



SPRING CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

*A grassroots stakeholder initiative*

## **Spring Creek Watershed Exchange Twentieth Anniversary Celebration**

On September 10, 2016, the Spring Creek Watershed Association, with the support of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, ClearWater Conservancy, the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, with support of the Centre County Board of Commissioners, will present a twentieth anniversary celebration of the signature event that began a community-wide effort to protect and preserve the quality of the Spring Creek Watershed.

That event was the meeting of the International Countryside Stewards Exchange in 1996 organized by ClearWater Conservancy and a large group of local citizens. Since that time an incredible number of projects have been initiated to preserve the quality of the watershed and the quality of life that we enjoy in our region, the first being the formation of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission by the Centre County Board of Commissioners and the Spring Creek Watershed Association, two groups that continue to serve the watershed community today.

The Spring Creek Watershed-wide community is an extraordinary achievement in itself. Few other communities have done this. As one of the Exchange team members wrote me recently, in these 20 years, "I have not seen the same level of commitment elsewhere although I am always hoping." This community has collectively set and achieved standards for the way of life we cherish. We certainly have something to celebrate.

The Celebration will be held September 10, 2016, 1 to 3 p.m. at Millbrook Marsh Nature Centre. Activities include a potluck lunch followed by a program at 2 p.m. that will highlight the achievements that have been made during these twenty years and include a look to the future. The event will be covered by C-Net (sponsored by the Centre County Board of Commissioners).

Our objective is to document the achievements of the watershed community since 1996, acknowledge organizations and people involved, and provide educational material for future use. The number and range of these accomplishments is impressive; over sixty items have been put on the timeline to date. A short list includes: stormwater management plan and ordinances, beneficial reuse of wastewater, regional growth boundary, wellhead protection ordinance, Spring Creek Canyon, Water Resource Monitoring Project, Vision 2020: Living with I-99 study, annual watershed cleanup day, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, Bellefonte Waterfront, MS4 Partnership, extensive studies and planning, and numerous awards and recognitions for watershed leadership. These accomplishments have been achieved by local governments, Penn State, nonprofit organizations and other groups and individuals.

On behalf of the Spring Creek Watershed Celebration Committee I would like to thank you for your support of this event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Sharp".

Bill Sharp, Chair, Spring Creek Watershed Association,  
on behalf of the organizing committee.

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The Spring Creek Watershed Commission and the Spring Creek Watershed Association are celebrating the twentieth anniversary of the visit of the International Countryside Stewardship Exchange and the formation of our two organizations which are dedicated to the protection of the Spring Creek Watershed.

It was September 13-20, 1996 when ClearWater Conservancy hosted the Spring Creek International Countryside Stewardship Exchange (in photo), who met with local stakeholders to develop a vision for the protection and conservation of the Spring Creek Watershed.



Please join us for this celebration of the great work that has been accomplished by our community over these twenty years.

**Date:** September 10, 2016

**Where:** Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

548 Puddintown Road (College Township). State College, PA 16801

(Bring a lawn chair)

**Time:** 1pm – 3pm

*Pot Luck Picnic is from 1 – 2pm*

*Presentation is from 2 – 3pm*

You can attend the pot luck lunch and/or the presentation. Please indicate your preference below.

Pot luck sign-up, go to: [Pot Luck Lunch Signup](#)

Presentation only RSVP, go to: [Presentation Signup](#)

(Register early for the presentation. The Millbrook Marsh barn has limited capacity)