

Pennsylvania Volunteer News

September 2018



***"September days are here, with summer's best of weather
and autumn's best of cheer."***

- Helen Hunt Jackson

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

We accomplished so much this summer including building a shed, installing a kiosk, trail work, database updates, online research, replacing a boardwalk, taking photos, purging files, monitoring preserves, fixing vernal pools, stuffing envelopes, restoring habitat 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 (some of them listed above); for all their help in managing these various preserves and for their ongoing planning and outreach efforts.

Workday Schedule

- **Bristol Marsh Trash Cleanup for River Days**

As the summer comes to a close, the Bristol Marsh Preserve will need a good cleanup day before the winter. Help us remove trash at this freshwater tidal marsh for [River Days](#) and as part of the International Coastal Cleanup. The more trash we collect, the less that will get washed into our waterways!

When: Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 AM to Noon

Where: Bristol Marsh, Meet at the northwest end of parking lot at approximate address of 350 Basin Park, Bristol, PA 19007 – Near Bristol Borough Riverfront Park

RSVP: Contact Shannon Fredebaugh at sfredebaugh@heritageconservancy.org or (215) 345-7020, extension 104 to sign up.

- **Make-A-Difference Day**

Join The Nature Conservancy and Nationalities Service Center to celebrate Make-A-Difference Day by making a difference in the Point Breeze neighborhood of Philadelphia and assisting with the fall clean-up/end of the growing season needs at the *Growing Together Garden*.

When: Saturday, October 27th from 10:00 AM to Noon

Where: *Growing Together Garden* located at 25th & Reed Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19146

RSVP: Contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518 to sign up.

LWCF – Time is Running Out

Defend Funding for Public Lands

The Grand Canyon. Acadia National Park. Great Smokey Mountains National Park. The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was critical in protecting all these and more. Now the LWCF is set to expire on September 30—unless congress acts.

[Tell Congress to Fund LWCF](#)

OktoberForest

If you like beer, then you should love forests ...

America's forests are the source for more than half of our nation's water – and beer is 95% water. But today a forested area the size of Colorado is in need of restoration, so beer's main ingredient could be at risk.

What is OktoberForest? How do forests help beer, and what can you do to help? To watch the video and learn more, please click [here](#).

What is your favorite beer? Is it brewed in Pennsylvania? Maybe there's no surprise that a state that is largely forested like Pennsylvania has some of the best beers and we'd like to keep it that way! One of the PA breweries partnering with The Nature Conservancy's OktoberForest campaign is Troegs located in Hershey.

Outreach Activity – Volunteers Needed

The PA Chapter is partnering with Troegs next month on a few events to celebrate. **Volunteers are needed specifically for a tabling event at Troegs Hop Fest on Sunday, October 7th for 2 shifts: 10 am – 12 pm or 2 pm – 4 pm.** If you are interested and available for this activity, please contact Molly Anderson at molly_anderson@tnc.org or (717) 418-9518.

Nature Walks

- Sunday, September 23rd – Fall Hike at the Thomas Darling Preserve @ Two-Mile Run
- Sunday, October 7th – Fall Hike at the Woodbourne Forest & Wildlife Preserve
- Wednesday, October 24th – Owl Banding at the Hauser Nature Center

For more details and sign up for events, please click [here](#).

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Welcome

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

Please join me in welcoming John Hendell, Lauren Graham, Danielle Meyer and Nicolas Poirette,

We look forward to working with you.

Welcome to the team!

The Nature Conservancy

Priorities for the Future

Thriving in the future will require conservation on an even larger scale, solving big problems, and rethinking how we value nature.

The Nature Conservancy has identified the following 4 priorities that will guide our work moving forward to address these challenges:

Tackle Climate Change
Protect Land and Water
Provide Food and Water Sustainably
Build Healthy Cities

To learn more and watch the video, please click [here](#).

Protecting Pennsylvania

Keystone Fund

In 1993, Pennsylvania's General Assembly established the Keystone Fund in a nearly unanimous vote. Since then, it has supported thousands of projects in communities across Pennsylvania. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of this very important source of funding.

There are lots of reasons to celebrate and appreciate the protection of our state's natural resources.

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.

September 2018 Question:

Which species migrates annually this time of the year from the northeastern U.S. and southeast Canada to spend the winter in the forested highlands of central Mexico?

Answer for August Trivia: The Nature Conservancy's former name was **The Ecological Society of America (ESA)**. The conflict to change the name arose from questioning to support only ecologists versus also preserving natural areas. Congratulations to volunteer, Cathy Folio, for being the first to answer correctly.

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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.