



“Winter is when you see the bone structure of the landscape, something waits beneath.”
~Andrew Wyeth~

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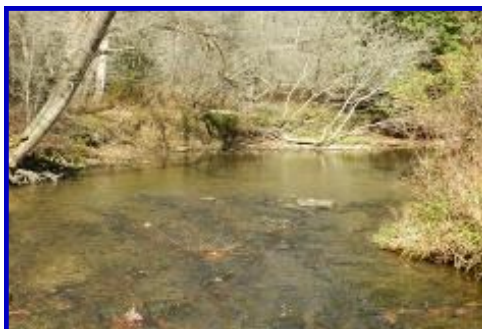
Howells Run Stream Bank Project

The Cambria County Conservation District applied for funds to construct four streambank rehabilitation projects on the North Branch of the Little Conemaugh River and tributaries in 2013. We were awarded a grant for \$58,000 from GenOn Fine monies through the Foundation for PA Watersheds. Competitive bidding allowed for four additional stream projects to be constructed. In 2013 six projects were completed and 1 project in 2014.

The last two projects were also competitively bid in 2015 and an award for \$11,432 was made to Sody's Excavating of Hastings, PA. The total value of the two projects \$16,112 with all other matches applied. They completed the two projects on Howell's Run the first week of November. The first was Howell's Run #2 consisting of 80ft of modified mud sills, one single log deflector and two multi-log deflector for a total improved length of 134ft. The second was Howell's Run #3 consisting of three multi-log deflectors and 50ft of modified mud sill for a total improved length of 147ft. Designs were done by the PA fish and Boat Commission Stream Habitat section, who also participated in the installation process.

All these projects were completed on Cambria Somerset Authority Property above the Wilmore Dam. The stream is a stocked trout stream and is open to the public.

Before



After



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Special Dates to Remember

Mar 3:	Board Meeting 10:00 am
Mar 14:	Planting Workshop 6:30 pm
Mar 18:	Tree/Plant Sale orders due
Mar 18:	Envirothon Intent to Participate
Apr 1:	Poster Contest Deadline
Apr 7:	Board Meeting 10:00 am
Apr 8:	Tree/Plant Sale Pick up 10:00 am
Apr 13:	Poster Contest Deadline
Apr 28:	County Envirothon

Respective Solutions

A new venture for our staff this fall and winter was taking our education programs on the road to After School program classrooms throughout the county.



Respective Solutions Group, Inc. is a collaborative, non-profit organization with a mission of: “creating safe learning environments and supporting school professionals through resources that make a difference in education.” With a focus on providing students with a supervised, educational and fun after school experience. Currently, Respective Solutions serve the following school districts in the Pennsylvania counties of Cambria and Clearfield: Blacklick Valley, Cambria Heights, Central Cambria, Glendale, Harmony Area and Northern Cambria. Program is free to families, and is available to any student in grades 3-8.

The Conservation District Staff was asked to preform environmental education programs for the students of these school districts. The education programs that were provided by the district were:

- ♦ Bats—a program that described the many different types of bats and the importance of bats in a ecosystem.
- ♦ Turkeys—this program described the many differences between a wild turkey and a domesticated turkey along with the different body parts of the turkey and the difference between male and female.
- ♦ Black Bear - a program all about black bears and how they survive in the wild.
- ♦ The Incredible Journey - this program taught the students about the amazing cycle of water.
- ♦ Reptiles and Amphibians—a fun program where the students had a chance to see the many different types of reptiles and amphibians that live in Pennsylvania and more importantly in their backyard.

The District staff enjoyed doing the programs, introducing the students to “cool things about the environment that they live in.



Contest Updates and Reminders

Don't Forget...



2016 Cambria County Envirothon - April 28, 2016

For more information go to www.envirothonpa.org

Contact Jackie Ritko: 814-472-2120

2016 Poster Contest

All entries due by 4 pm April 1, 2016

The forms can be printed from the CCCD Website:
www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx



Annual Tree/ Plant Sale is HERE!

Annual Tree & Plant Sale orders are due March 18, 2016. Pick-up date is April 8th.

Here in Cambria County winter hasn't been too harsh, and the anticipated prediction of the groundhog usually gets us geared to dream of spring. Another event that may inspire you is the Conservation District 44th Annual Tree and Plant Sale.

The Annual Sale has been a huge success for the District since it began in 1972. This year's catalog includes many new varieties of fruit trees, shade and ornamental trees/shrubs, ever-green seedlings, and ground cover. Our berry selection includes strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, elderberries and blackberries. You can find grapes, asparagus and a beautiful selection of perennial flowers. Wildlife boxes are also offered along with support items for your plants.

The catalog is available at the Conservation District office. You may come in and pick one up or call 814-472-2120 to have a catalog sent to you. Customers can also go on Facebook or the county website: <http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/Conservation-district.aspx> to view the catalog.

The deadline for orders is March 18th, 2016 with payment. Orders must be picked up on Friday, April 8th, 2016 at the Cambria County Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale go to conservation efforts and environmental education in your county. An order form is provided in this newsletter for your convenience.

Name: _____ Phone (H) _____

Address: _____ Cell Phone _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Work Phone _____

Item	# per bundle	# ordered	cost/bundle	Total
CrimsonCrisp Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Crimson Jonagold Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Smokehouse Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Buckeye Gala Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Grimes Golden Apple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Hyslop Crabapple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$13.00 =	
Indian Summer Crabapple	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$13.00 =	
Black Gold Cherry	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Hartland Cherry	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Hedelfingen Cherry	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$18.00 =	
Belle of Georgia Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$19.00 =	
Redhaven Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$19.00 =	
Glowing Star Peach	1 tree (4'-6' in height)		x \$19.00 =	
Beurre Danjou Pear	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Seckel Pear	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
President Plum (European)	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Valor Plum (European)	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Ruby Queen Plum	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Santa Rosa Plum	1 tree (4'-5' in height)		x \$15.00 =	
Weeping Cherry - Snow Fountain	1 tree (66 inches #1 T)		x \$50.00 =	
Cleveland Select Flowering Pear	1 tree (3' in height)		x \$34.00 =	
Kwanzan Flowering Cherry	1 tree (5' in height)		x 40.00 =	
Crimson King Maple	1 tree (5' in height)		x \$45.00 =	
Autumn Blaze Maple	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$35.00 =	
Red Sunset Maple	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$37.00 =	
Scarlet Oak	1 tree (5' in height)		x \$40.00 =	
Babylonica Willow	1 tree (4' in height)		x \$30.00 =	
Colorado Blue Spruce	10/bundle - seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
White Pine	10/bundle - seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
White Spruce	10/bundle - seedlings		x \$8.00 =	
Douglas Fir	10/bundle - transplants		x \$12.00 =	
Fraser Fir	10/bundle - transplants		x \$12.00 =	
Allstar Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Sparkle Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Albion Strawberries	25 plants		x \$12.00 =	
Jewel Black Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$16.00 =	
Heritage Red Raspberry	5 cuttings		x \$14.00 =	
Hull Thornless Blackberry	5 cuttings		x \$23.00 =	
Black Elderberry	5 seedlings		x \$ 9.00 =	
Sweetheart Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$13.00 =	
Chandler Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$13.00 =	
Liberty Blueberry	1 gallon pot		x \$13.00 =	

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Send order with check to: Cambria County Conservation District, 401 Candlelight Dr., Suite 229, Ebensburg, PA 15931

Concord Grape	1 vine		x \$10.00 =
Red Canadice Grape	1 vine		x \$10.00 =
Jersey Knight Asparagus	5 crowns		x \$8.00 =
Purple Passion Asparagus	5 crowns		x \$8.00 =
Redbud	3 seedlings (2'-3')		x \$10.00 =
Winterberry	5 seedlings		x \$10.00 =
Pussy Willow	5 seedlings		x \$10.00 =
Elf Mountain Laurel	1 gallon pot		x \$13.00 =
Tinkerbelle Mountain Laurel	3 gallon pot		x \$26.00 =
Galaxy Mountain Laurel	1 gallon pot		x \$13.00 =
Pennsylvania Azaleas	3 gallon pot		x \$26.00 =
Weston's Lemon Drop Azaleas	3 gallon pot		x \$26.00 =
Vinca Minor	50 clumps		x \$28.00 =
Pachysandra	50 rooted cuttings		x \$25.00 =
English Ivy	50 rooted cuttings		x \$30.00 =
Black-Eyed Susans	3 (3 inch) pots		x \$8.00 =
Purple Coneflower	3 (3 inch) pots		x \$8.00 =
Stella D'oro Daylily	3 (3 inch) pots		x \$8.00 =
English Lavendar	3 (3 inch) pots		x \$8.00 =
Goblin Gaillardia	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Blue Dimension Salvia	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Bee Balm - Balmy Lilac	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Ice Plant - Fire Spinner	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Pink Flame Phlox	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Lupine - Gallary Mix	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$10.00 =
Peony - Coral Charm	1 - 3Eye bare root		x \$21.00 =
Classic Eastern Bluebird Box w/vents	Each		x \$28.00 =
Viewing Bluebird Nestbox	Each		x \$38.00 =
Bat House - 1 Chamber	Each		x \$26.00 =
Tree Bark Protectors - 24 inch	2 (6 inch) pots		x \$5.00 =
Tree Bark Protectors - 36 inch	1 protector		x \$6.00 =
Tubex Tree Shelter	1 tube/set		x \$5.00 =
Fertilizer Tablets	25 tablets		x \$5.00 =
Compost Tea Bags	10 tea bags		x \$6.00 =

Sub Total

Your tax exemption # _____ or

+ 6% Sales Tax

Total Due

Orders not accepted without payment.

Sorry - no credit cards accepted.

Checks should be made payable to: **Cambria County Conservation District**

*Due to increasing postage rates, we would appreciate an email address to keep you informed of pick-up and any other messages regarding our sale.

If you visit your email often, please leave your address in the space provided below.

Email:

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Retiring Board Members and Board Member Recognition

*Congratulations and best wishes to three very dedicated members of our Conservation District Board of Directors.
Jerome (Nixie) Carl, Clair Dumm and Robert (Bob) Ritchey.*



Clair Dumm, served as a Farmer Director from 1997 through 2015 (18 years), serving many of those years as the Chairman of the board. Clair had previously been the district manager of the Conservation District for 25 years, retiring in 1996. As manager he expanded programming in the office to include new methods of conservation such as the no-till drill rental program. In 2010 he received the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's *Ann Rudd Saxman Conservation District Director Excellence Award*. This award is given to recognize outstanding efforts that further the activities and accomplishments of conservation districts on a statewide basis. Clair is a fourth generation farmer and remains on his century farm, enjoying his retirement with his wife Dee, and many grandchildren. Clair will remain active with the board as a non-voting Associate Director.

Jerome Carl - better known to his fellow board members as "Nixie" has been a Farmer Director for 17 years. Nixie was the chairman of our Land Use Committee and a member of the Operations/Personnel committee. He is also a member of the Farm Service Agency board, and has served as president of the Cambria County Farm Bureau. Jerome was named *Cambria County Farmer of the Year* in 1980 and in 1981 as *Pennsylvania Conservation Farmer of the Year*. Nixie remains on his family farm in Dysart with his wife Dorothy. He plans to slow down a bit on the farm, but will continue to have a say in farming operations. He has agreed to remain a vital part of the board as a non-voting Associate Director.



*Thank
You*



**Board members with
perfect attendance in 2015:
Bob Davis, Jerome Carl, Jim Benshoff,
and absent from the photo Mike Illig**

Robert (Bob) Ritchey was appointed as a Public Director for the district in 1998 and for the past 13 years has served as Vice Chairman. Among his contributions to the district he served on the following committees: Environmental Education (Chair), Water Resource, Operations/Personnel, and the PACD Conservation Committee. Bob was appointed by Governor Rendell as a Conservation District representative on the Act 220 Ohio River Basin Sub Committee. In 2001 Bob received the Cambria County Conservation Volunteer Award, in 2003 the PACD *Ann Rudd Saxman Conservation Volunteer of the Year Award* and in 2011 & 2014 the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's *President's Award* for his work statewide as a member for the PACD Executive Board. He is also involved with the Stonycreek Conemaugh River Improvement Project, the Cambria/Somerset County Conservancy and the East Taylor Township Environmental/Recreation committee. Bob lives with his wife Elaine in Park Hill and will continue to serve as a non-voting Associate Director.

New Directors

The district is pleased to welcome three new members to our Board of Directors.

Larry Neff—Farmer Director: Larry comes to us from the Sidman area where operates a beef farm. He is also a member of the Cambria County Agriculture Land Preservation Board, and Manager of Operations for Pristine Resources, LLC. His knowledge of production agriculture, as well as mining activity is sure to be beneficial to the work of the board. 4 year term

David Hegemann—Public Director: Dave has served as an Associate Director for the past 4 years and is a resident of the Cresson area. A member of Cambria County Farm Bureau, American Water Works Association and Water Environment Federation. A registered Professional Engineer and owner of a farm in Cresson Township. 4 year term

Martin Westrick—Farmer Director: Martin is a resident of Patton, assisting with operations on the family farm, and timber property. He also operates Westrick Supply Center in Carrolltown and is a member of the Cambria County Farm Bureau. Martin will serve a 1 year term, finishing out the unexpired term of Clair Dumm.



Commissioner Director, Tom Chernisky installed new directors Martin Westrick, Larry Neff and David Hegemann on February 4th, 2016.

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SPRING TIRE & APPLIANCE COLLECTION APRIL/MAY 2016

APPLIANCES ACCEPTED ELECTRONICS NOT ACCEPTED

Refrigerator	Humidifier
Freezer	Dehumidifier
Microwave	Air conditioner
Stove	Heater
Washer	Dryer



Television
Computer/computer components
Cell phones
DVD/CD/BlueRay players
Cameras and Cam Recorders

*For info on proper disposal of electronics, call 472-2109

**SPRING COLLECTION DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED
LOOK FOR DATES AND TIMES IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER
OR LOOK US UP ON FACEBOOK**

Passenger & Lt. Truck Tires

Off Rim: \$1.00
On Rim: \$2.00

Household Appliances

Freon Containing: \$6.00
Non-Freon Containing: FREE



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Return Service Requested

- If you wish to be added or removed from our mailing list, please contact the Cambria County Conservation District office at (814) 472-2120.
- If you would like to help conserve resources and receive your newsletter via email, send your email address to bard@co.cambria.pa.us
- Help us get the word out—"like" us on Facebook and ask your friends to do the same!

[www.cambriacountypa.gov/
conservation-district.aspx](http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx)

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Where is Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center?

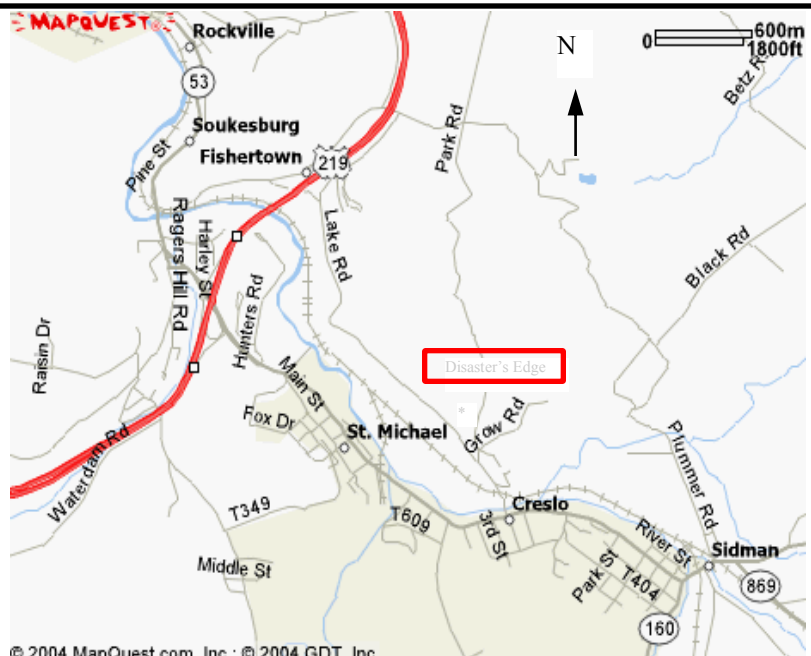
Take Route 219 North/South to the Sidman/St. Michael exit. At the bottom of the ramp, turn onto Route 869 toward Sidman and the Johnstown Flood National Memorial. Travel approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto Lake Road, traveling over the bridge then over the railroad tracks and entering the 1889 Park. Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center will be on the right across from the baseball field and the coal miners museum.

Call Jackie Ritko at the Cambria County Conservation District Office to schedule programs or to discuss events.

**138 Park Road
St. Michael, PA 15951**

Mission Statement

The Cambria County Conservation District educates and assists the public through programs, projects, and leadership in the stewardship of natural resources to sustain and enhance the quality of life.



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Road Map to The Disasters Edge Environmental Education Center.