

Fish Really Do Grow on Trees

That is, they need trees to grow.

Trees along a stream bank maintain the health of the stream and the fish population in it and become a forested riparian zone.

Benefits of a forested riparian buffer are:

- Maintains the stream bank. The root systems of large woody plants keep the banks from eroding. Eroding banks clog streams with sediment.
- Prevents pollution of the stream by lawn fertilizers or run-off from roads.
- Supplies food for many of the critters that live in the stream, including fish.

- Shades the stream, allowing fish, such as trout that need cold water, to survive.
- Improves wildlife habitat.
- Provides a natural corridor for wildlife.
- Enhances water quality.

If you have a streamside area on or near your property, please try to maintain it as a riparian buffer. Remove only invasive species and replace them with natives. A healthy stream system is dependent on your help.

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Elk Creek near Strickersviller Road

Commissioner visits FT



(L to R) Supervisor Eric Brindle, Chester County Commissioner Kathi Cozzone, Supervisor Nan Latimer, and Open Space Chairman Phil Geoghegan met at the Franklin Township Building this spring. Commissioner Cozzone then toured Franklin Township and learned about its Open Space initiatives and plans. Thanks Commissioner Cozzone for spending time with us!

Service to our Community

Crossan Park received some much needed sprucing up this spring with the help of over 30 volunteers from the New London Presbyterian Church.

According to Debbie Gebauer, who coordinated the outreach between her church and the Township, this was an opportunity to do something special for the community.

The group managed to mulch the walking trails, trim shrubs, do some weeding, pick up trash, and plant flowers in the four raised beds by the comfort station.

“They did a great job,” said Assistant Township Manager Jeff Eastburn. “We thank them for helping to make Crossan Park look great.”



The walking trails in Crossan Park are a great place to explore this summer. Give it a try!



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