

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION IN BUCKS COUNTY

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TOP NEWS

Grant Opportunities - get ahead of the curve.

- Trees for Watersheds (PHS/AQUA/DEP)
- BCCD Water Quality Fund Mini-grant (Nov-Feb)
- PA DEP Environmental Education (now - Nov 14)
- Coastal Zone Management (Sep - Oct 21)
- DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (Feb-May)
- DCED Greenways and Trails Program (Feb-May)

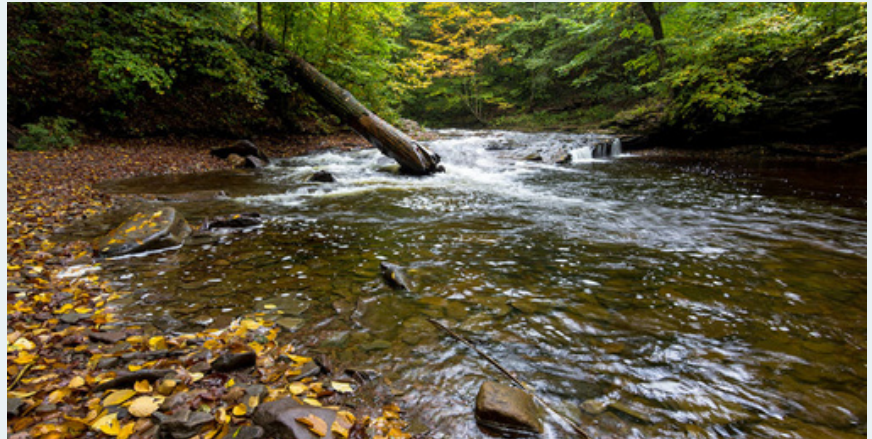
An Award Winning Project in Bucks County!

A wetland restoration project in Warrington Township was recognized with 2025 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. The project at Lion's Pride Park transformed a sediment and invasive species choked detention pond into a vibrant wetland accessible to the community. Shout out to Parks and Recreation Director, Andy Oles and talented grant writer and project manager, Ivy Moss.



Bucks County Parks Volunteer Alliance

A new countywide volunteer program gives residents of all ages and skill levels the chance to help improve and maintain our beautiful county parks - and share new skills with their home municipalities too!



The **Tohickon Watershed** is the second largest in Bucks County. With Lake Nockamixon at its center, the watershed reflects the famous Bucks County landscape - fields, farms, forests, and small towns. Residents have kicked off the formation of a community organization to advocate for the land and water resources that characterize Upper Bucks County. It's a behind the scenes effort this fall and winter, look for updates in spring of 2026.

Local **land conservancies** are making positive progress in upper Bucks. Tinicum Conservancy is educating 90+ summer campers about riparian restoration, supported by grants and local ecologically focused businesses. Heritage Conservancy finalized a conservation easement that added 55 acres to a, now 175-acre preserve.

Silver Lake Nature Center volunteers continue to impress. 248.8 POUNDS of invasive plants removed during a two hour Invasive Plants Removal Volunteer Day - in AUGUST! And how about that gator in Magnolia Lake? Encourage your residents to check out the new **Parks Volunteer Alliance** (on left). Shared knowledge and skills help us all.

Speaking of lakes - it's August, the warm water and sunny days make **Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs)** more likely. The best advice for residents when it comes to HABs is - if the water looks suspicious, avoid contact. This is especially true for our dog friends. As with so many other threats, soap and water are an easy defense from ill effects.

**Here comes tree
planting season!**



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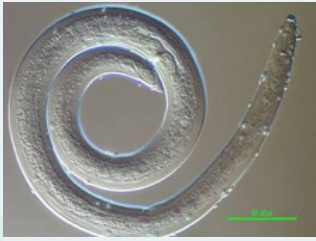
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MORE!

Beech Leaf Disease

...continues its march across the Commonwealth and our county. Treatment options are available for landscaping trees but our forests are left defenseless. Take a lesson from our experience with Emerald Ash Borer Beetle and try to get ahead of the die off – plant, plant, plant more trees.



Non-native nematode



Early Beech Leaf Disease



Disease progression

Pre-Application Workshop Webinar for Coastal Zone Management Grants

Microsoft Teams [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 233 011 864 032 3 Passcode: p8xU9Pb7

Lehigh Valley Watershed Conference!

From the basics to the Specifics – October 14 at Lehigh University. [Register](#) now before it fills!

Bucks County Conservation District's

2025 Water Quality Fund Mini-grant Recipients announced:

Note: There will be two application periods for 2026 – the first application period is November 1 – Feb 11, 2026.

- **Tinicum Conservancy** – To purchase water quality monitoring materials and equipment to support a local community science program monitoring riparian buffer enhancement work along Tinicum Creek at Camp Galil.
- **Warrington Township** – To outfit an outdoor classroom at the recently completed wetland creation project at Lion's Pride Park / Lindy Community Center.
- **Friends of Churchville Nature Center** – For native plantings and signage at the entrance of the new Botanical Garden.
- **Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve** – For the purchase of hand tools to support Regional Intern Day (drawing from regional conservation / horticultural organization) – tools will be used to support continuing volunteer programs.