks Environmental Stewardship Team (LBEST) and start discussing plans for 2019.

Please register online [here](#).

We are still developing our list of winter and early spring workdays over the next month while folks have the chance to enjoy the holiday and hunting seasons.

Thank you for those who assisted us with our land management and habitat restoration activities this year and we look forward to you joining us out on our lands in the New Year!

PLATINUM VOLUNTEER

A very special thanks to **Elisa Barbis** for reaching 1,000+ hours of volunteer service! Since 2011, Elisa has dedicated several hours weekly in support of our Development Team from the Conshohocken Office. Please join me in congratulating and thanking her for this remarkable achievement.



Season's Greetings to you

As we wrap up another year, we remember how blessed The Nature Conservancy is to have volunteers like you who help us achieve our mission to create a world where people and nature thrive!

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While you are shopping online looking for those last-minute gifts, put a smile on your face and help The Nature Conservancy when you shop on AmazonSmile! AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets you enjoy the same shopping experience as on Amazon.com, but with a benefit to The Nature Conservancy. When you shop on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of your eligible Amazon purchase to the Conservancy when you shop Amazon via [this link](#). Together, we have raised over \$2,000,000 to date.

Here are some steps you can take to ensure donations are made to the Conservancy via your Amazon purchase:

- Bookmark the link to AmazonSmile so that you can support us every time you shop: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0242652>
- Shop online at AmazonSmile like you normally do!
- Share this link with family and friends: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/53-0242652>

Remember, only purchases made at smile.amazon.com will result in donations.

Nature Walks & Other Activities

Stay Tuned ...

In the coming year, we are developing training opportunities for our volunteers interested in assisting with our outreach activities to more effectively engage various communities across Pennsylvania beginning with our preserves and projects in the Harrisburg, Pocono Mountains and Philadelphia areas.

These trainings will be scheduled for the early spring season.

If this sounds interesting to you and/or you have some thoughts and ideas you would like to share, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org.

More News

Welcome

We wish to extend a very warm welcome and many thanks to our new volunteer who has recently registered to join the volunteer ranks.

Please join me in welcoming **Kathleen Mack**. We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

A Natural Path for U.S. Climate Action

Nature alone could mitigate more than a fifth of the country's carbon emissions.

Across the United States, land management can have an impressive impact on the climate. A new study examines the country's potential to implement natural solutions—such as growing taller trees, improving soil health, protecting grasslands and restoring coastal wetlands—to increase carbon storage and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Essentially, turbocharging nature to address global warming, while also providing natural benefits for people, water and wildlife.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

1% for Nature

1% for Nature is a consortium of local businesses helping to support the conservation and public enjoyment of wildlife habitat, trails, streams and parks in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Please join us in protecting the local wildlife, forested landscapes and healthy streams that make the Poconos a special place for the enjoyment of people today and for future generations.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

Wish List

We are currently seeking donations of the following items:

Wood chipper
(In good, working condition)

Pickup Truck
(In good, working condition)

If you have these or other items you would like to donate, please contact Molly Anderson at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

Nature Trivia

The first to respond with the correct answer to this month's trivia question will win a prize. Please contact Molly Anderson with your answer at (717) 418-9518 or molly_anderson@tnc.org.

December 2018 Question:

At what speed (in mph) does that average snowflake fall from the sky?

Answer for November Trivia: Minnesota raises the most turkeys in the US annually – 49 million gobblers! Congratulations again to volunteer Cathy Folio for being the first to answer correctly. That's three in a row for Cathy, way to go!!

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If you have any questions, comments or would like to include an update or announcement in next month's edition, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 before the 1st of the month.