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**SUSQUEHANNA BASIN STREAMSIDE CLEANUP  
FUNDING RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED**

**DEP, PPL Corp. and SRBC Provide More Than \$64,000, Tour Codorus Creek Watershed**

YORK, Pa. – The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and PPL Corporation today announced more than \$64,700 in funds awarded to non-profit organizations to conduct new or existing streamside cleanup projects. The 36 organizations receiving the funds cover 21 counties in the Pennsylvania portion of the Susquehanna basin and include watershed, environmental and civic organizations, municipalities and conservation districts.

DEP Secretary Kathleen McGinty joined SRBC and PPL Corporation for the funding announcement and a tour of Codorus Creek – the Codorus Creek Watershed Association was one of the funding recipients.

Thomas Beauduy, SRBC deputy director said, “With nearly 32,000 miles of streams in the Susquehanna basin, keeping our waterways free of litter is an enormous undertaking. However, through the partnership between SRBC, PPL Corporation, DEP’s Growing Greener Program and others, we are able to fund and train local groups to clean up their streams and educate their residents on the benefits of litter-free waterways.”

SRBC and PPL first partnered in stream cleanup efforts in 1999. Their efforts were greatly enhanced in 2002 when DEP joined the partnership and provided significant support through Growing Greener funds. The addition of these funds allowed SRBC to create the *Susquehanna River Basin Streamside Cleanup Training Academy and Assistance Program*.

“PPL Project Earth has donated \$30,000 to SRBC’s streamside cleanup program since this partnership was formed four years ago,” said Bob Barkanic, manager of PPL’s Environmental Management Department. “Even more importantly, our employees have donated hundreds of hours of their time to join in these cleanups. This type of community effort is one of the keys to sustainable watersheds for the future and we look forward to working with DEP and SRBC to help this year’s program be a great success.”

"Partnerships like the one formed by SRBC, PPL and the Codorus Creek Watershed Association are absolutely essential to the success of watershed restoration projects in Pennsylvania," DEP Secretary Kathleen A. McGinty said. "Pennsylvanians understand more than ever the connection between what we do

on land and the impact it has on our water resources, especially as our communities and economy grow. DEP is proud to support this streamside cleanup, and we look forward to a continued partnership so we can keep improving water quality in the Commonwealth."

In the training component of the cleanup program, municipal officials and organizations will have the opportunity to learn the key steps to organizing and conducting a cleanup event. SRBC and PA CleanWays will sponsor several training sessions in October. More information about the fall sessions and program details are available at [www.srbc.net/sc-training](http://www.srbc.net/sc-training).

The complete list of funding recipients follows:

County Recipients (31 projects funded by Growing Greener, 5 funded by PPL Corporation)

Adams	Watershed Alliance of Adams County
Bedford	Bobs Creek Stream Guardians
Blair	PA CleanWays of Blair County
Cambria	West Branch Susquehanna Rescue
Cameron	Cameron County Conservation District
Centre	ClearWater Conservancy National Slalom Training Center #9
Clearfield	Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority
Columbia	Briar Creek Watershed Association* Catawissa Creek Restoration Association* Chillisquaque Limestone Creek Watershed Association*
Dauphin	Millersburg Borough Paxton Creek Watershed and Education Association Pennsylvania Environmental Council Powell and Armstrong Creeks Watershed Association Sierra Club, Governor Pinchot Group
Huntingdon	PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County Shoup's Run Watershed Association
Indiana	PA CleanWays of Indiana County
Lackawanna	Volunteer Action Center of NE PA-Lackawanna Senior Environmental Corps
Lancaster	Denver Borough Lititz Run Watershed Association*
Lebanon	Swatara Creek Watershed Association
Luzerne	Hunlock Township Friends of the Nescopeck Forty Fort Borough Luzerne Conservation District Nanticoke Conservation Club Pennsylvania Environmental Council, NE Region
Lycoming	Loyalsock Township
Mifflin	PA CleanWays of Mifflin County
Perry	Duncannon Borough
Tioga	Tioga County Concerned Citizens
Union	Greater Susquehanna Valley YMCA
York	Codorus Creek Watershed Association* Watershed Alliance of York County

\*PPL-funded recipients