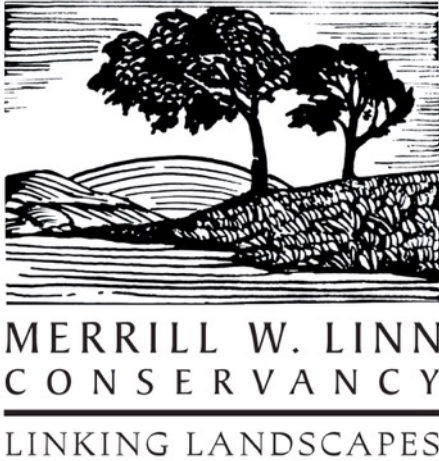


# Linn Log

newsletter of the Merrill W. Linn

Land & Waterways Conservancy

fall 2017



## Mission of the Linn Conservancy

To preserve and protect significant ecological sites in Union, upper Northumberland, and contiguous counties and to educate the public on conservation issues critical to the health of our environment.

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## for your calendar

the short list of public events; details for many listed inside

**Saturday, September 10:** Sierra Club picnic

**Saturday, September 17:** River Road Holiday

**Saturday, September 17, 1 pm:** Tour Wayne Stahl conservation easement

**Tuesday, October 3, 6:45 p.m.:** Sierra Club presentation with Clyde Peeling at The Library for Union Co.

**Saturday, October 7:** Union County "Tight End" hike from Union County Sportsmen's Club, 9:30 am

**Sunday, October 15:** Highway cleanup

**November 1:** Annual membership renewal letter to be mailed

**Friday, November 10 & Saturday, November 11:** Bucknell River Symposium

**Seven Mountains Audubon Society** third

Wednesday monthly at Kelly Township Hall on Ziegler Road at 7:30 pm. Seven Mountains Audubon bird walks, first Saturday of month. Meet 7:30 am in front of old Walmart store near Panera's, Lewisburg. For details, visit [www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org](http://www.sevenmountainsaudubon.org).

**Sierra Club** meets second Wednesday, 7 pm, every other month at Union Co. Gov. Center, Lewisburg. For more information, email [www.otzsierraclub.org](http://www.otzsierraclub.org).

**Otz in the Park:** The Sierra Club Otzinachson Group will hold its annual picnic and get-together at R.B. Winter State Park on September 10, meeting at pavilion #1. There will be a short hike at 11 am. The picnic will begin at 1 pm in the pavilion. Bring along something to share with everyone. Corey BeVier from Susquehanna Greenway will give an informal

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*"By assaulting nature, we raise the odds that we will assault each other. By bringing nature into our lives, we invite humility."*

Richard Louv

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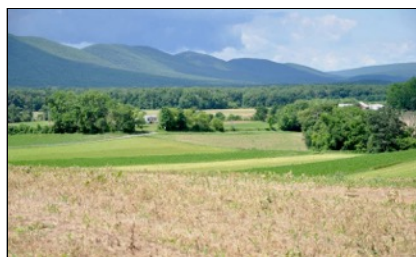
presentation about the Greenway after we have shared in all the wonderful food. The event is open to all members and friends of the environment.

### **Tour Wayne Stahl Property**

On Saturday, September 17, beginning at 1 pm, the Merrill Linn Conservancy will offer a tour of the Wayne Stahl property, site of the Conservancy's latest conservation easement. The property features a variety of forests, fields, and wetlands. Address: 138 Indian Ridge Road, north of Col. John Kelly Road, between Mazeppa and Forest Hill.

### **Rural Route Brochure Updated**

The Conservancy's original Rural Routes brochure, first published in the mid-90s, has undergone recent revisions and will soon be available. The brochure describes an east-west oriented driving route through Union County, starting in Lewisburg, along relatively quiet and scenic roadways. The route was also designed with



*New Rural Routes brochure travels country roads in search of scenic sites.*

bicyclists in mind such that the route avoids difficult elevation changes along most of its length.

The brochure includes a map,

detailed driving directions, commentary about the natural and human history of the county, and descriptions of particularly scenic locations along or at some distance off the 60-mile (approximately) main loop. This latest update was made possible by donations from family and friends in memory of former Conservancy board member and volunteer, Pete Macky, and donations from Jeannette Lasansky and Bob Linn.

### **Endangered Species Propagation**

On Tuesday, October 3, the Otzinachsin Group of Sierra Club will host Clyde Peeling as he presents a program informing us of work being done by zoos to propagate endangered species. This work is vital in preserving species that are on the brink of extinction. The program will begin at 6:45 pm in the community room of The Public Library for Union County, 255 Reitz Boulevard, Lewisburg. Otzinachsin programs are open to the public.

## **Why We Contributed to the Linn Conservancy Endowment Fund**

*by Marilyn Brill & Susan Warner-Mills, Heritage Society and Legacy Society members*

After years of working to affect change at the state and national levels, we ultimately came to the realization that the local level is where our efforts can have the greatest impact on our community and our collective quality of life.

The Merrill Linn Conservancy is the vehicle that allows us to make an impact locally by protecting the land we call home now and into the future, for ourselves and our loved ones. That is why we so strongly support this very important Campaign for the Conservancy.

Help guarantee the long-term capacity of the Merrill Linn Conservancy to fulfill its contractual and ethical obligations to those who have placed their precious land in our care in perpetuity and to educate the public about the value of conserving our natural heritage by joining us in making a tax-deductible contribution to our **Endowment Fund** at the very highest level you can possibly manage.

To contribute (Heritage Society), to include the Conservancy in your estate planning (Legacy Society), or to talk with us personally, please call 570-716-0870 or email [swm@dejazzd.com](mailto:swm@dejazzd.com). On behalf of the Linn Conservancy, please accept our profound thanks for your support.

### **Heritage Society Donors**

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## president's message

connecting partners/linking landscapes

### Celebrating Union County Government's Conservation Successes

Earlier this year, the Conservancy nominated Union County Government for the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association's (PALTA) Governmental Conservation Award. Having been selected as this year's winner of the award, it was presented at the PALTA convention in Lancaster on May 6. On August 1, a re-presentation of the award was made here in Union County. The following are words prepared by Conservancy president Susan Warner-Mills and coordinator Geoff Goodenow for that event.



Left to right: Union County Commissioner John Mathias, Commissioner Preston Boop, PALTA Director of Education and Outreach Nicole Faraguna, Commissioner John Showers, and Conservancy president Susan Warner-Mills.

Our Union County Commissioners have a proven history of success working in constructive collaboration with other individuals and organizations to protect and sustain our County's natural heritage in all its forms. From their hand in creating Great Stream Commons in the north, originally developed in response to the threat of environmentally degrading industrialization, to their indispensable role in protecting over 120 additional acres overlooking Shikellamy Bluffs in the south, and in literally hundreds of stream bank protection, acid remediation, agricultural preservation, natural areas inventory, recreational, and other conservation activities in between, County Commissioners Preston Boop, John Mathias, and John Showers, along with County Planner Shawn McLaughlin, Conservation District Manager Bill Deitrick and all their incredible staff, have established an impressive array of conservation successes for our county.

As collaborators in a great number of their initiatives, the Merrill Linn Conservancy and our subsidiary organization, the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA), can attest that Union County Commissioners and staff have also, in the process, created a culture that rewards the integration of conservation priorities and the collaborative involvement of a multitude of community stakeholders in all they do.

Personally, and on behalf of the Merrill Linn Conservancy, I am honored to have played a role in bringing our county and its extraordinarily knowledgeable and committed commissioners and staff this richly deserved recognition from the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.— Susan Warner-Mills, President

### Protecting Out County's Natural Heritage

As progress was being made toward completion of the Shikellamy Bluffs acquisition, we first considered nominating the Union County government for the 2015 PALTA award, but time sneaked up on us and the deal was not finalized by year's end. But, by fall of 2016 it was complete. While the support of the commissioners and county planner Shawn McLaughlin's invaluable work on the project were our initial motivations for nominating this county, it occurred to us that there was far more to be recognized. A call to the Pa Land Trust Association (PALTA) confirmed that we could go back in history as far as we chose to build our case for the nomination.

In addition to Susan's recap of those projects over the last 30-40 years, let us also note the contributions of the GIS staff, support for the Natural Diversity Inventory and BCWA's acid

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Kneeling left to right: Geoff Goodenow, Warren Abrahamson, and Bill Deitrick, Union County Conservation District manager. Standing left to right: Marilyn Brill, Don Bowman, BCWA secretary Sue Mitchell, Ben Ranck, Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce president Bob Garrett, Union County Planning Commission director Shawn McLaughlin, 85th District State Representative Fred Keller, Commissioner John Showers, Commissioner John Mathias, Commissioner Preston Boop, Susan Warner-Mills, PALTA's Nicole Faraguna, Carol Brann, and Paul Brann



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remediation project on Buffalo Creek headwaters, the rail trail, and the planning department's work on the county comprehensive plan, and the more recently completed Greenways and Open Space plan.

I have no idea how many other nominees were in the running this year, but cannot imagine that an accounting of accomplishments of any other county governments over the years of this award could more than equal Union County's achievements and successes.

Therefore, in recognition of the efforts of our current county officials, departments, and staffs and those of their predecessors, the Linn Conservancy board of directors proudly submitted its nomination of Union County Government for PALTA's Governmental Conservation Award for 2017.

Paraphrasing Aldo Leopold, "There must be some force behind conservation, ...I can see only one such force: a respect for the land as an organism.... out of love for and obligation to that great biota."

We congratulate you on receipt of the award and thank you most sincerely for all you do on behalf of protecting our county's natural heritage.

*—Geoff Goodenow, coordinator*

## **Gemberling, Ackerson Join Linn Conservancy Board**

Bob VanHorn and long-time board member John Tonzetich are leaving their board positions. Bob has served as our treasurer for the past two years and John has served on our site/stewardship committee, as an easement monitor, native plant sale coordinator, and advisor for the development of the native plant garden at East Buffalo Twp. municipal grounds. John will continue to serve in various non-board capacities on behalf of the Conservancy. We thank Bob and John for their service to the Conservancy.

Joining our board are Adrienne Gemberling and John Ackerson. Adrienne will serve as one of our two representatives to the BCWA board and John will assume duties as our treasurer.

### **Adrienne Gemberling**

Adrienne Gemberling is currently the key on-the-ground coordinator for the Chesapeake Conservancy's Implementing Precision Conservation in the Susquehanna River Watershed Project. As the Susquehanna Technical Coordinator, she collaborates with local partner agencies, universities, stakeholder groups, businesses, and conservation organizations to pilot precision

conservation practices, assess best management practice effectiveness through data collection, and develop tools for local partners. Adrienne comes to the Conservancy with a breadth of local, on-the-ground knowledge of watershed management, natural resource needs, and data gaps within the Susquehanna River Basin.

Most recently, Adrienne was the Water Resources Coordinator at ClearWater Conservancy in State College where she managed the Water Resources Monitoring Project, designed outreach and education materials for the local stormwater consortium, assisted with coordination of the riparian restoration program, and oversaw the Conservancy's annual Watershed Cleanup Day. She is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College with a degree in Biology and has a master's degree in Biology with a focus on freshwater ecology from Missouri State University.

Adrienne is a native of central Pennsylvania and currently resides in Mifflinburg where she enjoys kayaking, fishing, hiking, and gardening

### **John Ackerson**

I grew up in Hinsdale, a rural community in the southern tier of western NY, on a 100-acre homestead restored by my parents. They imbued me with a sense of custody for the land – preserving, protecting and nurturing it. The many hours spent outdoors reinforced those values.

Bucknell University took me away from this treasured place and I graduated with degrees in Geology and Civil Engineering. I worked as a geotechnical engineer in Baltimore and then switched careers to become a software engineer when I took a job with Westinghouse Defense.

My family and I relocated to Syracuse NY to develop software for sonar and radar applications at Lockheed Martin. During my years in Baltimore I was a member of the Columbia Community Band where I also served as music librarian and later the treasurer. In 2014 I moved to Lewisburg to be with my wife Ann who teaches 1st grade. I am now working at Lewisburg Builders Supply.

My wife and I are avid gardeners. We started Vacation Gardeners, which provides gardening services to our clients while they are away. Other hobbies include golf, skiing, woodworking and dance.



*Adrienne Gemberling*

# Plant Survey & Inventory at Shikellamy Overlook

by Warren G. Abrahamson

This past May, we celebrated the addition of more than 115 acres of property to Shikellamy State Park, but also the partnership of organizations that enabled the acquisition of two key properties along Shikellamy Overlook. Union County government (particularly Shawn McLaughlin of the Planning Office and Commissioner John Showers) and the Merrill Linn Conservancy worked with the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, PA Commonwealth Financing Authority, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership, Mifflinburg Bank, The Conservation Fund, and others to create a legacy of public land for generations of valley citizens to enjoy while protecting an imperiled bluff and cliff face habitat.

Members of the Linn Conservancy Site & Stewardship Committee have monitored rare plants and birds at Shikellamy Overlook for decades but funding to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy facilitated two plant surveys with additional biological expertise, the first survey was conducted in early May and the second in early June. Scott Schuette and Charlie Eichelberger of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy along with Chris Martine and Jason Cantley of Bucknell University scoured the bluffs, including Charlie and Jason rappelling the 300' high cliff in search of rare plants. For many years, we've known that two



*Rappelling the face of the bluffs in search of rare plants.*

Pennsylvania plants of special concern occurred on the newly acquired park property and the search team was thrilled when a third plant of special concern was located during the second survey. Not only does the Shikellamy Overlook property provide imperiled habitat for special plants, it also provides key habitat for birds, including one that is considered endangered by the Pennsylvania Heritage Program.

Key portions of the June survey were video recorded and will be released later this year as part of Dr. Martine's "Plants Are Cool, Too" YouTube series. Once released, a future Linn Log will provide the YouTube link to view the video. of Dr. Martine's "Plants Are Cool, Too" YouTube series. Once released, a future Linn Log will provide the YouTube link to view the video.



*The celebration was staged atop Shikellamy Overlook with a vista of the confluence of North and West Branches of the Susquehanna in the background (above).*

*DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn with Conservancy president Susan Warner-Mills following the presentation (left).*

## Celebrating Shikellamy Overlook Acquisition

On a warm spring morning in May, representatives of state, county, and local agencies, elected officials, Linn Conservancy and BCWA members, and others dedicated to conservation of natural lands, gathered at Shikellamy Overlook to dedicate key park acquisitions preserving the scenic overlook along the Susquehanna River.

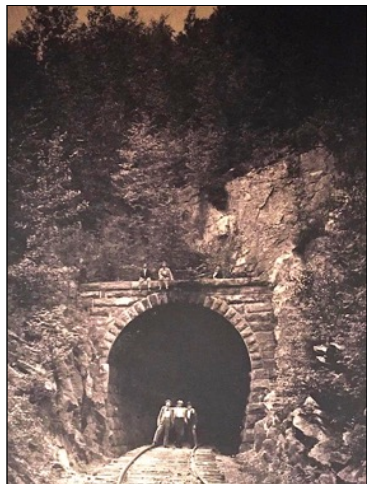
The Conservancy purchased 36 acres of land adjacent to Shikellamy State Park in late 2015, transferring the land to the State Park system in 2016. This, along with a second land acquisition, doubled the size of Shikellamy Overlook, while protecting the last remnant of the bluffs and enabling the Bureau of State to expand recreational opportunities at the state park on the Union-Northumberland county line.

"Looking out from this incredible vantage point, you get a panoramic view of the natural beauty of land and waterway that blesses our life in Pennsylvania," DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn told dedication attendees gathered on the overlook. "You also get a solid lesson in what can be accomplished when so many work so hard to protect our lands and rivers."



## October 7 Hike at Union County's 'Tight End'

The Union County Commissioners, together with the Union County Planning Commission, are once again teaming up with the Merrill Linn Land and Waterways Conservancy to literally "take a hike" to Union County's famed Tight End. Union County Commissioner John Showers explained that last



*Poe Paddy Railroad Tunnel in the early 1900s.*

year's hike in the western wilds of Union County was enjoyed by so many that an instant replay this year seemed in order to share the beauty and bounty west of Weikert.

The hike is scheduled for Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and this year will concentrate on the early history

and railroading in the Weikert area (last year's hike interpretation highlighted natural geological history).

A guided hike that day will feature a walk on the old Lewisburg & Tyrone Railroad bed from Cherry Run to the Poe Paddy Railroad Tunnel leading to the western corner of Union County's Tight End where Mifflin, Centre, and Union Counties collide. Out and back will represent a five-mile walk through the Bald Eagle State Forest.

The Poe Paddy Tunnel along Penns Creek, popular with anglers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts, had been closed from 2013 through early 2015 for much needed repairs undertaken by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). During the same time DCNR also repaired the rail trestle bridge spanning Penns Creek northwest of the tunnel and resurfaced the entire trail leading to the tunnel. Together the bridge and tunnel represent a vital section of Pennsylvania's Mid-State Trail.

The walking surface is level and relatively smooth. Hiking sticks are not required. Complimentary water and snacks will be provided for the hike.

*The west portal of the railroad tunnel which was built in the late 1800s. The tunnel now provides a shortcut for hikers, bikers, and anglers.*



Parking at the Cherry Run Fish Commission parking lot and trail head is limited, so the expedition will gather at the Union County Sportsmen's Club at 9:30 am to carpool to the trailhead. After a short briefing at the Club, the group will move at 9:45 am to the Cherry Run Fish Commission parking lot.

The Union County Sportsmen's Club is off Weikert Road just east of the village of Weikert. The club's navigational address is 50 Sportsmen's Club Lane, Millmont. Allow 45 minutes travel time from Lewisburg to reach the club.

### Our Student Partners

During the spring semester, Bucknell students assisted the



Conservancy with two major projects: the native plant garden and the creation of a new website, which we expect to go live with soon. Graduating seniors Nic Diaz, Emma Frawley, and Wes Sigl (above) from Environmental Studies 411, worked on a native plant garden brochure, poster, and dedicated website. Students Mary Margaret Kenny, Courtney Burke, Michael Mufson, and Trevor Kunz (below) chose the Conservancy as their subject for a website design class.



## News from Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance of the Linn Conservancy

### Stream Bank Improvements Limit Soil Erosion at Zimmerman Farm

by Ben Hoskins

Two committee members of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance (BCWA) of the Linn Conservancy have been working with a number of Mennonite farmers who have pasture bordering

Conley Run (paralleling Conley Road outside of Mifflinburg). That Run empties into Rapid Run, and then into



*The stream bank section above shows the effects of soil erosion.*

Buffalo Creek. Rapid Run is known as an impaired watershed by State authorities.

A major complaint of those farmers is that heavy rains cause some of their valuable soil to wash out into the Run. We explained that stream bank improvements and fencing would eliminate that problem, and that fish and aquatic insects will be more plentiful. Some of those farmers visited farmlands along Turtle Creek that had already been worked on by the Union County Conservation District, and PA Fish and Boat, and they liked what they saw. As a result, Abram Zimmerman was enthusiastic about

similar improvements to his own Run and pasture land. The three agencies mentioned worked together to complete a half mile of stream bed and banks with logs strategically placed, cattle crossings lined



*Repairs have been completed on these sloping stream banks, which have since been seeded and planted.*

by stone, stream bank fencing and plantings along the Run. This July everything but plantings of trees and bushes was accomplished (plantings are done by professionals due to insecticide use), and paid staff of UCCD and Fish and Boat, as well as volunteers of BCWA and area prisons and juvenile centers have completed all the work. The volunteer



*Shanon Stamm, UCCD watershed specialist, explains Conley Run restoration project.*

water testing teams of BCWA will now perform quarterly testing of the water quality at the beginning and end of Conley Run to compare their data with previous tests.

### Bucknell River Symposium Set for November 10, 11

Bucknell University's Center for Sustainability and the Environment will host the 12th annual Susquehanna River Symposium on Friday, November 10, and Saturday, November 11, 2017.

On Friday evening Sakokwenionkwes (Thomas R. Porter), elder, traditionalist, and spiritual leader of the Bear Clan of the Mohawk Nation, will deliver the keynote address, "The Spirit of Two Great Rivers: The Susquehanna and Delaware." A research poster session will follow. On Saturday, Elizabeth Boyer, Director of PSU's PA Water Resources Research Center, and David Strayer, from the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies will offer presentations. For more information: <https://www.bucknell.edu/RiverSymposium>

### Our Business Partners for 2017

We thank these local businesses that continue supporting our Business Partner card, which was enclosed with your membership materials. Each offers a specific discount to Conservancy members on particular items. Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their support of the Conservancy's mission.

In Montandon: **Bertoni's Pizza**, just east of the railroad crossing; **Ard's Farm Market**, Rte 45 west of Lewisburg; in Lewisburg: **Cherry Alley Café**, **Lewisburg Studio**, **Vargo Outdoors**, **Canoe Susquehanna**; in Middleburg: **Shaffer Landscapes, Inc.**



## Three Recognized At Conservancy Banquet

Attendees at our annual banquet on May 3 at Shade Mountain Vineyards and Winery enjoyed complimentary wines from Shade Mountain, delicious offerings by That Kitchen Witch, and a presentation by Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper, Carol Parenzan. Much deserved recognition was given to individuals who have long served the conservation efforts of our area.



*Middle Susquehanna  
Riverkeeper Carol Parenzan*

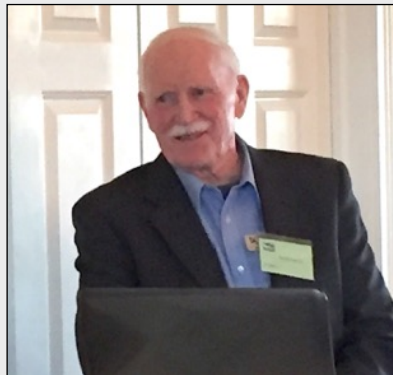


*MaryAnn Haladay-Bierly*

BCWA thanked David Pearson, retired BU professor of biology, for his dedication to that organization's work as chairperson and creek monitoring program coordinator. The Conservancy thanked former board member,



*Pat Arduini*



*Dave Pearson*

protecting our environment and know that they will continue to support and work on behalf of conservation efforts.

education chair, webmaster and banquet auction organizer, Pat Arduini, for her years of service.

MaryAnn Haladay-Bierly, recently retired environmental educator at R.B. Winter State Park, was also recognized by the Conservancy. Beyond her many years at the park, MaryAnn also advised the

Conservancy on our Caring for Communities program schedule and often provided equipment and instructions for snowshoe events at DEW.

We thank these three individuals for their contributions to

## Private Donations, DEP and PPL Grants Help Support Native Plant Garden

This spring, planting was completed at the demonstration native plant garden on the East Buffalo Twp grounds (between the township office building and the recycling center) on Fairground Road, Lewisburg.

Thanks to the following contributors to the effort: John Tonzetich, Bill Deitrick, Marilyn Murphy, Brian Auman, Stacey Kifolo, Geoff Goodenow, Ryan Sabo, Shanon Stamm, Norm Conrad, Dave Wallace, and Bucknell University for donation of mulch. We also thank Wes Sigl, Emma Frawley, and Nic Diaz, students of Amanda Wooden's Environmental Studies 411 class at Bucknell University and Conservancy board member, Diane Donato. Diane spearheaded this project as an educational effort to encourage private and public property owners to utilize native plants on their properties, which will benefit our native birds and insects.

This is all part of the Conservancy's broader Linking Landscapes Initiative, which is about

creating and maintaining natural corridors across our urban and rural landscapes to facilitate the movement of plants and animals.

Diane was successful in acquiring grants from DCNR and PPL to help fund the implementation of the garden and to support public educational outreach efforts which will continue through spring 2018. If you visit the site during township business hours, step into the adjacent municipal building to see a descriptive poster about the project.

*Marilyn Murphy,  
Stephen Miller,  
John Tonzetich,  
and Geoff  
Goodenow were  
among the  
volunteers who  
turned out for  
native plant  
garden mulching  
in late April.*





# thank you!

## New members:

Lewisburg: Susan and Stephen Jordan, Alexis and Robert Gutierrez, Elizabeth Capaldi,

## Thank yous:

**Billet family**—Tracy, John and Brian (August highway cleanup); Will Peterson, BU student for assist on various summer projects; Tom Travis and our Dale's Ridge Trail monthly stewards; Duane Griffin (highway cleanup)

Susan Travis for assistance with transition of treasurer duties to our new treasurer, John Ackerson.

Work project conducted at

**Koons Trail** July 29 to help prepare the trail for reopening to the public following removal of the ash trees. Thanks to Allen Schweinsberg, Nancy Macky, Tali MacArthur and children, Ryan Sabo, Thom Rippon, Tom Duck, Ethan Pepin (BU student). Work remains to be done in spite of great effort this day and following an August 5 effort by Tom Duck, Nancy Macky, and Geoff Goodenow. The trail remains closed.

Also, Joe and Luke Southerton for repairs to Koons Trail sign; Paul Lin for sign installation

**To our banquet auction donors** Warren and Chris Abrahamson, Barbara Allison, Andrea Bashore,

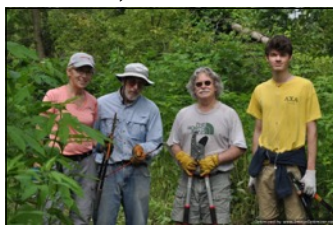
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**Shade Mountain Vineyards and Winery** for use of their venue and complimentary wines at the annual dinner

**Donations:** Jeannette Lasansky toward our Shik Bluffs shooting star project

**Bequest:** Harry (Ed) Culver, who passed away this spring, listed the Merrill Linn Conservancy as a recipient of a bequest from his estate. Over many years, Ed supported us through his annual membership, attendance at our annual banquet, participation in the Raise the Region event, and by offering his photographic talents to us. We are deeply appreciative of Ed's thoughtfulness and his belief in the mission of this organization.

**Grant** The Linn Conservancy extends its profound gratitude to the Marta Heflin Foundation for its recent generous grant in support of administrative and staff expenses and new environmental education and sustainability projects. We will continue to acknowledge this support as these projects are implemented.



Macky, Duck, Rippon, and Pepin



Above, left to right: Brad Catherman's students presented their Trout in the Classroom project at the May Conservation Union meeting. Simonne Roy and Marilyn Brill discussed the Plein Air Event with Mark Lawrence at WKOK-AM. Bob and Deb VanHorn, Warren Abrahamson, and Angela and Jeff Trop at the Conservancy's annual dinner on May 3. Right: Tali MacArthur, daughter Annabel, and son Atticus take a break at the Koons Trail cleanup. Below: the native plant garden at EBT in summer bloom.



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