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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.

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

This fourth edition continues our focus on **people, projects, and policy**. We invite you to take a few moments to learn about a local initiative to restore freshwater mussels to area streams, new consultants supporting the Friends of Poquessing Watershed, and more details on PENNVEST's non-point source loans and grants.

Be sure to also check the calendar of events, which summarizes activities sponsored by partnership organizations.

Feel free to send us your own updates and stories about

### Mussels in the Delaware Watershed!

Mussel surveying and seeding has been taking place around the Delaware Watershed including within the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed in Philadelphia. Staff from the TTF Partnership participated in mussel seeding activities within the Tacony Creek on August 29th. This effort is part of a larger mussel initiative regionally coordinated by the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary. [Find out more here.](#)



Mussel seeding in the Tacony Creek. Photo Courtesy of Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership Inc.

### Meet Betsy Helsel, the new municipal education and outreach coordinator for The Friends of Poquessing!

accomplishments and lessons learned to share with Alliance members in the next (winter 2015) edition of **Upstream/Downstream**.

Thank you,

Susan Myerov and Paul Racette



Check out our [Events Calendar](#) for great events such as the Stormwater Runoff 5K, Pennypack's Signs of Autumn Walk, Tree Philly Yard Giveaway in Tacony Creek Park, and great events at the Evans Mumbower Mill! Also don't forget to register for the [Delaware Watershed Forum](#) October 21st-22nd in Bethlehem!

This past year, three new consultants are supporting the Friends of Poquessing: Learn more about the [Friends of Poquessing](#) and meet [Betsy Helse](#) who will assist with municipal education and outreach.

**Get assistance today from PENNVEST, a state source for low interest loans and grants!**



**Happy Autumn!**

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PENNVEST can be used for stormwater management as well as other non-point source projects. Low interest loans and grants are available to a variety of stakeholders on many different types of projects. Learn about the tree planting project funded by PENNVEST in Sellersville, Bucks County, and how you can get assistance for your next project [here](#).



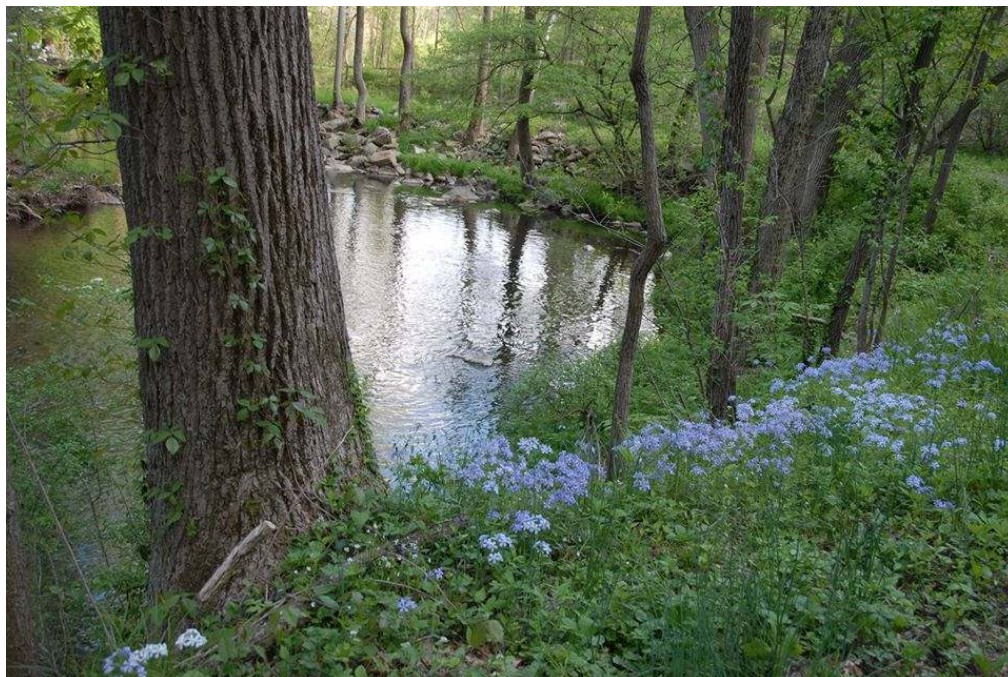
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The tranquil Pennypack Creek. Photo courtesy of the [Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust](#).

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

[The Coastal Resources Management Program Grants](#) are due **October 20th** that provide funding to state and local government agencies as well as nonprofit groups located in or having facilities in the Delaware Estuary or Lake Erie Coastal Zones.

[PENNVEST](#) low interest loans (some grant funding). Quarterly deadlines; Stormwater and non-point source finance.

To keep up to date with grants, [visit our grants page!](#)

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To learn more, visit our blog at: <http://watershedalliance.wordpress.com/>

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



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