

**TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, JULY 26, 2003, 7:00 PM
AGENDA *Minutes***

- I. Special On-The-Stream Presentation: Larry Coble, "Freshwater Mollusks of the Conewago"**
- II. Projects and Activities**
- **WREN Grant Project**
The WREN grant project is now complete. 7500 Conewago Creek Map & Guides and 7500 Stream Bank Fencing Brochures have been printed. Our website is also complete and up and running. Visit www.conewagocreek.org.
 - **Growing Greener Startup Grant**
A Summer 2003 edition of the TCCCA newsletter will be published using our Growing Greener startup grant. Articles may be sent to Kerry Royer at klmguinness@yahoo.com no later than the end of this weekend. Articles have been submitted by Tim Schaeffer about Environmental Advisory Councils (EACs), and Dan Helm about stormwater management. Stationary will also be ordered using our Growing Greener grant (5000 letterhead, 4000 envelopes)
 - **Tree Nursery**
Bob Censier continues to tend our native tree nursery at Bear Creek Farm on High Street, Elizabethtown. Let Bob know if you would like to be on his work list.
 - **Bio-Inventory**
Larry Coble continues to lead bio-inventory hikes on weekends through July. At our last Board of Directors meeting, Larry reported that over 80 species of birds have been recorded and locations GPSed. Many other animal species have also been recorded, including several great butterfly species, amphibians and mammals.
 - **Land Use Database and Maps**
Tom Murray has completed TCCCA's comprehensive landowner database. Every parcel in the watershed has been mapped and broken down by land use. This was a tremendous undertaking, and Tom and students are to be commended.
 - **Stream Signage Grant Application**
TCCCA is applying for a grant to install stream crossing signs at several areas in the watershed, including roads crossings on the Conewago, Lynch Run, Brills Run and the Little Conewago. TCCCA will work with the municipalities on this project, and is currently contacting municipalities to get their approval.
 - **Elizabethtown Fair Display**
We will have an indoor display at the Elizabethtown Fair, August 18-23. Tom Murray is preparing a terrific display using information and photos from the website.

- **Hess Farm Stream Bank Fencing and Planting Project**
Jim Hess is in the process of finalizing his CREP plan this summer. Fencing and trees are scheduled to occur this fall. Once the CREP plan is finalized, TCCCA, Jim and CREP representatives will discuss ways for TCCCA to assist in the project.
- **Bacteria Sampling**
DEP approached TCCCA about assisting in a bacteria sampling project. Tom Murray is working with DEP's monitoring program. Samples will be taken on an unnamed tributary in Londonderry Township.

III. New Business

- **West Donegal Township New Stormwater Ordinance**
Dan Helm has reported that West Donegal Township is in the process of finalizing a new stormwater ordinance that emphasizes BMPs for maximizing infiltration. Dan has been encouraging the township for some time and we are glad to see the fruits of his hard work.
- **Nicole Caruso Leaves for the South Pacific**
The July 15th Board meeting was the last for Vice-President Nicole Caruso. Nicole is now on her way to Micronesia in the South Pacific, where she be involved in watershed management for the Peace Corps. We certainly will miss Nicole's energy and leadership, and wish her all the best! She will keep tabs on us through our website and email list.