



Borough of Chambersburg

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Chambersburg Sponsoring Stream-Side Clean Up for Earth Day, April 22, 2017

Chambersburg – This Saturday, April 22, 2017, the Borough of Chambersburg will be sponsoring a volunteer clean-up along the banks of the Conococheague Creek in downtown Chambersburg. The focus of the clean-up will be between Commerce Street in the north, and West Loudon Street in the south.

Chambersburg Borough Manager, Jeffrey Stonehill, explained of Saturday's effort: "While the Borough of Chambersburg always respects the environment, it is especially gratifying that on Earth Day the Borough can assist with the clean-up of the area of one of our most important natural resources, the Conococheague Creek watershed."

Council President Allen Coffman agreed, noting the historic connection of the Borough to the streams that run through it. "Founded at the confluence of the Conococheague and Falling Spring, Chambersburg owes its existence to these waterways and the Borough should take pride in their quality and cleanliness."

Borough Staff members, including Assistant Manager David Finch, Recreation Director Guy Shaul, Storm Sewer System Manager Andrew Stottlemyer, and Community Economic Development Coordinator Paul Cullinane helped to organize the volunteer effort.

As Guy Shaul commented, "Cleaning up our local waterways is very important to the overall health of the Chesapeake Bay. It is always great to see local volunteers coming together for a good purpose."

The volunteers that will be providing the muscle power will be provided by both the High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC), and Abraxas Youth and Family Services, out of South Mountain, Pennsylvania. According to Louis Montney, the Naval Science Instructor for the High School NJROTC, these types of volunteer programs "help instill citizenship, service to the community, and personal responsibility in the cadets who participate. Many cadet graduates of the CASHS NJROTC say community service opportunities like these were among the most lasting benefits of our program."

All of these are worthy goals in addition to cleaning up this valuable natural resource for our community, which runs from 8:00 am until 12 noon on Saturday morning.

For additional information, contact Assistant Manager David Finch at 717-660-2702 or dfinch@chambersburgpa.gov

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

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