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THROUGH INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

Watershed Alliance of SE Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Environmental Council is pleased to send you the latest **Upstream/Downstream**, published by the Watershed Alliance of Southeastern PA. The Alliance was launched in 2013 to bring together municipalities and other stakeholders facing stormwater management and watershed stewardship challenges.

This third edition continues our focus on **people, projects, and policy**. We invite you to take a few moments to learn about local rain garden campaigns, recent grant awards for Upstream Suburban Philadelphia partners, and a new GreenTrek *Clean Your Water* web resources.

We invite you to submit your own updates and stories about accomplishments and lessons learned to share with Alliance members in the next (October) edition of **Upstream/Downstream**.

PEC organizes Alliance activities with support from the Philadelphia Water Department, the William Penn Foundation, and our many partners.

Thank you

Citizen groups building regional rain gardens!

Local citizens are taking action and planting rain gardens! Check out what steps Ambler, PA and Delaware County are taking. Also see our new rain garden manual (Using resources from Wikihow, Rain Gardens for the Bay, Rutgers, and USDA) and the Rain Gardens for the Bay *Rain Gardens* app in order to learn how to make your own rain garden! [Find out more here.](#)



Photo Courtesy of Ambler EAC

Congratulations on the regional recipients of the National Fish and Wildlife Grants!

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Check out our [Events Calendar!](#)

Streamkeeper Programs are being expanded or launched in five upstream suburban Philadelphia watersheds. Citizen volunteers are being trained to conduct visual stream surveys and collect water quality samples. This effort will kick off in the Poquessing Watershed on September 10th ([click for details](#)).

Contact [Stephanie Figary](#) of Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association (stephanie@wwwa.org) (215) 646-8866) for overall program information.



Photo Courtesy of TTF

Many Alliance partners received grants in this year's round of the National Fish and Wildlife Delaware River Restoration Fund! Check out all of the projects and more information about each project [here](#). To dive deeper into the TTF Jenkintown Creek Restoration Project and the Darby-Cobbs rain garden project [look here](#).

Educate yourself on your watershed at the Clean Your Water Website

Looking for resources to aid with MS4 permit compliance? Have a question about your watershed? The Clean Your Water Webpage from Stormwater PA provides a suite of excellent resources for specific watersheds and interest groups (municipal officials, residents, architects and engineers, etc.). The Tookany/Tacony-Frankford and Wissahickon Watersheds now have their own webpages, and we hope to see this effort expand to other watersheds as part of Watershed Alliance education initiatives. [Learn more about Clean Your Water.](#)



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Mussel Surveying in the Tookany Creek. Photo courtesy of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership Inc.

Upcoming Grants for Stormwater Infrastructure and Education (not a complete list)

Tree Vitalize Watersheds Grant, September 19th
PENNVEST low interest loans (some grant funding). Quarterly deadlines; next is August 20th. Stormwater and non-point source financing for design, engineering, and construction costs.
PECO Green Region 10th Anniversary Bonus Grant Opportunity, October 3rd



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<http://watershedalliance.wordpress.com/>

Check us out on social media, shoot us an email, and don't forget to check out our events calendar!



For more information on the Alliance and to join, contact Paul Racette, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, 215-545-4570, pracette@pecpa.org

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