Volunteers give us a bigger vision. Knowing that we have their resources to help us accomplish our work gives us confidence that if we set ambitious goals we can (and will) reach them! Each year, the Pennsylvania Program employs hundreds of volunteers to carry out the mission of The Nature Conservancy across the state and beyond.

Year after year, we continue to see that our Pennsylvania Volunteers allow us to achieve more. Although contributions made by volunteers go well beyond just how many hours we tally, it is a way to measure our success. With that, it is a pleasure to report that a total of 366 volunteers contributed 3,691 hours to our efforts in Pennsylvania for 2019.
VOLUNTEER TREE OF SERVICE

PLATINUM
Jeralyn Adams
Elisa Barbis
Mike Bertram
Pat Bidlake
Dave Clemens
Charlie Denkenberger
Andy Gardner
Patti Gress
Ann Harmon
Hank Hartman
Trebbe Johnson
Jim Kessler
John McConnell
Mary McConnell
Ray Milewski
Ron Milliken
Candace Roper
Ray Roper
Jerry Skinner
Mike Solomon
Mary Spering
Joyce Stone
Kent Wagner
Ray Roper
Mike Waltz
Henry Whitesel

GOLD
Peter Appel
Bob Barker
Terri Barr
Barb Checchi
Ruth Galantino
Paula Giorgio
Rocky Gleason
Mike Gondell
Rob Gregory
Sam Griffin
Jim Hannan
Bob Heintzelman
Diann Holder
Alan Kagan
Ellen Kagan
Gene Katapski
Paris Ligi
Evan Mann
John Moesta
Laura Newgard
Ann Pettigrew
Sharon Renz
Marty Rutland
Dave Scamardella
Ed Schirra
Dawson Smith
Bob Snyder
Janet Tedesco
Tim Tedesco
Nancy Wottrich

SILVER
Barb Baer
Bob Gray
Daniel Hebner
Chris Hoess
Jason Lentz
David Moskowitz
David Ross
Rodney Stark

BRONZE
Naoko Adachi
Marge Brennan
Jennifer Esch
Cathy Folio
Andy Green
Andrea Hinz
Anna Hull
Danielle Khordi
Cheryl Kindler
Jeff Kindler
Kathy Ring
Doug Kleger
Don Lysle
Julie McDonnell
Rose Meixell-Neith
Ilene Nelson
Trish Newdeck
Allison Ng
Ron Notvest
Tracy Raymond
Shirley Stark
Karen Trebitz
Tama Troutman
Judy Walsh
Cha Yang

PLATINUM: More than 20 years of service and/or 1,000+ hours
GOLD: At least 10 years of service and/or 500-999 hours
SILVER: 250-499 hours
BRONZE: 100-249 hours
**VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS**

**Monday, January 20th – 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! For more information and/or to register online, please click [here](#).

For more information/directions, please contact Molly Anderson at [molly_anderson@tnc.org](mailto:molly_anderson@tnc.org) or (717) 418-9518.

We are in the process of finalizing project needs and workday dates for the rest of the winter and into the coming spring season.

Stay tuned for lots of great projects in need of your time and energy!

**FIELD TRIPS/EVENTS**

**Wednesday, January 29th from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

*Glow Show at the Hauser Nature Center*

Local naturalist, Rick Koval, shares why certain rocks and minerals turn fluorescent under ultraviolet light while others don’t. He will have a beautiful display of brilliant luminous minerals on display and will provide free samples of minerals after the program. Registration is required. Contact Jenny Case to register at [jcase@tnc.org](mailto:jcase@tnc.org) or RSVP on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com). The Hauser Nature Center is located at 1567 Long Pond Rd, Long Pond, PA 18334 in Monroe County.
**Welcome**

We wish to extend a very warm welcome and many thanks to our new volunteers who have recently registered to join our great team.

Please join me in welcoming **Kathy Devine**, **David Hepford**, **Cindy Gocek**, **Alina Boissay**, **Katie Roseman** and **Brigitte Guariglia**.

We look forward to working with you all this year.

Welcome to the team!

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**The Nature Conservancy**

**Chesapeake Bay Grant**

The Nature Conservancy announced that it has been awarded a grant of nearly $1 million through the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund (CBSF) to accelerate wetland restoration efforts across the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The grant was one of 47 announced this fall by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), which partners on the fund with two other EPA grant programs. An additional $2.5 million in funding will be leveraged from the grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, Ducks Unlimited and other partners.

To read the full story, please click [here](#).

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**The Nature Conservancy in Pennsylvania**

**2019 Accomplishments Report**

From our rivers and forests to our cities and farms, TNC made great strides in protecting nature across Pennsylvania during 2019.

We’ve included some highlights from the past year in this new report. To read the full report, please click [here](#).

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**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](mailto:molly_anderson@tnc.org).

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**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](mailto:molly_anderson@tnc.org).

**January 2020 Question:**

**What is the highest point along the Kittatinny Ridge (in Pennsylvania)?**

**Answer for December Trivia:** Congratulations to volunteer, Katie Martens, for being the first to answer correctly that the Lenni-Lenape meaning of the word Kittatinny is “endless mountains”.

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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.