

## SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TO HELP GROW NATIVE PLANTS AND REMOVE INVASIVE SPECIES – SATURDAY, MAY 19**

**WHAT:** The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) and the Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association (PCWEA) are sponsoring a neighborhood event to plant native flowers and shrubs at Centennial Acres Park and to remove invasive, non-native plants. This event is part of a larger, 3-year project called the Paxton Creek Watershed Stormwater Project to help restore parts of Paxton Creek by reducing pollution runoff. SRBC received nearly \$800,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work in partnership with PCWEA, Paxton communities and many others.

Proper care of streams as they pass through residential areas is proven to be one of the most critical factors to protecting and improving water quality in watersheds like Paxton Creek. This Saturday's event will give Lower Paxton Township residents near Centennial Acres Park an opportunity to get hands-on experience while learning the benefits of growing native plants and removing invasive species to enhance streamside lands and reduce pollution.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 19, 2007  
9 am to Noon

**WHO:** **SRBC, PCWEA, Lower Paxton Twp Residents, Community Officials, others**  
Participants will receive a free native plant for their backyards.

**WHERE:** Centennial Acres Park, Lower Paxton Township, along Continental Drive just off Colonial Road and Route 39

**SRBC:** The Susquehanna River Basin Commission is the governing agency established under a 100-year compact signed on December 24, 1970 by the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland to protect and wisely manage the water resources of the Susquehanna River Basin. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay. SRBC web site is [www.srbc.net](http://www.srbc.net).