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MASTER WATERSHED STEWARDS OPEN HOUSE JAN. 13 AND 20

Master Watershed Stewards is a great program for local volunteers to help municipalities meet watershed needs.

Check out this program and our full [calendar](#) of stormwater education and outreach activities.

CHESCO TRAIL & PRESERVATION GRANTS DUE FEB. 26

Chester County offers several grants for municipalities for land and farmland acquisition and park and trail improvements including water quality, habitat and trail amenities. Click [here](#) for details and see the [Grants](#) page for more grant opportunities for municipalities

JOIN THE CWMP DISCUSSION GROUP

Do you have a question you'd like to ask other municipalities or engineers, want to share information? Join the CWMP Discussion Group [here](#).

WELCOME TO THE CWMP NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the CWMP quarterly newsletter. We plan to send this newsletter via email to CWMP municipalities to provide news related to MS4 requirements and highlight resources and updates available to you on the CWMP.org website.

For suggestions, comments or content for the newsletter and website, contact Brian Winslow at bwinslow@brandywineredclay.org





HOMEOWNER RESOURCES

The [Homeowner Resources](#) tab on the new CWMP.org website is designed to provide homeowners with basic stormwater management information and resources about practices they can do at home to improve stormwater runoff.

The page also helps municipalities meet their MS4 requirements for public education and outreach (MCM 1 and 2). Municipalities can simply provide a link to the page on your stormwater website. The CWMP Planning team will maintain current resources so that you don't have to. While you're there, also check out resources for farmers and residents, or business considering a building project.

IS YOUR LOCAL WATERWAY ON A POLLUTION DIET?

by Shane Morgan, White Clay Wild and Scenic Program

Have you ever wondered how the streams in your municipality are regulated in respect to different types of pollutants (or impairments)? Have you considered how regulators decide how much of all the different pollutants out there are allowed to enter our local waterways? Have you ever considered what you could do to prevent pollution from your property from entering your local waterway?

The Clean Water Act (CWA) is the principal piece of federal legislation that governs water pollution. Its main objective, to make sure all of the nation's waters are clean enough to support recreation and aquatic life. To meet this goal, the CWA created programs designed to regulate and reduce the amount of pollution entering waterways. One of these programs, Section 303(d), requires that states monitor their waterbodies and report those not meeting water quality standards. Once a waterbody is listed as impaired, the CWA requires the state to develop what are known as Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for the pollutant(s) of concern. Your local municipality is then required to meet these pollution reduction goals.

continue reading at [here](#)

Topics included on the homeowner page include: rain gardens, use of fertilizer, porous paving, meadow and tree planting and more.



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