

Robinson Run - Chartiers Watershed Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: December 17, 2018
Location: North Fayette Township 1:30 pm

Attendees: Johnna Zona (North Fayette Township)
Amy Miller (Allegheny County Conservation District)
Rebecca Zeyzus (Allegheny Watershed Alliance)
Bill Hartman (Oakdale Borough)
Kyle Thauvette (Collier Township)
Natalie Uschner-Arroyo (Lower Chartiers Watershed Association)



Topics Discussed

- **Army Corps of Engineers**
 - Andrea emailed and said that they are in the final stages of the report. They are going over the data one last time and will present it at the next meeting.

- **Group Updates:**
 - Oakdale received a DEP permit to clean out the stream (999 Permit). They can clean out the connection area of the North Branch of Robinson Run and Robinson Run. Oakdale is hoping to start the project in the spring, weather permitting.
 - The flood warning system that Oakdale has been trying to acquire is going to be around \$35,000 and will send the first responders real time updates on the stream level and how quickly it rises. The grant requires a 25% match.
 - Bill suggested that we have a few meetings in the evening next year, so council/supervisors can attend. This is also a great opportunity to invite our residents. **Update:** Still are wanting to host a few meetings in the evenings so residents and Board/Council members can attend. It was suggested to have them at the local breweries i.e. Helicon, Blackdog to gain more attendance.
 - The AWA has 2 acres to plant in the Montour Run in 2019 to fulfill their DCED grant. They are still looking for sites to plant and visited some in Collier and North Fayette Townships. They are also planning to host a water quality monitoring workshop in the spring.
 - Dominion Energy Mini Watershed Grant was submitted on behalf of the group. The grant money will be used to purchase customized storm drain placards, should we be awarded the grant. The municipalities that are participating are: North Fayette Township, Collier Township, and Oakdale Borough.

- **Lower Chartiers Watershed Association**

- Natalie from the Association attended our meeting to introduce herself to the group and present what their goals are. They are a resident-formed group that has already completed some great projects. They have done litter cleanups, invasive plant removal etc. They also applied to the Dominion Mini Watershed Grant hoping to get monies for water quality monitoring of the Robinson Run. They are looking specifically at AMD and would like to sample water in some of our municipalities. We would like to work jointly with them on projects as we have the same goals, to help the Chartiers Watershed.

- **Next meeting:**

- The next meeting is scheduled for **January 22nd 2019** at Collier Township Community Center at 1:30 pm



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About us

The Lower Chartiers Watershed Association (LCWA) is a newly formed non-profit group with a mission to conserve, beautify, and improve the quality of the lower portion of the Chartiers Creek and its surrounding watershed. The Lower Chartiers Creek and its tributaries comprise a wonderful regional asset that provides a variety of benefits to communities along its banks. Our goal is to encourage local community members to participate as volunteers in its stewardship and to work towards developing an expanded vision of what the watershed could be.

Volunteer Activities

- Litter cleanups
- Citizen science water monitoring
- Invasive plant species removal
- Planting native trees and plants

How to get in contact and volunteer with us?

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