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Pennsylvania Volunteer News

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***"The goal of life is to make your heartbeat match the beat of the universe,
to match your nature with Nature."***

- Joseph Campbell

**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 trail maintenance, monitoring, database updates, celebrating hard work and successes, attending committee meetings, habitat restoration, online research, trash clean-ups, recording observations on iNaturalist 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.

Photo Credits Dam at Cope Pond at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve ©Dr. Jerry Skinner; America Cranberry observation recorded on iNaturalist at the Tannersville Cranberry Bog Preserve ©Tim Grover; Rose and the Stew Crew at the West Branch Forest ©Josephine Gingerich/TNC.

Workday Schedule

- **Trash Cleanup for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Help staff and volunteers from The Nature Conservancy and Heritage Conservancy alongside members of the local community to remove trash at Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve (Bristol, PA in lower Bucks County) in honor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. The more trash we collect, the less will get washed into our waterways!

When: Monday, January 20, 2020; 10:00 AM to Noon

Where: Bristol Marsh Nature Preserve (approximately 350 Basin Park, Bristol, PA)

Stay tuned while we spend the winter season coordinating the workday schedule for the new year.

Winter iNaturalist Project



Are you looking for a fun winter project?

We are looking for iNaturalist users to record observations of the flora and fauna that enjoy the colder temperatures at our preserves throughout the winter season. Whether you are able to snap that iconic picture of bright red cardinals against the dull winter backdrop, black bear paw prints in the snow or trillium flowers in bloom, we hope you will provide us with this data that allows us to set direct management goals for these lands. And these are also great images for our social media channels too.

iNaturalist instructions:

If you are planning on using your phone to record observations for us, you'll need to download the iNaturalist App. You'll then need to set up an account (username & password) for this which would be the same log in information you would use on the website [here](#).

Also, there are some quick tutorial videos on the iNaturalist site at [here](#) that are useful.

Lastly, you can view all of the TNC Preserves in PA that are set up on iNaturalist at [here](#).

P.S. Unless you are out on a Sunday, make sure to wear blaze orange if you are outdoors during the hunting season – refer to hunting information below.

Happy New Year!



Wishing you all the blessings of the New Year ... the warmth of home, the love of family and the company of good friends.

Happy New Year to all!

Volunteer Postings for 2020

We have a few positions and a special project coming up in the New Year that need volunteer support.

Positions

- **GIS Volunteer**

Location: Harrisburg Office

Availability: Weekdays during office hours (M-F; 9-5)

Requirements: Knowledge and experience with GIS software

The GIS Volunteer works closely with the Conservation Lands Program Manager to create and update existing maps and compile GIS data for various program needs for the PA Chapter.

- **Development Volunteer(s)**

Location: Conshohocken Office

Availability: Weekdays during office hours (M-F; 9-5)

Requirements: Knowledge and experience with online search engines & Constituent Management databases. Training is available.

The Development Volunteer(s) work closely with staff from the PA Development Team to provide support for donor research, data entry, event planning and administrative duties.

Projects

- **Procurement Project - Corporate Travel**

Location: Long Pond or Conshohocken Office

Availability: Weekdays during office hours (M-F; 9-5)

Requirements: Knowledge and experience with compiling data on SharePoint.

A volunteer is needed to work closely with the Procurement Team staff to conduct research on and reach out to internal stakeholders to collect information relevant to The Nature Conservancy's Corporate Travel Program for the preparation of internal reports, creating and configuring the Travel Information site and other associated administrative tasks.

To sign up and/or learn more, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518.

More News

Welcome

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

Please join me in welcoming Dana Waldman, Mary Ebbert, John Bitman, Amanda Stone and Tim McNeil.

We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

Real vs. Fake Which tree is better for the environment?

Every year around the Thanksgiving holiday, Christmas trees begin to be on a lot of people's minds. There are many questions about which types of trees are more environmentally friendly. The Nature Conservancy has made a list and checked it twice.

To learn why choosing a "real" tree helps nature, please click [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

Clean Energy & Clean Technology for a Better Energy Economy

Advancing CleanEnergyPA is an online community working to change the conversation surrounding clean energy, energy efficiency, and clean transportation. The conversation is told through real-life stories from Pennsylvania.

The latest story comes from Fort Indiantown Gap, the state's largest military installation. Please click [here](#) to watch the video on their pursuit of renewable energy as a strategy to improve its mission.

Pennsylvania 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 2019 Question:

What is the Leni-Lenape meaning of the word Kittatinny?

Answer for November Trivia: Philadelphia, often referred to as "Philly", is the largest city in Pennsylvania and ranks as the **sixth**-most populous US city.

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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.