



THE LEBANON VALLEY
CONSERVANCY

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We raised nearly \$200
THANKS TO ALL
WHO ATTENDED!

THANKS TO BOB &
BRENDA PHILLIPS
for chairing the 2018 appeal!



February 2019

Please "GO GREEN"
by filling out the
enclosed slip to
receive future TLVC
news via email!



Major Goals Underway to Celebrate 20th Anniversary

We are excited about The Lebanon Valley Conservancy's 20th anniversary coming in 2020 and are working on some major goals to commemorate it! Last month we brought in two DEP stream grants to design and engineer the restoration of Snitz and Beck Creek. We recently completed two Quittapahilla Creek restoration/construction projects. We have also increased our involvement, support and fundraising in our community by partnering with organizations/projects that enhance our mission, including the John Wengert Memorial Park, Chesapeake Bay Foundation tree planting, Tour de Lebanon bike ride, and Tower to Town Race. We've increased staff time, board involvement and are working with local specialists to help achieve our goals...but we need your help too! Please make a donation or volunteer, to help preserve farm and forest land and restore streams. Get involved in your community and our 20th anniversary goals!
—Ned Gibble, TLVC Board President

Thanks to You! -2018 Accomplishments-

- **\$40,000** goal reached for annual appeal
- **\$30,000** raised for John E. Wengert Park
- **400** trees planted to protect our watershed
- **20** engaged landowners about preservation
- **9** dedicated Board members supporting TLVC
- **1** great family event with Jack Hubley
- **1** heritage trail map of Cornwall coming soon!



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2020 Goal to Double Acres Preserved in Lebanon

In a bold strategy for 2020, the Lebanon Valley Conservancy has set a goal to more than double the 800 acres of land already under permanent conservation in the Lebanon Valley. We've identified properties of significant conservation value, are negotiating with owners and have made promising advances on more than 200 acres of productive agricultural and natural lands along the Kittatinny Ridge and Mt. Gretna Highlands. These are areas of historic and natural importance to our community. Our negotiations also include a first-ever preserve to be owned by TLVC, providing an environment for our community, nature and wildlife.

Preserving land takes support from our community. We need \$30,000 to close on the properties in progress. These stewardship funds are necessary to honor the wishes of the landowners for all lands protected by TLVC. Please call us at 717-273-6400 to discuss your charitable donation to our stewardship fund. The return on your investment has an incalculable impact on the future landscape of the Lebanon Valley. *—Charles Wertz, TLVC Board*



Local farms are feeling the pressure of development—please help with preservation!

Upcoming TLVC Events

Feb 17: 4:00-8:00 Panera Fundraiser

April: Help Us Plant 2,000 Trees!

June 8: Tour de Lebanon Bike Ride

Oct 6: Tower to Town 10 Mile Trail Run

For more info on events or to volunteer, email:
lvconserve@lebanonvalleyconservancy.org



WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Join us in welcoming our new board members:
Mike Sherman, Tricia Nies and Carol Hickey.

Thanks for generously donating your time to support TLVC!

NEW Community Conservation Initiative

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

As a professional arborist with a passion for trees, I am often content to pursue my work as a solitary endeavor. That said, I am most gratified and engaged when I can share my knowledge and enthusiasm of trees with others. When we create opportunities to learn and inspire each other, while working toward common goals, our efforts reach further and last longer. It is in this spirit that TLVC is embarking on a new Community Conservation Initiative. Our new committee will:

- Host forums to understand environmental issues facing our community
- Develop action plans based on forums
- Continue to partner with Chesapeake Bay Foundation, with a goal of planting 2,000 trees in Lebanon (400 last year)
- Partner with the Community Health Council for Tour de Lebanon Valley Bike Ride and Tower to Town 10 Mile Race

TLVC has been working on local conservation efforts for 20 years. Our intention for the next 20 is to share our passion for land conservation and vision for preserving open space in the Lebanon Valley. With increased community input and support, our efforts are bound to be further reaching and longer lasting. We need your help in making this initiative a success. Please contact us to learn how we can work together! *—Jon Schach, TLVC Board*

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