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TWO HEALTHIER WATERSHEDS, ONE SHARED FUTURE

What did you do last summer?

We created a new nonprofit organization, **Brandywine Red Clay Alliance**, by merging the membership, capabilities, programs, and potential of the two long-standing watershed conservation and environmental education organizations in your backyard.

“We” encompasses many people: our Boards of Directors, who carefully guided the merger process; staff, who have embraced the efficiencies and greater potential that come with change; and dozens of stakeholders who participated in discussion groups, endorsing this work and helping inform the adoption of our new name and logo.

If you are reading this, you were probably a member of either the Brandywine Valley Association or the Red Clay Valley Association -- and now you are a member of Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. You will be happy to know that you are now part of a larger membership group, focused on the same core mission for even greater impact.

The ways you connect to your watershed organization will not change. We will always reach out for clean-up volunteers, undertake improvements in both watersheds, turn more red streams blue, advocate with a stronger voice, inspire campers to “get wet and muddy” and explore outdoors during summer months, and educate schoolchildren throughout our districts. Between now and next June, we expect to engage 12,000 students in grades K through 12 in lessons that will underpin a love of nature and a lifelong commitment to protect watersheds and their fragile ecosystems.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us, support our growth, and share our work. And please keep you eyes open for more developments, like a new website which will go up on our new URL, brandywineredclay.org, before the end of the year. Change is exciting. What can come of it when we all work together for healthier watersheds is truly inspiring.

INAUGURAL Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Thursday, October 22, 2015

At the Mendenhall Inn, Mendenhall, PA

*Look for your invite
in the mail!*





YOUNG WATERFOWLERS

Waterfowling is an American tradition that combines hunting with an appreciation of wetlands and their wildlife. In order to instill a strong conservation ethic for all of our natural resources, BRC and the Delaware Nature Society (DNS) is providing an exciting opportunity for youngsters ages 11 through 16. Participants will study wildlife management, habitat protection, conservation practices and the values of wetlands during a comprehensive introduction to the American waterfowling heritage. Special topics include identification of waterfowl, conservation ethics, retriever training, decoy carving, safety skills and good sportsmanship. An optional hunt at the Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge will be offered at the conclusion of the program., under the supervision of experienced guides. This year's program will include a behind-the-scenes tour of Cabela's.

Parent participation is encouraged, but not required (no extra fee). Participants will have the opportunity to fulfill the hunter safety requirements at no additional charge and will receive a certification card (required for all new hunters in PA and DE).

Including weekend field trips to: Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, and Coastal Delaware to study marsh ecology and waterfowl identification.

Instructors: Jim Jordan, Executive Director of BRC; John Campanelli, Alan Knight, Rich Stigale, Derek Stoner, Jeff Kane, Nelson Cammock, and Neil Dougherty.

Advanced Young Waterfowlers – ages 12-17, same dates/times as above. For alumnae of previous Young Waterfowler programs, we offer additional training in the art and science of waterfowling; including advanced decoy carving and calling techniques. Students will have an opportunity to participate in a specially guided hunt on a private farm.

To participate in these programs a family membership is required.

For additional information call
610-793-1090

Program For Teens, Ages 11-17!



Wednesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
on Oct. 7, 14, 28, Nov. 11, 18, & Dec. 2
at Ashland Nature Center,
located at
3511 Barley Mill Rd
Hockessin, DE 19707
\$150, members only



FALL 2015 MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS



MEADOW WALK

Saturday, October 17, 2015
9:00am - 11:00am
Member: \$3.00/Non-member: \$6.00



Join one of our naturalists for a walk through our property to collect insects and observe our native plants and pollinators. Once the walk is complete, you will return to our barn for a light snack and discuss your observations. Refreshments will be provided.

PUMPKIN PICKING AND HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 25, 2015
11:00am-1:00pm
Member: \$5.00/Non-member: \$8.00



Come spend a beautiful fall day on our property. Visit our garden to pick one of our home grown pumpkins. Then head back to carve, paint or decorate your pumpkin in the spirit of fall. Finish up your morning with a hayride through our sunflower fields. All materials provided, including ... pumpkins! paint, paintbrushes, and carving supplies.

FITNESS FUN AT THE MYRICK

Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00am-11:00am
Member: \$5.00/Non-member: \$8.00

Do you love walking our property? Do you want to take it a step further and have a little more fitness fun? We'll warm up and aim to do a 2 mile interval walk incorporating body weight strength training utilizing resources found on the property followed by a brief cool down / stretch. Bring a pair of gloves and a towel. Modifications will be supplied for those that need less as well as more. All ages welcome as long as they can walk 2 miles. Led by a certified personal trainer.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, December 11, 2015
5:00pm- 9:00pm
Member: \$20.00/Non-member: \$30.00
Siblings Half Price! Ages: 6-13 years



Looking for some time to yourself to prepare for the holidays? Let us help with an evening of fun for your child(ren) while you finish last minute preparations and shopping. Our annual Holiday Craft Night will give participants the opportunity to create a natural ornament and play games. Later, snack on popcorn and watch a seasonal movie. Please bring a bag supper and drink; pajamas and a blanket optional.

WILDLIFE WALK

Tuesday, January 12, 2016
11:30am-1:00pm
Member: \$3.00/Non-member: \$6.00



Come join us for a trail walk through our property. Bring your camera for plenty of opportunities to snap some picturesque nature shots. After the walk, participants will return to our barn for a snack and time to share photographs that were taken! Refreshments will be provided.

BOOKS & BOOTS

*A Story Time and
Outdoor Adventure Club*
FOR CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD



Books come to life at the Myrick Conservation Center as Potter the Otter reads a book provided by Baldwin's Book Barn. Afterwards the story continues into a real-life, outdoor adventure. Adult participation is optional. A snack will be provided. Space is limited. Please register by Wednesday before class by visiting: www.brandywineredclay.org or by calling 610-793-1090. Dress for the weather and don't forget your boots! \$6.00 per child for BRC members and \$8.00 for non-member participants.

Thurs, Nov. 19, 2015
10:00-11:30 AM

Thurs, Feb. 18, 2016
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Dec. 17, 2015
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Mar. 17, 2016
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Jan. 14, 2016
10:00-11:30AM

Thurs, Apr. 14, 2016
10:00-11:30AM

Need to refresh your own book adventures? Participate in Baldwin's 'Books & Boots' Book Swap- take your old book to Baldwin's Book Barn and swap out for new-used books!



INTERN HIGHLIGHTS

Nicole Sundo

Nicole Sundo just completed her junior year at Millersville University. She is studying Chemistry with a focus in Environmental Chemistry. Nicole is local to this area, graduating from West Chester East High School. Her passion for the environment led her to the summer intern position at the BRC.

Nicole's favorite memories of her summer with the BRC include being a counselor at Saalbach Farm and spending time on our pond! In addition to her summer here, Nicole is also an active volunteer with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Chester County SPCA. Nicole's bright smile and caring personality made her a great asset to our summer camp programs.



We wish her the best of luck this year as she begins her senior year!



NEW EDUCATION STAFF

Kate Thompson

Kate joined our staff in June 2015 as one of our Education Coordinators. Kate will be focusing on the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance's Summer Camp Programs and Family and Members Programs. As a former camp unit director and classroom teacher, Kate takes her past experiences and is able to apply them to our Myrick Center and Saalbach Farm locations. Kate graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio with a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education. When Kate is not working, she loves to travel, read, hike, and spend time with her family, her fiancé Greg and dog Kona.



Julia Steiner

Julia brings a rich variety of education experience to the BRC, having taught students of all ages from preschool through adults. As a lifelong lover of nature and the outdoors, she earned a degree in Agriculture with minors in both Geography and Wildlife Conservation from the University of Delaware. Shortly after graduating, she discovered her passion for teaching, which led her back to school for certifications in both Elementary and Special Education. After several exciting years as a classroom teacher, Julia noticed that a connection to the natural world was missing in many children's educational experience. Finding this unacceptable, she sought out ways to nurture this missing link that is such an important part of her own life. This journey led her nearly full circle, back to the BVA-RCVA, where she herself was once a camp counselor, but now with a new set of educational expertise and life experience that she is excited to share as an educator with BRC. In addition to a passion for education she finds much joy in travel, yoga, snowboarding, organic gardening and hiking with her dog.



VOLUNTEER WORK DAY AT THE MYRICK CONSERVATION CENTER

October 3, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

8:30 - Registration and light breakfast with Starbucks Coffee

9:00 - Begin work on projects including:

- Native Tree Planting
- Litter Clean-up
- Building and Trail Maintenance
- Painting
- Garden Maintenance
- Invasive Removal

12:30 - Lunch served

Email or call for more info: contact@brandywineredclay.org



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Starbucks Coffee.

CORPORATIONS SUPPORT BRC AND RECEIVE DIRECT TAX CREDITS THROUGH EITC PROGRAM

We are excited to share that BRC was once again designated by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's EITC program as an Innovative Educational Program. This allows corporations to direct corporate tax dollars to directly support BRC's environmental education programs. If your company would like to make a donation to BRC or learn more, please contact Cindy Jaros at 610-793-1090 ext. 104 or cjaros@brandywineredclay.org.

EITC contributions support BRC's environmental education programs. Students pictured here are learning about stream ecosystems at the Myrick Conservation Center.



NEW MEMBERS AS OF 7/31/2015

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| Ms. Meghan Andress | Mr. Paul Matecki |
| Ms. Nanci Austin | Ms. Kimberly McDowell |
| Ms. Donna Bannister | Mr. Charles McHugh |
| Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Barnes | Mr. Tom McKeowon |
| Ms. Jennifer Blab | Ms. Katherine McNeill |
| Mr. Brian Bleecher | Ms. Jodi Mickelberg |
| Ms. Laura Buchner | Mr. and Mrs. John Mohr |
| Ms. Megan Buterbaugh | Ms. Beth Moore & |
| Mr. Brian Buza | Mr. Andrew Homsey |
| Ms. Christy Camarca | Ms. Sarah Morris |
| Ms. Kircia Casten | Ms. Lynn Morrison |
| Ms. Lucy Chen | Mr. and Mrs. James Moser |
| Mr. Steven Clay | Mr. Chad Mosier |
| Ms. Kim Coombe | Ms. Kimberly Murray |
| Ms. Elizabeth Creager | Ms. Alejandra |
| Mr. Dan Dacey | Navarro-Benbow |
| Ms. Xiaohui Deng | Ms. Dawn Nelson |
| Mr. and Mrs. Matt Diehl | Mr. Brian Peachey |
| Ms. Kimberly DiFelice | Mr. Christopher Pielli |
| Ms. Maggie Dolan | Ms. Lori Prettelt |
| Ms. Kristine Doorn | Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Quinn |
| Ms. Terri Dunbar | Jamie Ranieri |
| Mr. Thomas Eliason | Mr. Jason Reed |
| Ms. Jodi Eppler | Mr. and Mrs. |
| Xiaochun Fan | Mark Register |
| Ms. Cher Finnan | Ms. Judy Rigney |
| Ms. Jennifer Fisher | Ms. Nancy Roe |
| Mr. David Freas | Ms. Paige Russell |
| Ms. Rebecca Grilli | Mr. Mike Sarcinello |
| Ms. Nina Gundecha | Ms. Patti Savage |
| Ms. Carolyn Guzzo | Ms. Lori Schnick |
| Ms. Jennifer Hagerty | Wade Schritter |
| Mr. and Mrs. John Haiko | Mr. Stephen Simko |
| Ms. Jean Haines | Mr. Brett Singer |
| Mr. Carl Hale | Ms. Megan Smith |
| Ms. Melissa Heagy | Ms. Elizabeth Smith |
| Ms. Barbara Heald | Ms. Jennifer Spartin |
| Ms. Nancy Hofer | Mr. Dave Stagliano |
| Ms. Dawn Horst | Mr. Martin Tully |
| Ms. Jessica Hose | Ms. Elizabeth Vinyard |
| Ms. Julie Hubbard | Mr. Bradley Voss |
| Ms. Kimberly Huntington | Ms. Shelia Wagner |
| Ms. Stephanie Jacobson | Ms. Cindy Wallace |
| Ms. Leigh Ann Johnson | Ms. Jen Welsh |
| Mr. George Jurgensen | Mr. and Mrs. Thomas |
| Ms. Elizabeth King | Wickersham |
| Ms. Janet Krieger | Ms. Cara Williams |
| Ms. Rosemary Kuhlman | Ms. Laura Winchester |
| Ms. Elsje Kumpon | Mr. and Mrs. |
| Ms. Jennifer Lally | Brian Winslow |
| Ms. Lauren Lasher | Mr. William Witmer |
| Dr. Ted Latham | Ms. Kari Wolff |
| Mr. Gregg Lindner | Mr. Walt Wrzesniewski |
| Ms. Jia Liu | Ms. Jennifer Zucchero |
| Mr. Christopher Lord | |
| Ms. Lynn Martin | |
| Ms. Melissa Massimi | |

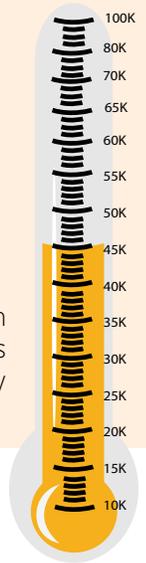


2015 OUTLOOK CAMPAIGN LAUNCH

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT
AND COMMITMENT TO OUR ENVIRONMENT!

*Thank you for your support of the
2015 Outlook Campaign's spring appeal!*

Donations received have been generous and are greatly appreciated totaling nearly \$45,000. From environmental education programs for school children to adults, trail maintenance work to building BRC's technology infrastructure, we couldn't do all of this great work without your help. Your support is very important to us!



ELEVENTH RED STREAMS BLUE PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION

The current Little Buck Run stream restoration project brings to eleven the number of Red Streams Blue projects in the Brandywine and Red Clay Watersheds. In just six years Brandywine Red Clay Alliance (BRC) has completed four projects in Plum Run, two in Little Buck Run, two in the upper east branch Red Clay, and one each on Doe Run, Radley Run and the upper west branch Brandywine. In the next 12 months four more projects will be completed.

While the Red Streams Blue Program focuses on stream restoration, BRC has also completed three streambank fencing and livestock crossing projects and eight rain gardens. When completed the 15 projects will protect nearly 7 miles of stream in the two watersheds. The investment to date exceeds \$4.5 million. Funders include PA Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener Program, William Penn Foundation, Victory Brewing Company, Williams Companies, the City of Wilmington, and the Chester County Solid Waste Authority.

2,800 foot project. The construction involves stream bank grading, installation of in-stream structures such as cross-vanes, J-hooks, and mud sills, and planting a tree and shrub buffer. Earlier this spring a 1,300 foot stream restoration was completed on the upper east branch Red Clay. The project was directly upstream from a 2,000 foot restoration on the Kennett Golf Club completed in 2012.

This fall two projects will be completed on the upper west branch Brandywine, both on dairy farms. About 3,500 feet of stream will be restored, livestock crossings will be constructed, streambank fencing will be installed, and a tree/shrub buffer planted. Later this year two projects are planned for Ludwig's Run, a tributary to the east branch Brandywine near Downingtown. The goal of all Red Stream Blue projects is to reduce sediment and nutrients in the stream, improve aquatic habitat, add or improve stream buffers, and ultimately bring the streams to unimpaired (Blue) levels.



*Contractor Grading Stream Bank On
Red Clay Restoration Project*

In June Flyway Excavating began construction on the second Little Buck Run stream restoration. Totaling 3,500 feet of stream, this project continues work downstream from last year's



Little Buck Run During Construction



Little Buck Run After Construction

SUMMER CAMP RECAP

Great times were had by all at the Myrick Conservation Center summer camp.

Campers spent their days staying cool on the Slip 'n Slide, catching critters at our pond, fishing, hiking, and canoeing. In addition to our camps at the Myrick Center, we also held two weeks of summer camp at our Saalbach Farm property located outside of Coatesville. Highlights of the summer included trips to Kodabow Archery Range, Vertical Extreme, and Northbrook MarketPlace. Friday afternoons were spent celebrating the end of the camp week with staff, campers and families at our Ice Cream Socials. This year also marked BRC's fourth successful year of partnership with the Coatesville Youth Initiative's (CYI's) Service Corps program. We were fortunate to have two Coatesville area students work with us for the seven weeks of camps at Myrick and at Saalbach Farm.



SPECIAL THANKS GO OUT TO OUR STAFF, CYI STUDENTS, VOLUNTEERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND FAMILIES FOR MAKING THE SUMMER OF 2015 A MEMORABLE ONE!





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2015 FALL



UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Work Day
Saturday October 3rd

Annual Dinner &
Silent Auction
Thursday October 22nd

Delaware Valley Orienteering
"Night O" @ Myrick Conservation Center
Saturday October 24th

Save the Date
Red Clay Valley Clean Up
Saturday March 19th

WISH LIST

Clean Plastic Coated Reusable Grocery Bags
Clean Small Glass Jars With Lids
Costumes/Hats For Summer Camp
Flat Sheets (White)
Gently Used Archery & Fishing Equipment
Insect Related Items: Kids Butterfly
Costumes & Insect Collections
Native Animal Posters
Spotting Scope
Taxidermy Mounts

