

Ghost Town Trail Extension

Tire Clean Up



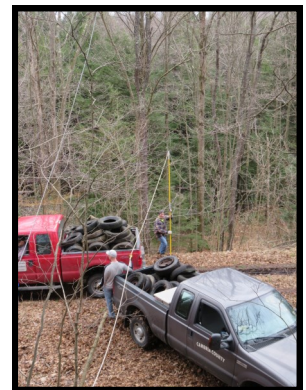
“Do unto those downstream
as you would have those upstream do unto you.”
- Wendell Berry

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's 25 in 25 Grant Program, in conjunction with Keep Cambria County Beautiful, as well as the Bridgestone Tires4Ward program, funded a tire clean up along the future extension of the Ghost Town Trail on Saturday, March 25th. The Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, Cambria County Conservation District, Boy Scout Troop #115, Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Saint Francis University Environmental Engineering Club participated in the event.



According to the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority's website, “The estimated 800 tires have sat along the C and I railroad corridor, which is the path of the trail extension, for over 50 years, as a junkyard used to exist along the corridor. Blacklick Creek follows the trail on this portion and tires exist on both sides. The tires will be recycled into reusable material such as rubber mulch, playground turf, or athletic turf.”

In total, 1,001 tires were collected. As part of the Fugitive Tire Program, Boy Scout Troop #115 earned a donation of 50 cents for each tire they collected.



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Special Dates to Remember

45th Annual Tree and Plant Sale

The 2017 Tree and Plant Sale was held on Friday, April 7th. Each year, this fundraising event yields profit that is used to further education efforts and conservation projects within the district.

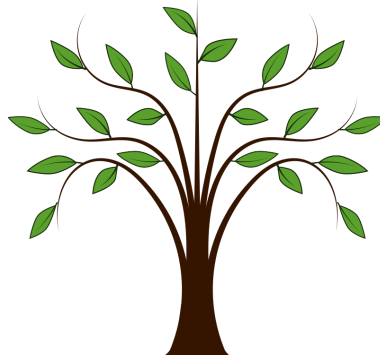
The process of conducting this sale begins with contacts made to various nurseries and vendors in December of the previous year. Once stock is pre-ordered, a colorful, informative catalog is created and mailed to customers early in February. Orders are taken through the third week of March and vendors are contacted to firm up final counts and delivery or pick-up of the trees and plants.

District staff, directors, associate directors, and friends of the district gathered at the Cambria County Fairgrounds the second week of April to sort and label the stock and pack customer orders. This year, we were grateful to have the help of three Penn State Extension Master Gardener's.



Numbers

- 285 Customers
- 8,605 Items Sold
- 60 Items Donated



Agriculture Erosion & Sedimentation Workshops

PA State Law requires that all farms must have an Ag E&S Plan. In conjunction with Penn State Extension and the Blair County Conservation District, the Cambria County Conservation District held two Ag E&S Workshops on March 22nd and March 29th.

Featured speaker, Bob Neiderer, from the Penn State *PAOneStop* Program, provided training to farmers in Cambria County who attended the workshops. Bob Neiderer explained the *PAOneStop* online program, and taught local farmers how to use it. Essentially, the website provides tools to assist farmers in developing Conservation Plans (erosion and sedimentation, E&S) to meet regulatory requirements, reduce soil loss, and protect the water quality.



Appliance and Tire Collections

Keep Cambria County Beautiful, in agreement with participating municipalities, held three Appliance and Tire Collections this spring. These collections were held in Croyle Township, Cambria Township, and Patton Borough. At these collections, people were able to bring appliances such as refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, etc. for a small cost. Appliances containing Freon cost \$6.00, while non-Freon containing appliances are free. Off rim tires cost \$1.00, on-rim tires cost \$2.00, and tires that are four feet tall and/or wider than 14 inches cost \$15.00. Collections will continue in next fall.

<i>2017 Spring Appliance and Tire Collections</i>	Croyle	Cambria	Patton
Tires	1,181	1,147	1,128



Education Programs

Camp Conshatawba



At Camp Conshatawba in Summerhill, Girl Scouts learned about reptiles and amphibians. The Girl Scouts discussed the differences between reptiles and amphibians, learned about their habitats, and were taught interesting facts about different species. They were introduced to two of the education center's turtles and a snake.

After the Girl Scouts were done learning about reptiles and amphibians, they went on a nature hike to see what sorts of species they could find on their own. They saw a snake, newts, salamanders, snails, and centipedes.



Forest Hills 2nd Grade & Portage 3rd Grade

Throughout the month of May, the Conservation District holds various education programs at Disaster's Edge, where students from local school districts come for field trips. Forest Hills 2nd graders and Portage 3rd graders participated in multiple programs.

- Bird watching: students identified birds by sight and sound
- Farm to table: students learned about where food comes from
- Water bracelets: students learned about the water cycle
- Reptiles and amphibians: students were introduced to the center's animals



2017 Envirothon



Teams compete at five different stations, which include wildlife, aquatics, forestry, soil, and current issues which was agriculture conservation.



1st Place: Northern Cambria Team One

Coach Mary Beth Kerr, Sydney Roach, Sarah Tibbott, Emily Weaver, Michael Delosh, and Mallory Bernard



2nd Place: Forest Hills Team Three

Coach Joel Kosmac, Rebecca Williamson, Natalya Teno, William Ayers, Autum Holdsworth, and Donovan Faith



3rd Place: Penn Cambria Team One

Coach Chris Oravec, Sierra Beiswnger, Alyssa Beisweinger, Emmy Harvey, and Neil Suttan

Absent: Dallas Hite



4th Place: Portage Team One

Abby Chobany, Summer Viscusi, Hunter Kalinoski, Olivia Kissell, Madelyn Single, and Coach Mary Kenny



5th Place: Bishop McCort Team One

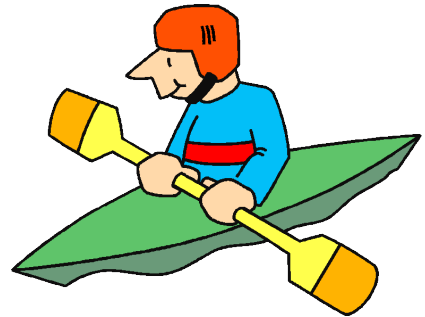
Coach Kourtney Penatzer, Kyleigh Way, Mary Majercsik, Kristin Diehl, Devin Nau, and Hunter Gleason

Family Day Information

July 11th, 2017—Official Date

July 12th, 2017—Rain Date

The Conservation District will be hosting a day of environmental fun during their Annual Family Day Event at Duman Lake County Park on Tuesday, July 11th. Exciting activities such as kayaking and other special programs are in the works.



Registration is taking place NOW and will close on June 28th. The cost is \$2/per person and space is limited so register early! For more information, check out Cambria County Conservation District on Facebook, or go to <http://www.cambriacountypa.gov/conservation-district.aspx> and scroll down to Family Day Events. You can also contact the district office at 814-472-2120.

Capitol Legislative Visits



Senator Gene Yaw, Chair, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee; Brenda Shambaugh, PACD Executive Director; Sandy Thompson, McKean County Conservation District Manager; Cliff Lane, McKean County Conservation District Director and PACD North West Region Director; Andy Trostle, Sullivan County Conservation District Director; John Dryzal, Cambria County Conservation District Manager; Joanne Day, Sullivan County Conservation District Director; and Senator Elder Vogel, Chair, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. Not pictured are Berks County Conservation District attendees who were visiting Senator Schwank at the time.

Tuesday, April 25, directors and staff from four Pennsylvania conservation districts visited their legislators in Harrisburg. The districts involved included Berks County, Cambria County, McKean County, and Sullivan County. Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts' Executive Director, Brenda Shambaugh, joined the visits to both House of Representatives members and Senate members. Our district manager, John Dryzal, attended.





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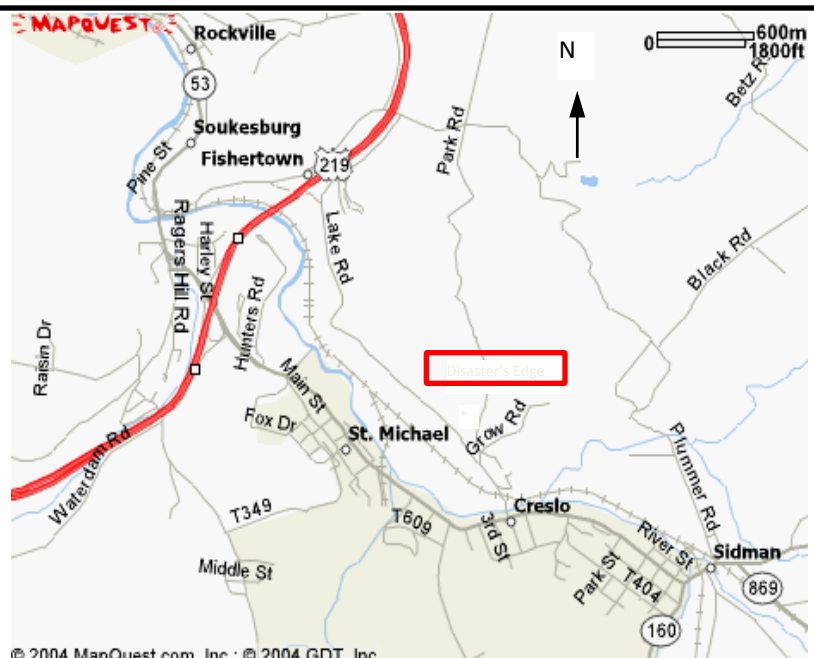
Where is Disaster's Edge Environmental Education Center?

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.

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.