



Dear Friends of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy,

Thank you for your support of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. Your membership and participation is vital to the success of the Conservancy's projects and directly impacts the conservation and preservation within the Lebanon Valley. These projects include development of the Lebanon County Heritage Trail maps, targeting the protection of the Kittatinny Ridge, a globally significant area for migratory birds and a host of other conservation and educational projects. The Conservancy will continue to work with private landowners, community groups and local government to implement our mission.

Mission of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy is the preservation of the unique cultural, historical, and environmental heritage of our region for the benefit of present and future generations.

Your membership enabled us to accomplish many projects this year.

- We held a successful Spring in the Valley event in April with guest presenter Jack Hubley. 180 guests attended the event and members were recognized for their conservation and preservation efforts.
- Phase 2 of the Quittee Creek Nature Park Stream Restoration project was completed. Utilizing the Growing Greener Grant, the phase 2 Lower Reach and Unnamed Tributary on the Paul property was constructed. That included 1,245 feet of restoration. The project reestablishes a narrower, stable channel cross-section, restores the floodplain, stabilizes eroding streambanks, reduces sediment loading downstream, improves sediment transport, restores fish passage and improves in-stream habitat.
- The 3rd phase of the Heritage Trail was completed with the support of the Lebanon County Commission's grant process. Myerstown, Mt. Gretna and Shaefferstown walking trail map brochures were completed making a total of 7 of 14 maps complete.
- A Scholarship was awarded to Katelyn Gingrich of Campbelltown for her work with the annual Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Cleanup Day. She joined a group of 40 volunteers to clean up areas around the Quittaphillia Creek.
- Larry Herr was awarded the Conservation Advocacy Award for his constant support of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. Larry donated a 74 acre conservation easement of his family farm to the Conservancy. The farm is along the Kittatinny Ridge.

Looking to 2017, we are working on some new initiatives to further our mission.

- Completion of the Heritage Trail Project. The following communities will be added to the Trail: Fort Indian Town Gap, Fredricksburg, Richland, Newmanstown, Kleinfeltersville, Cornwall and The Villages of South Londonderry.
- The Growing Greener Grant will provide funds for expanding Quittaphilla work to the Snitz Creek tributary.
- Continuing efforts with potential landowners for protected easements around the county.
- Providing our community with educational opportunities to get involved in Conservation work.

In order for us to continue with our commitment to conserve and protect the historic and natural resources of the Lebanon Valley, your involvement and support is critical. Membership in the Conservancy can make a large impact right here at home. Your generous contribution is applied toward scholarships for Lebanon County school students who have demonstrated responsibility toward our natural environment and taken part in conservation projects in our county. The monies will fund land preservation easement projects, educational opportunities, events and completion of the Heritage Trail Initiative. In order for us to continue to match and hopefully exceed our past accomplishments, your support is ever so critical to these efforts.

As your President, I'm encouraging you to continue your support of the Lebanon Valley Conservancy. If you are interested in helping us in this regard, kindly complete and return the slip below with your tax-deductible contribution. Please consider an upgrade from your previous level of membership. You can, and do make a difference! Together, we can work to determine what the Lebanon Valley will look like tomorrow. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard Blouch

Dr. Richard Blouch - Lebanon Valley Conservancy Board President

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