The Brandywine Red Clay Alliance promotes the restoration, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and Red Clay watersheds.
2017 was truly a year of outdoor learning and continuity of relationships in the cycle of environmental education. Thanks to passionate educators, abundant outdoor learning spaces and EITC funding, we were able to reach new learners through both onsite and outreach programming. Energetic and smiling faces arrived eager to learn and explore. Not only did students learn about classroom concepts in a new way, but they had the opportunity to interact with elements of the natural world around them and experience how they are a part of it. Whether determining the water quality of a stream through biological sampling, imagining how hard the Lenape women worked to grind corn meal, or dissecting owl pellets to figure out what it ate for a meal, students left us with muddy shoes and expanded minds.

One of our favorite comments on evaluations forms was “wish we could have stayed longer.” To that we say, “when will we see you next year?”

“Every program offered this year aligned with Pennsylvania Core, Next Generation Science and National STEM Standards, allowing teachers to choose programs that match up with their lesson plans and the standards set by their state.”
Strategic growth defined our year in 2017. With the successful merger of two watershed organizations and a robust Strategic Plan on paper, Brandywine Red Clay Alliance was poised to launch…and launch we did!

This year saw a significant growth of our watershed conservation efforts. BRC expanded to a record number of projects on properties in and around both watersheds, working with private landholders and farmers to maximize the information available on protecting the vitality of the land and water. Critical resources were invested in fostering relationships with municipalities and government staff and officials to bring current best management practices and technical support of environmentally sound projects from initial stages.

“To promote the restoration, conservation and enjoyment of the natural resources of the Brandywine and Red Clay watersheds through education, scientific activities, environmental stewardship and advocacy.”

- BRC Mission

Our education programs boomed in 2017, with an exceptional group of Educational Instructors guiding students through unique hands-on learning tasks during the school year and a vibrant summer camp experience for children of all ages. We added more member programs to the calendar and welcomed new families and individuals to our property.

BRC has managed this growth with the guidance of the Strategic Plan and the exceptional Board of Director volunteers. We all look forward to sharing within this year’s Annual Report some of our stories and activities from 2017.
Each year, the Trail Creek Running Series brings awareness and support to our work...and is a fun way to share our beautiful trails at the Myrick Conservation Center.
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Drilling down on key issues.

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Carol Buckley
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Michael Replogle
Earth Space Science & Environmental Science Kennett High School
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WITNESSING CHANGE IN CONSERVATION

In the watershed conservation business, things take time. Change, especially in water quality, is a slow process. But improvement is expected, even if it is gradual. Modern soil conservation practices in the 1940s and 1950s and upgrades to sewage treatment plants and the use of land application in the 1970s produced measurable improvement in water quality. So, with BRC’s current effort, the Red Streams Blue program, after 10 years, 17 projects, and nearly $5 million dollars, we would expect to measure continued improvement.

And in 2017 we did!

The standard for determining if a stream is impaired (red) or unimpaired (blue) is a State protocol that combines chemical, biological, and habitat measurements. In the fall of 2017, sites in Little Buck Run and the upper west branch Brandywine were sampled, scored and the results compared with background samples from 2008 and 2010 respectively.

At nearly all sites water quality had measurably improved, and in three sites on Little Buck the stream had turned from red to blue. Stream restoration projects were the reason for this change, an encouraging result.

In 2017, a stream restoration project on the upper east branch Red Clay was completed. The project also included fencing and a tree buffer as well as several agricultural practices to reduce runoff and sedimentation. On Plum Run in the Brandywine Watershed a 400-foot stream restoration was completed, bringing to over one mile the total length of restored stream. In design is another 4,700 feet of restoration for the Plum Run. BRC continues to benefit from support through the William Penn Foundation’s Delaware River Restoration Fund and Pennsylvania’s Growing Greener Program. In 2017 $527,000 in grants were received for projects in the Brandywine and Red Clay watersheds.

BRC continued to coordinate the 38-member Christina Watersheds Municipal Partnership, which assisted municipalities in completing plans to reduce pollution from non-point sources. The Christina Basin Task Force, also coordinated by BRC, met regularly and serves as a venue for technology transfer among watershed conservation practitioners.

Buffer in Plum Run planted in 2012. Six years later, it illustrates how transformative BRC restoration programs are for properties.

These photos illustrate the dramatic change that comes with careful planning…and planting! A site in the upper east branch of the Red Clay creek shows this improvement after one year of growth.
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<td>Membership/ Fundraising &amp; Misc.</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Watershed Cons &amp; Education w/Designated</td>
<td>85%</td>
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### Statement of Financial Position - December 31, 2017

#### Assets

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<td>Current Assets</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment</td>
<td>1,756,296</td>
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<td>Other Assets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>6,125,421</td>
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<td>Property on operating lease and held for resale</td>
<td>1,194,945</td>
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<td>Total other assets</td>
<td>7,320,366</td>
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#### Liabilities and Net Assets

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<tr>
<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>$6,684</td>
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<td>Accrued payroll</td>
<td>8,332</td>
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<td>Security deposit</td>
<td>1,225</td>
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<td>16,241</td>
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<td>Net Assets</td>
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<td>Unrestricted net assets</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted net assets</td>
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SUMMER CAMPS

Our summer camp strives to get campers away from modern technology and gain valuable experiences in the outdoors. We do this by allowing campers to explore our 318-acre property. In 2017, we had over 500 campers experience eastern Pennsylvania’s natural wonders. They splashed in Turtle Pond, built forts in Lenape Woods and roasted marshmallows by the Browning Barn. The exploration did not stop there! The older campers visited a working apiary, learned about hydroelectric power at the Conowingo Dam and climbed cliffs at Alapocas State Park.

BRC believes every kid should go to camp, therefore, we awarded over 20 scholarships to local children in need. In addition, we held two weeks of summer camp at our Saalbach Farm property where we saw over 50 children from the Coatesville area.

Never a dull moment in the woods!

Pond skimming reveals some of the smaller residents of the Myrick Conservation Center.