



Spring 2016

# Brandywine Red Clay Alliance



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## OUTLOOK CAMPAIGN

*Dear Members and Friends,*

Humans are hardwired to need nature—because we are, after all, a part of it. In many neighboring communities, children lack access to safely explore outdoors and the freedom to observe local plants and wildlife. How can children care about nature if they haven't experienced it firsthand? As adults, what can we do to ensure that today's youth have these opportunities?

When you make a charitable donation to BRC, you support quality environmental education that offers school-aged children meaningful outdoor experiences to develop a healthy appreciation of our natural world. Over 11,000 student contacts are made annually and include school programs, outreach to scout groups and other educational opportunities like our signature Young Waterfowlers program co-hosted with The Delaware Nature Society.

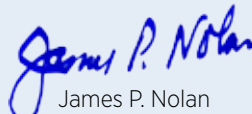
The 2016 Outlook Campaign goes above and beyond membership support and will help bridge the gap between our daily operations and the vital programs and projects that are needed to conserve and protect our natural resources for future generations.

Annual gifts from friends like you make the following activities possible in your backyards along the roads you travel every day in the Brandywine and Red Clay Watersheds.

- Nearly 2,000 trees planted in the past year along with the completion of 15 major stream restorations to improve water quality.
- The annual Brandywine Creek Clean Up held in April to cover 25 miles of stream.
- 86 miles of stream and roadway cleared of debris annually during the Red Clay Valley Clean Up in March.
- Scholarships for children to participate in summer camp regardless of financial means.
- Education programs supported by 25 dedicated and trained environmental instructors.
- Over 773 acres of preserved open space in the watershed including facility and trail maintenance at the Myrick Conservation Center that is open to the public throughout the year.

Together, we are making a difference. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely

  
James P. Nolan  
President

  
James E. Jordan, Jr.  
Executive Director, CEO

## WELCOME NEW BRC MEMBERS!

12/21/2015 – 04/26/2016)

Ms. Michelle Bakken  
Ms. Darlene Beck  
Ms. Wendy Bensman  
Ms. Eliza Bernardini  
Ms. Joan Beveridge  
Mr. Sean Brown  
Ms. Jennifer Chong  
Mr. Matthew Cohen  
Ms. Elizabeth Colello  
Ms. Rebecca D'Antonio  
Payal Desai  
Ms. Jessica Deshong  
Ms. Lisa Dorazio  
Mr. Justin Dunn  
Michelle Duran  
Ms. Elena Echart

Alexine Fleck  
Robi Garthwait  
Miss Alicia Gemelli  
Ms. Erin Gibson  
Ms. Debra Goodridge  
Ms. Janette Grieb  
Mr. Tim Harte  
Mr. Jay Headley  
Ms. Karen Helveston  
Ms. Emily Hinton  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hornbach  
Ms. Joanne Hurley  
Ms. Linda Hutchinson  
Ms. Alicia Irving  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Stephen Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kane  
Ms. Nancy Kenworthy  
Mr. Matthew Kirby  
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Ms. Mary Lacy  
Mr. Patrick Lam  
Ms. Debra Laudone  
Ms. Alison Marcantuno  
Ms. Rebecca McConnell  
Ms. Jennifer McCoy  
Ms. Beth McGannon  
Ms. Debbie Mueller &  
Ms. Judy McMillan  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Murphy  
Ms. Kimberly Murray  
Ms. Kristin Palita

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Mr. and Mrs. Pinkston  
Ms. Angela Puleo  
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Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rocca  
Ms. Andrea Rock  
Ms. Crystal Rotto  
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Ms. Patricia Scott  
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Ms. Kim Stack  
Ms. Susan Teran  
Mr. Curtis Testerman

Ms. Allison Treston  
Ms. Kimberly Undorf  
Ms. Lorell Urbahns  
Mr. and Mrs. Dirk  
Vander Laan  
Thais Viqqe  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Walter  
Ms. Ashley Watson  
Ms. Sandra Weirich  
Ms. Dawn Willoughby  
Mr. and Mrs. Kevin  
Witkowski  
Ms. Kathryn Wood  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Raymond Worrall

# 74<sup>TH</sup> BRANDYWINE HILLS POINT TO POINT PROCEEDS BENEFIT BRC

With five timber races, three pony races, a leadline pony race, and stick pony competition for youngsters, this year's event was among the most competitive in recent memory and included a Maryland Hunt Cup winner. Special thanks goes to all of the sponsors and volunteers who came together to support BRC's environmental education and watershed conservation programs.

*Photo credit: Daria Killinger*



## RED Streams BLUE

### 15 RESTORATION PROJECTS NOW COMPLETED IN RED CLAY AND BRANDYWINE WATERSHEDS

In the last 12 months, 6 Red Streams Blue projects have been completed, the most active year yet! 5 stream buffer plantings were also completed in the past year totaling nearly 2,000 trees and shrubs. The most recent project on Ludwig's Run near Downingtown included a streambank restoration as well as the repair and restoration of a stormwater basin at the top of the stream.



*Over 50 volunteers plant trees in Honey Brook along the Brandywine's upper west branch.*



*Completed section of Ludwig's Run.*



*Concrete cable mats installation on Ludwig's Run's stormwater basin.*



*2015 Campers enjoying some time at the pond.*

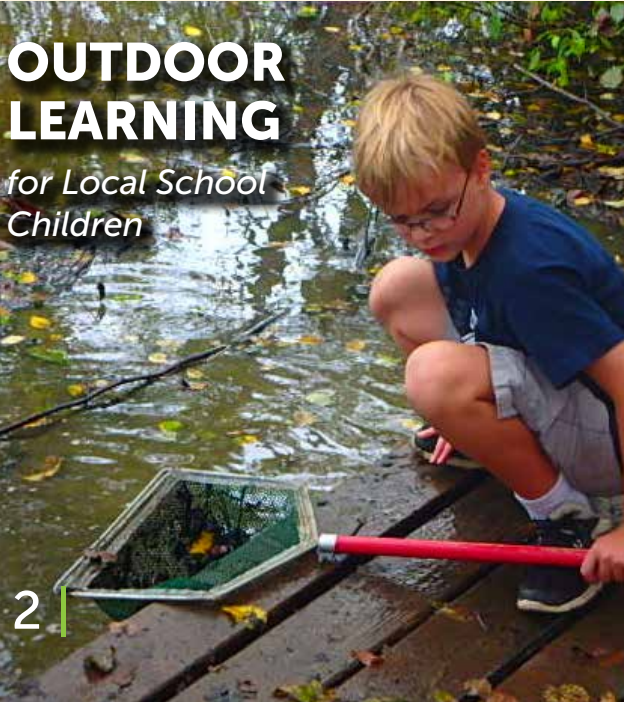
## SUMMER CAMP *Starts June 20th!*

We are preparing for another fantastic summer here at Myrick Conservation Center and Saalbach Farm. Thanks to generous donors, over \$3,200 in scholarships have been awarded for 2016 and camps are filling fast! These numbers will continue to grow as we get closer to summer.



## OUTDOOR LEARNING

*for Local School  
Children*



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### Spring is always a busy time at the Myrick Conservation Center!

Whether exploring the pond, learning about the importance of wetlands or working together to overcome challenges as a team – school students are guaranteed a day of hands-on, engaging programs.



*Water bug sampling in the stream. The chilly weather didn't stop these determined scientists!*



*"I get by with a little help from my friends..." Teambuilding elements encourage students to work together, build trust and solve challenging problems.*



*Searching for different animal habitats within the fall leaves.*



## RED CLAY VALLEY CLEAN UP

On Saturday, March 19 nearly 650 volunteers participated in the 28th Annual Red Clay Valley Clean Up. Despite the chilly weather, dedicated volunteers covered 86 miles of Red Clay Valley streams and roadways in both Pennsylvania and Delaware, collecting over 11 tons of trash. We appreciate the individuals, groups and families who came out to support our environmental efforts, and together, contributed over 2,512 volunteer hours.



*Clean Up volunteers on the west branch in Coatesville.*



*All in all, 2 tons of trash was removed from the Brandywine!*

## BRANDYWINE CREEK CLEAN UP

Over 150 volunteers turned out to clean 25 miles of stream as well as roadways in Modena along the west branch. Teams in canoes began in Coatesville on the west branch and Downingtown on the east branch working downstream to Lenape just below the confluence of the two branches. The event was sponsored by ArcelorMittal, Pennsylvania American Water Company, Aqua Pennsylvania, Flyway Excavating and Starbucks with additional support from Northbrook Canoe Company, Hickory House Catering, Republic Services and SECCRA.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND WATERSHED CONSERVATION

The board and staff of BRC are now immersed in strategic planning for the new organization. Valuable community feedback has been gathered and multiple committees have been formed to review the environmental assessment conducted by Sylvia & Carter & Associates. Goals and strategies will be formulated and put into action to conserve and protect our natural resources while inspiring the next generation to love the outdoors.



## REELING THEM IN AT THE TROUT RODEO

Over 300 anglers attended the Trout Rodeo held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Anxon B. Nixon Park in Kennett Square. BRC did our part to ensure a great fishing experience for all by stocking the ponds with over 600 Brook, Brown, Rainbow and Golden Trout ranging from 11 - 22" in length.



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**SAVE THE DATE  
10th Annual  
JAM**

**on the Brandywine  
Music Festival**

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
at the Myrick Conservation Center.

## 2016 SPRING



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Northbrook Canoe Trip  
Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

First Day of Summer Camp  
Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

**DEADFEST** - See Summer Music Series Insert  
Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

JAM on the Brandywine  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

Volunteer Work Day at the  
Myrick Conservation Center  
Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

## WISH LIST

- Art Supplies
- Children's Blocks
- Children's Board Games & Puzzles (complete sets)
- Clean plastic coated reusable bags
- Dress up attire for Summer Camp
- Flat Sheets (white)
- Gently used archery & fishing equipment
- Legos
- Native Animal & Wildlife Posters
- Tablecloths
- Taxidermy Mounts and Furs

