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Beneficial Riparian Buffers, DCNR's Funding and Fee-Based Programs to Improve Water Quality

Biographies

Robert Daniels, Brandywine Conservancy

As a Senior Land Use Planner for the Municipal Assistance Program at the Brandywine Conservancy, Rob works to forward the organization's mission of protecting and conserving the land, water, natural, and cultural resources of the Brandywine-Christina watershed. Rob led the Conservancy's Reforestation Initiative for 5 years, planting thousands of trees, and works with others at the organization to implement the Brandywine Creek Greenway. Rob holds both a bachelor and master's degree in Geography.

Pam Brown, Conservation Director, French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust

Pam joined French & Pickering in 2004 and oversees all aspects of land protection, from landowner outreach, grant and easement writing, to managing closing transactions. Her interest in trail and land protection came from years of competitive horseback riding on hundreds of acres of open land in Chester County, PA. When those lands became threatened by development in the 1980's, Pam became a volunteer with the West Vincent Township Open Space Task force and went on to chair the Open Space Advisory Committee for several years while working for the Trust. She is also the Co-founder of the West Vincent Land Trust. Most recently, Pam has assumed the role of Hopewell Big Woods Partnership Coordinator, which was founded in 2001 through Natural Lands. Pam majored in English Literature at Lebanon Valley College.

Kelsey Boyd, Landscape Planning Project Manager, Natural Lands

Kelsey joined Natural Lands in 2014. Since then, she has prepared stewardship plans for municipal and county open spaces as well as Natural Lands preserves. Recent projects have included the Montgomery County Multi-Municipal Greenways and Stewardship Study and the Antietam Lake Park Natural Resources Stewardship Plan. Kelsey has her undergraduate degree in Geology and Policy Studies from Lafayette College and is currently enrolled in Oregon State University's Forests and Climate Change program.

Drew Gilchrist, Southeast Regional Advisor, PA DCNR

Drew is the Southeast PA Regional Advisor for the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. As Regional Adviser he provides grant outreach and technical assistance services to assist communities, non-profits organizations, and citizens with recreation, conservation and natural resource related projects and management issues.

Mark D. Harman, P.G., ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Mark D. Harman, P.G., senior vice president at ARRO, is a licensed professional geologist in the Commonwealth of PA. He has 19 years of experience in hydrogeologic studies, erosion and sedimentation control planning, NPDES permitting, MS4 compliance and reporting, stormwater management system design, wetlands delineation, and PA Natural Diversity Inventory studies as well as municipal administration and enforcement. Mark serves on the Manor Township Planning Commission and the Source Water Protection Steering Committees for the Municipal Authority of the Township of East Hempfield and the Borough of Lititz. Mark graduated from Millersville University with a degree in Engineering Geology.