



The Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan: Connecting Centre County

-by Bob Jacobs (excerpted and reprinted with permission from Pennsylvania Recreation and Park Society)

Centre County is fortunate to have such a wide variety of recreational and open space opportunities that quite possibly are unmatched anywhere across the Commonwealth, and it's all within a thirty-minute drive of State College and Penn State University. World class trout fishing, hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing, sailing, skiing, skating, sailplane gliding, camping, hunting, cultural events, collegiate athletics, and much more are all available. The good news gets better; a recently completed Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan will provide the foundation for the County's municipalities to bring it all together for local residents and visitors alike.

As an initiative of the Centre County Commissioners and the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, this plan will create a network of accessways and connected trails, bikeways, wooded corridors, parks, blueways (creeks and streams), schools, and communities. The intent of the Greenways Plan is to attempt to preserve and protect the man-made and natural features within the identified corridors. Most importantly, the plan was developed to create partnerships among the municipalities, property owners, recreational and conservation enthusiasts, schools and local businesses.

What are the benefits of a greenway?

Threefold, a greenway provides recreational, environmental, and economic benefits to the local communities. From the recreational perspective, a greenway links park sites and natural resource areas such as stream corridors, schools, and the local communities with hike and bikeways for the overall health and wellness of the residents and visitors. Environmentally, a greenway will identify and recommend the preservation of natural resource areas for animal and plant habitats and support the efforts to improve air and water quality. The economic benefits, which are often times forgotten when greenways are mentioned, can be significant. Increased property values are realized when permanently preserved open space is located next to residential lots and various businesses. With the ease of access and need for sporting equipment for greenway recreational areas, the opportunity for business development, diversification, and retention increases. Tourism, cultural events, and activities at Penn State can be a significant economic benefit if the greenway promotes additional hotel stays along with the associated restaurant and shopping opportunities.

Where is this Greenway located?

The Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan starts at the Spring Creek headwaters near the communities of Boalsburg and Pine Grove Mills along Tussey Mountain and then meanders northeast through State College, Bellefonte, Milesburg, and ends at the Bald Eagle State Park, near Howard and the Beech



Greenways are a priority in Pennsylvania. Over the past five years, Pennsylvania has undertaken a major program to create connections statewide, through greenways and trails. The Commonwealth has appropriated significant funding for greenway planning and development as a high priority for generating livable communities.

Greenways Vision for Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania and its many partners will develop an outstanding network of greenways across the Commonwealth, creating an asset highly valued by Pennsylvanians and enhancing the quality of life for all. This network of greenways will connect Pennsylvania's open space, natural landscape features, scenic, cultural, historic, and recreation sites, and urban and rural communities. Greenways will become one of the Commonwealth's most powerful tools to achieve sustainable growth and liveable communities.

-From Pennsylvania Greenways: An Action Plan for Creating Connections, June 2001

Calendar

Monthly Meetings

ClearWater Board of Directors, 1st
Thursday, 7:30 - 9 am

Spring Creek Watershed Commu-
nity Coordinating Committee, 3rd
Tuesday, 7 - 9 am

Outreach Committee, 3rd Thursday,
4:30 - 6 pm

Stewardship and Resources Com-
mittee, 4th Thursday, 7:30 - 9 am

Spring Creek Watershed
Commission, 4th Tuesday, 5:30 - 8
pm

Special Opportunities

April 5

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout
Unlimited Annual Banquet, Elks
County Club

April 10, 7 pm

ClearWater Conservancy Adven-
tures in Conservation Series,
"Tussey Mountain Hawkwatch
Program", presented by Dan
Ombalski,
State College Borough Building

April 13, 11 am

Earth Day celebration on the HUB
lawn

April 26, 10 am

Arbor Day Celebration,
Spring Creek Nature Park

April 29, 7:30 pm

Centre County Farmland Trust
Annual Meeting, Central PA
Institute of Science & Technology

April 30, 5:30 pm

Central Penn Watershed Team
Meeting, Ferguson Township

May 2, noon

Brown bag lunch & lecture,

Millbrook Marsh Nature Center,
ClearWater will present Conserva-
tion Techniques for Watershed Wise
Backyards and Businesses

May 3, 8 am - 1 pm

Watershed Cleanup Day,
Various cleanup sites scheduled,
Call (814) 237-0400 for more
information

May 3, 9 am - 4 pm

Native plant sale
Centre Furnace Mansion

May 10, 9 am - 4 pm

Watershed Awareness Festival,
Bald Eagle State Park

May 11, 1 - 3 pm

ClearWater's Annual Mother's Day
Wildflower Walk, The Rock

May 17, 9 am - 1 pm

Planting and maintenance at the
Spring Creek Riparian Restoration,
PA Military Museum, Boalsburg

May 24, 9 am - 5 pm

Penn State's Trash to Treasure
Sale, benefiting the Centre County
United Way, come early for the best
selection, Beaver Stadium

June 6 & 7

Household Hazardous Waste
Disposal, Centre County Solid
Waste Authority



Veronica - Illustration by Rae Dickson Chambers



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Our State Tree Threatened by the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

by Carolyn Mahan

A few months ago, *ClearWater News* published a natural history article about the ecological values and beauty of the eastern hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*). Unfortunately an exotic insect pest, the hemlock woolly adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*) threatens our state tree. This small insect slowly kills eastern hemlocks by feeding on their foliage with needle-like mouthparts. The adelgid was unintentionally introduced in 1924 to the western United States from Asia. Western species of hemlock did not die after being infested by the adelgid. However, in 1954, the hemlock woolly adelgid was found in Virginia. It probably arrived in Virginia on an ornamental tree. Since the 1980s, the adelgid has moved rapidly north and west and is now found in the eastern-most portion of Centre County. Due to adelgid infestation, eastern hemlock stands have been destroyed throughout the mid-Atlantic and southern New England. The harsh, cold winters of northern New England seem to have slowed the adelgid's northward progress. In addition, a native predator of the adelgid, *Pseudoscymnus tsugae*, (a ladybug-type insect) has been introduced as a biological control agent. Reports of its success at controlling the adelgid have been mixed and the release sites are limited. Researchers are working feverishly to find a solution to the woolly adelgid infestation and the hemlock decline it causes. Let's hope it's not too late to save the majestic eastern hemlocks throughout the northeast. For more information visit the US Forest Service's hemlock woolly adelgid website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/na/morgantown/fhp/hwasite.html>.



HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID INFESTATIONS 2002



- Infested Counties
- Counties infested in 2002
- Native range of Hemlock

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Thanks and best wishes to Bob Donaldson on his retirement after 37 years with the Centre County Planning Office.

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Creek Watershed. Although the Greenways study area covers only one-quarter of the County land area (approx. 350 square miles), it includes approximately one-half, 17 of the 36 County's municipalities. The most important impact of the Greenways study area is that it is home to 80 percent of the County's residents and is the fastest growing area in Centre County. The key is to provide these recommendations to identify, connect, enhance, and if possible, preserve open space, recreational, and natural resource areas before land development activities occur and the opportunity is lost.

Looking at the Big Picture.

This greenways plan should help to open the lines of communication with the municipalities, private property owners, recreational user groups, and local businesses. With all of the land development activity in Centre County, the resulting recreational needs may be achieved in a more cooperative and cost effective manner because of this Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Study. Some of the recommendations from this plan will be included in the Centre County Comprehensive Plan Update that is currently being developed and is anticipated to be completed this year. In addition, this Greenways Plan will be the basis for the Countywide Greenways Plan that will be required by the State as early as 2007. If you would like to find out more about the Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Study, contact the Centre County Planning Office at (814) 355-6791.

Greenway Recommendations from the Bellefonte Borough Waterfront Restoration and Redevelopment Master Plan

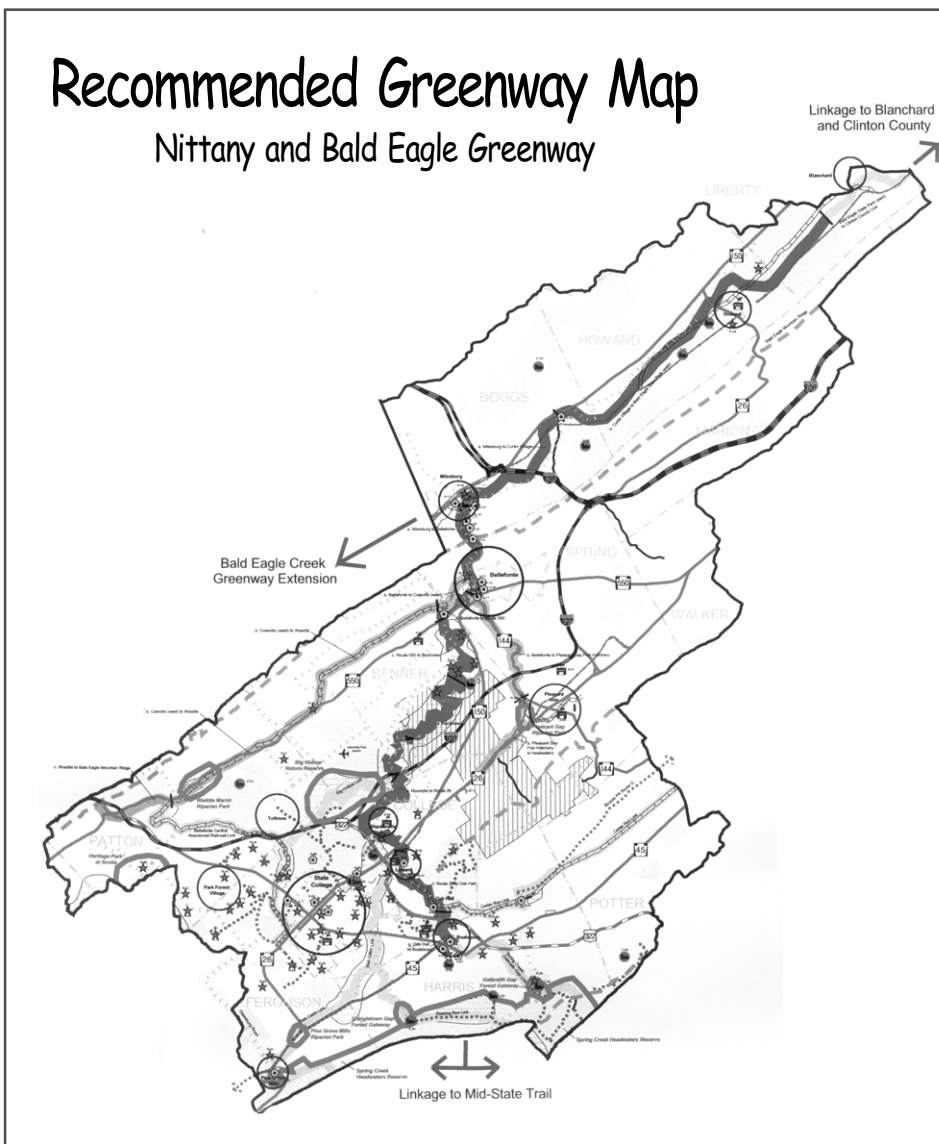
-information provided by Bellefonte Borough

A significant component of Bellefonte Borough's Spring Creek stream frontage is currently either unused or underutilized. This presents the Borough with an excellent opportunity to plan for the comprehensive redevelopment of its waterfront. The Bellefonte Waterfront Master Plan seeks to serve as both a planning and marketing tool to identify and prioritize community improvements. The plan will illustrate the mixed-used redevelopment potential of the waterfront by incorporating residential, commercial, light industrial, and recreational land uses.

The Master Plan will also identify opportunities to enhance, protect and restore the natural resources and environment of the stream corridor. By addressing the waterfront as a whole, the community is guaranteed of a design that is cohesive and sensitive to the historic character of the downtown area.

The scope of the project is to address Spring Creek frontage property within Bellefonte Borough and to explore a community greenway system to service Bellefonte. First, the Master Plan will identify linkages and connections to other areas along tributaries such as Logan Branch and Buffalo Run, as well as upstream to the Spring Creek Nature Park in Spring Township and downstream through the Milesburg Water Gap. The plan will also explore redevelopment alternatives along the waterfront. Additionally, this endeavor will strive to balance economic and environmental interests by revitalizing the borough's tax base, while reconnecting to Spring Creek and providing recreational features that will improve quality of life.

Greenway recommendations have also been made to improve the four main areas outlined in the plan. In the upstream connections area, the plan proposes pedestrian paths and bridges between the Match Factory and Spring Creek Nature Park, over Logan Branch between the Match Factory



and Reynolds Avenue Park, and over Spring Creek to the Spring Creek Nature Park. A bike lane along South Potter Street / Slaughterhouse Road / Roopsburg Road, and trailhead parking and restroom facilities at Reynolds Avenue Park location are also possibilities.

The Talleyrand Park / Match Factory area would see the construction of a bike lane along S. Potter Street and a pedestrian bridge across the outflow of the Big Spring, under the recommended plan. A cantilevered pedestrian bridge along the east side of the existing railroad bridge across Spring Creek was also suggested, as was a greenway along Logan Branch that could be accessed by crossing Route 150 or along Valentine Hill Road.

A connecting link in the greenway system has also been recommended between High Street and Lamb Street, either along Spring Creek, or on top of the stream bank bordering the raceway.

Finally, in the Sunnyside / Graymont area, recommendations include constructing bridges from Lamb's Crossing Park to the east side of Spring Creek and across the millrace to the old dairy building on North Thomas Street, as well as developing greenway corridors along Buffalo Run and along the east bank of Spring Creek north toward Spring Township and Milesburg.

Look for future updates of the Bellefonte Waterfont Master Plan right here in *ClearWater News!*

Streambank Stabilization at Sunnyside Paddling Park...

Another Piece of the Greenway - by Dave Kurtz

The year 2003 will usher in the main construction of the stream bank restoration in the area of the Sunnyside Paddling Park. Last fall, our first stage made big progress on the bottom fifty feet. Substantial amounts of large stone and smaller fill were added to the area. The next stage will consist of the construction of step landing points for kayaks and canoes. The remaining four areas will all be worked on throughout this year. In these areas there will be two more landing steps for access and the entire area will be landscaped according to appropriate practices of riparian restoration. Over thirty volunteers helped make the project a success so far, and similar numbers will be needed for success in the other areas. Contact Paul Kremer at (814) 867-5419 to volunteer.



Progress on the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail

- excerpted from the Penn State Arboretum website at www.arboretum.psu.edu/planning/rail.html

The Bellefonte Central Rail Trail will preserve the historic and cultural value of the Bellefonte Central Railroad, provide recreational and commuting alternatives for bicyclists and pedestrians, and furnish access into the interior of The Arboretum at Penn State.

The trail will begin at the Penn State / Toftrees property line, which is approximately 600 feet northwest of the Mount Nittany Expressway and follow the abandoned railroad right-of-way to the McKee

Street / Clinton Avenue Bike Path. From the point where the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail intersects the McKee Street path, users will be able to travel 1,200 feet to Sunset Park. The park, with its parking and restroom facilities, will serve as the trailhead.

The trail will be 10 feet wide with three-foot grass shoulders on each side. The trail surface will be crushed limestone with a short section of asphalt where the trail crosses an existing service road used only by Penn State vehicles. Vehicles and equipment needed to prepare the trail will be operated so as to minimize the impact they have on the land and surrounding vegetation.

Support for the rail-trail has been strong and demonstrative. In addition to the municipal governments and bike enthusiasts who supported the grant applications, local elected officials, conservancies, the local transportation authority, business and tourist organizations, and legislators provided letters endorsing the project.

Volunteers, organized by the Centre Rails-to-Trails Association, have been working on weekends regularly since October 2001 to clear brush from approximately 2,700 feet of the railroad bed in order to facilitate surveying and designing the trail.

The project is currently in the design stage, and construction is anticipated to begin in April 2004. When completed, the Bellefonte Central Rail Trail will be another important link in our envisioned ribbon of green.



Centre County Director of Planning Appointed! - by Ellen Hull

It's nice when good things happen to good people, and **Robert "Jake" Jacobs** is the lucky one this time! Jake was appointed as the Assistant Director of Planning in May 2000 and worked hard to learn the ropes of the County system. Upon the retirement of Bob Donaldson, Jake was promoted to the Director's position and now holds the reins to the County's growth and development initiatives as well as its preservation efforts. When asked about goals for the office, Jake cited the comprehensive plan as his highest priority. When completed, the plan will provide guidance on how to manage growth and yet preserve our rural communities. Other major issues are the construction and impact of major highways bisecting the County. Closer to home, Jake would also like to get the office re-organized and learn more about the staff he now leads. He wants the opportunity to identify their talents and capabilities and build upon their strengths. His enthusiasm for the job and support of his staff, combined with his professional experience, create an atmosphere for success.

Jake is the main contact for the Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan and welcomes input and support from the conservation community.

ClearWater Newsbriefs...

ADVENTURES IN CONSERVATION

Adventures in Conservation is the name of ClearWater's new initiative to provide more fun and educational opportunities for members and the community. Volunteerism is a strong theme, both in event participation and planning. If you have suggestions for special programs or activities that you would like to organize, please contact Shana Tritsch, our Outreach Committee chair at TritschS@usfilter.com.

SCCCTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



ClearWater sits on the South Central Centre County Transportation Study Community Advisory Committee. At their monthly meetings, the CAC has begun reviewing the

study team's preliminary engineering on the nine alternatives that are being carried forward for further refinement. The goal is to make each alternative the best that it can be before being compared to the performance criteria and to each other at a joint workshop this fall between the CAC and the state and federal resource agencies. To find out more about this project visit their website at www.scccts.org.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

The new ClearWater membership brochure is now available. As a ClearWater member, you should have received a copy with your 2003 renewal letter. Please don't throw it away, but pass it along to someone you know and encourage them to join us. We can all be good ambassadors of ClearWater in this simple way!

NATURE CENTER DONATION

We were pleased to hear that an anonymous donation of \$17,500 was made to the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Fund at the Centre County Community Foundation. ClearWater is very supportive of the Nature Center's mission to educate and inspire people about the natural world and to instill a passion for the environment through science, history, culture, and art. To learn more, visit them at www.CentreConnect.org/crpr.

SPRING CREEK WATERSHED PLAN

With a detailed outline in place, the Spring Creek Watershed Plan is shifting gears from the data collection and research phase to the analysis and content development phase. Concurrently, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is developing a hydrologic model that will link surface and groundwater data with land use change. When completed, the model will be used to predict how specific land use build-out scenarios will affect our water resources. This information will allow the community to search for solutions that will lessen the potential water resource impact of future development. For more information, contact Matt Genchur, Watershed Planner at the ClearWater office.

HERITAGE 1 BREAKFAST

The CBICC Heritage 1 breakfast on March 14 attracted many individuals interested in Larry Fennessey's presentation on stormwater management. ClearWater co-sponsored this event and looks forward to future opportunities to share information with our CBICC partners about important environmental issues. Thanks to Penn State for providing the information.

GREENWAYS PLAN

The County Commissioners' public hearing for the Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan drew quite a crowd on January 30. Jennifer Shuey provided testimony in support of the Plan on behalf of ClearWater. Full details of the plan can be found at www.co.centre.pa.us under the planning office.

TRASH TO TREASURE SALE

On Memorial Day weekend, Penn State will again sponsor a Trash to Treasure Sale to benefit the Centre County United Way. Last May, in its first year, 68 tons of stuff that may have gone to a landfill were recycled into the community, raising \$15,000 for United Way. Volunteers are needed to sort and organize items for the sale. Call (814) 238 - 8283 to find out more.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CELEBRATION

The 2003 Susquehanna River Celebration will be held on Saturday, June 7, 2003 from 11 am to 4 pm. The celebration, held rain or shine at Harrisburg's Carousel Pavilion on City Island, is a free event with activities for people of all ages. The River Celebration theme, *We All Live Downstream*, will bring together community members as well as dozens of exhibitors who will offer practical tips on water quality. This celebration of the progress made toward clean water will include live animals, music, and interactive children's programs. For more information, contact (717) 545-8878.

SHAVER'S CREEK SUMMER CAMPS

Shaver's Creek Environmental Center will again host a series of fun and educational summer camps. This year's camps will include *Discovery Camp*, *Explorer Camp*, *Adventure Camp*, *Raptors and More*, *Watershed Wonders*, and *Leaders-in-Training*. Shaver's Creek is situated beside the 72-acre Lake Perez in northern Huntingdon County, just six miles south of Pine Grove Mills. For more information about Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, call (814) 863-2000, e-mail ShaversCreek@outreach.psu.edu, or visit www.ShaversCreek.org.

WATERSHED - WISE PROJECT

ClearWater recently received a grant from the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program for nearly \$20,000 in support of our demonstration project, entitled "Conservation Techniques for Watershed-Wise Backyards and Businesses." Through the project, we will transform our office location into a demonstration site of techniques that can be used to improve the quality of the watershed by decreasing stormwater runoff and increasing wildlife habitat. In addition to this grant and a grant from the Canaan Valley Institute, several local businesses and consultants are donating services and materials to the project. Construction for this project was postponed from last fall because of weather, but we look forward to the arrival of Hawbaker's equipment in early April to remove pavement and prepare the planting beds. See the Calendar for related volunteer opportunities and visit the website for the most recent volunteer opportunities and news.

A NOTE FROM JEN



Hello friends!

Greenways are the feature of this month's *ClearWater News*. With the completion of the Nittany and Bald Eagle Greenways Plan, we wanted to share a sample of the many exciting greenways-based projects that are taking place in our community. Within this framework for interconnected conservation corridors, trails, and

destinations, many groups are taking on the challenge of linking the increasingly fragmented landscape. We encourage each of them to keep up the good work!

Creating "ribbons of green" connecting the headwaters of Spring Creek with Bald Eagle Creek and beyond has long been a primary goal of the ClearWater Conservancy. This concept is at the heart of our Spring Creek Rivers Conservation Plan and guides the work of our volunteer Stewardship and Resources Committee and the land protection program that this group oversees. We currently have several conservation easement negotiations in process and are hopeful that we will be able to report on our successes throughout 2003.

As members, you have probably read in the local media about our efforts in recent weeks to determine ClearWater's most appropriate involvement in the community's efforts to guide the future of Circleville Farm. Although the Board and Executive Committee decided not to become directly involved in the possible sale and development of the site through Penn State's Request for Proposals process, we remain open to discussing ways to ultimately accomplish a protected ribbon of green along the Big Hollow drainage way. We will continue to evaluate future opportunities for partnerships that will conserve the natural resource values of the site as they present themselves.

On a related front, ClearWater is also developing a Riparian Conservation Program to educate landowners about appropriate streamside management, plant riparian buffers, and establish riparian conservation easements. Following on our restoration work at the PA Military Museum in Boalsburg, these riparian conservation corridors will also function as important natural resource greenway linkages in the network. We are excited about this Spring Creek Watershed Community project to address the Spring Creek stream impairments and are hoping to be awarded grant funding to launch the program this fall. Watch for more details in future issues of *ClearWater News* and *Springs&Sinks*.

I would also like to call your attention to the many fun events and opportunities for volunteer involvement that are coming up in April and May. After a long winter, we are ready to get outside for some planting, some invasive plant removal, and some cleanup of our watersheds and riparian areas. If anything in the calendar or newsbriefs catches your eye, but you need more information, please call to find out more!

Happy Spring!

I want to invest...

ClearWater Conservancy		Membership
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Contributions may also be made to the Donald W. Hamer Land Conservation Fund. Contributions to the fund honor this past president's conservation vision and are used solely to support the ClearWater Conservancy's land trust activities.

The ClearWater Conservancy Fund of the Centre County Community Foundation is another available avenue to support our conservation mission.

By contributing to ClearWater's endowment, donors make a lasting difference for Centre County's environment.

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***2003 Memberships are now due.
Please send in your renewal. Thank You!***

ClearWater News

A Celebration of Plants

Looking forward to spring and warm, sunny days in your garden? The Centre County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society would like to help you prepare your garden to bloom all summer. They are holding their Eighth Annual Plant Celebration at the Centre Furnace Mansion on Saturday, May 3 from 9 am to 4 pm.

This year's Plant Celebration will be a One-Day-Only Sale, so be sure to mark it on your calendar! Native plants and perennials from donors as well as from commercial growers will be sold. Also during the day there will be children's activities, a silent auction, a book sale of garden and historical books, a Maypole dance, and a speaker (yet to be announced). Watch the CDT in late April for the detailed schedule.

If you would like to donate plants from your garden and/or items for the silent auction, here are some guidelines to keep in mind:

- Dig plants early - at the latest by April 19th (2 weeks before May 3rd). They will need time to recover from the trauma before they look good again.
- Choose plants that thrive in your garden. Please, no houseplants.
- Add a plant label for each pot.
- Bring your donated plants or silent auction items to the Mansion grounds on Wednesday (April 30) or Thursday (May 1) before the sale.
- If offering bare root shrubs, do not allow the roots to dry out.

Please let the staff at the Centre Furnace Mansion know if you'll be donating by calling (234-4779) or emailing (cchs@uplink.net). Please include your name, telephone number, approximately how many plants you may have to donate, and if you have a silent auction donation.

Arbor Day Celebration

ClearWater and SPE Federal Credit Union invite you to join us for the Alice Beatty memorial tree planting at Spring Creek Nature Park in Bellefonte at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 26.



Wild Blue Lupine
(*Lupinus perennis*) by
Rae Dickson Chambers