

ClearWater News

FEBRUARY 2002

ClearWater Board Member Runs for Lieutenant Governor

Clearwater Conservancy Board Member Candace Dannaker has announced her candidacy for lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She will be a Republican candidate on the ballot in the May 21 election.

Candace has served two terms as mayor of Bellefonte and is active on many boards aside from CWC, including: Centre County Historical Society, Commonwealth of PA Preservation Board, Board of Centre Abuse Response Team and Huntington Presbytery Board of Trustees. She has also served on many other boards relating to business, government and community interests.

The candidate is a current member of many local organizations: Kiwanis, Bellefonte Garden Club, South Central Centre County Transportation Study, League of Woman Voters and Business & Professional Women of Bellefonte, to name a few. With this former and active participation, Candace brings experience and a diverse background to her candidacy.

Candace was born in Pensacola, Florida, and attended high school in Honolulu. She attended Penn State University, University of Rhode Island, Pensacola Junior College and San Diego State University. She has owned two small businesses and was an interior designer for Woodward and Lothrop in Washington, D.C.

Following is a campaign summary provide by Candace Dannaker:



I will be a Republican candidate for Lieutenant. Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, May 21, 2002.

'Why?' has been a question often asked.

I am the candidate who believes we must take the bold steps to restore faith in our political system.

We must cultivate a new generation of voters who will sustain our Republic.

If this does not become the agenda of all state candidates for public office and state office holders, the political process itself will implode.

The declining voter turnout in our state is the leading indicator of the cynicism and apathy among registered voters.

Failure at the federal level to institute campaign finance regulations underscores the need for Pennsylvania to legislate campaign reform.

In addition to campaign finance reform, term limits of three consecutive terms, or 12 years in each office, need to be imposed on all state office holders. The offices of governor and lieutenant governor have term limits. The very abuses that were the concern of our founders have emerged in the offices of our elected officials who serve until they retire or die.

This is the first step toward demonstrating to voters that their elected leaders share the burden of repairing the shattered confidence in the process of Democracy in Pennsylvania. The original model of 'Public Servant,' not 'Professional Politician,' must be restored.

To read about the other issues of concern, please access my website: www.PennSense.com

***Good luck to Candace
in her candidacy for lieutenant
governor of Pennsylvania!***

Calendar

February 7

Thursday, 7:30–9:00am
ClearWater Conservancy Board of Directors meeting, ClearWater office, 2555 N. Atherton St. Call 237-0400.

February 16

Saturday, 12noon–2:00pm
Guided Nature Center Visit, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, for ages 6 to 10, \$4 non-members/\$3 members. Call 863-2000 to register.

February 17

Sunday, 12noon–3:00pm
Brownie Girl Scout "Animals" Try-It, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, \$6 per Scout, including cost of badge. Call 863-2000 to register.

February 20

Wednesday, 7:00–9:00am
Coordinating Committee of the Spring Creek Watershed Community meeting, ClearWater office, 2555 N. Atherton St. Call 237-0400.

February 23

Saturday, 12noon–3:00pm
Brownie Girl Scout "Outdoor Adventurer" Try-It, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, \$6 per Scout, including cost of badge. Call 863-2000 to register.

February 24

Sunday, 12noon–3:00pm
Brownie Girl Scout "Senses" Try-It, Shaver's Creek Environmental Center, \$6 per Scout, including cost of badge. Call 863-2000 to register.

February 25

Monday, 10:00am–12noon
Senior Environmental Corps, Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Centre County, Willowbank Building, Bellefonte. Seniors can learn more about participating in volunteer water monitoring. Call 355-6816.

February 26

Tuesday, 7:00–9:00pm
"The Final Vision — Living with I-99: What Your Community Can Do," Mt. Nittany Middle School. Call 234-0700.

April 22

Monday
Earth Day

April 26

Friday
Arbor Day



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This newsletter is published bimonthly by the ClearWater Conservancy. The mission of the ClearWater Conservancy is to mobilize the communities of Centre County to foster conservation of water resources, open spaces, natural habitats, and rare ecosystems as the county experiences urbanization. We are working toward a watershed-based approach to land use and development and toward a publicly accessible network of green spaces — creating ribbons of greenways and stream corridors that link one part of the watershed with another. Your comments regarding or contributions to the newsletter are welcome. Please contact: clearh2o@vicon.net

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A Note from Your President

The ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania has grown a lot in its nearly 22-year history, now having a membership exceeding 500 individuals, families and businesses; nine staff; and an annual budget of nearly \$700,000. It's time to look back at ClearWater's accomplishments during 2001, and to anticipate what's ahead in the coming year. Last year was a busy one for your conservancy in both broad areas of our mission: land protection and watershed stewardship.

Completion of a Rivers Conservation Plan for Spring Creek, comprising Phases I and II of the Spring Creek Study, has led to a listing on the Pennsylvania Rivers Registry. With that listing come opportunities for state funding for implementation of the plan's recommendations: conserve and protect water and historic, cultural and scenic resources and establish and enhance recreational networks. ClearWater is cooperating with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in updating the Centre County Natural Heritage Inventory, which was first performed in 1991. This listing of important biotic resources and significant natural communities is an major tool in our land protection efforts.

The water resources monitoring of Spring Creek continues and has expanded to include stormwater and groundwater components. The stream restoration and urban runoff management demonstration project has been completed at the 28th Division Shrine in Boalsburg, and descriptive and educational signage will be added in the near future.

In support of the Spring Creek Watershed Commission, ClearWater will manage the first phase of a project to develop a Watershed Plan for Spring Creek. Key partners in this effort are the U.S. Geological Survey, the University Area Joint Authority and the State College Borough Water Authority. A watershed planner will be hired early this year to manage this project, which began in late 2001 and will extend to 2003.

The Vision 2020: Living With I-99 project spent 2001 looking into a crystal ball, first at the Probable Future, then envisioning an Ultimate Future, building consensus for a Sustainable Future and preparing an implementable Land Use and Sustainability Plan. In the coming months, that plan will be presented to the public and municipal officials,



whose buy-in will be required for implementation by the 23 municipalities of the Mid-Bald Eagle Watershed.

ClearWater welcomed two new staff in late 2001. Lynn Fosbender joins us as

land protection coordinator and will support our Stewardship and Resources Committee and further develop our protocol for monitoring conservation easements. Jason Bell is the new outreach coordinator. He will be working with the various ClearWater and Spring Creek Watershed Community outreach projects, including Connections, the *Springs and Sinks* and *ClearWater News*, public forums, watershed boundary signs and the websites.

With all that's going on, I don't lose sight that you, our members, are ClearWater's greatest asset. I hope that you will contribute your support to one or more of these initiatives. We need your membership, we need your financial support and we need your active participation. Please consider asking a friend to join you as a ClearWater member.

— Walt Ebaugh

Our thanks to...

- Brian Auman, Tim Clippinger and Cheryl Lipton for speaking, to Harris Township for providing meeting space, and to the Village Eating House for catering the Stream Restoration Design and Management Workshop in conjunction with the restoration and demonstration project at the PA Military Museum.
- Molly Hetrick for coordinating the educational activities for the Spring Creek Restoration and Demonstration Project at the Military Museum
- To Fran Koch and Marie Chubb at the PA

Department of Environmental Protection for helping to expedite the grant reimbursement process for the Military Museum project.

- Pat Houser, Joyce Lucas, Liz Roth, Jeff Segrest, Marge Seward, Gloria Stabb, Jack Stellmack, Herb Thompson, and Don and Diana Watson for their help with assembling the holiday appeal letters.
- Laurie Linton for volunteering her graphic design talent for the interpretive signage at the Military Museum.
- Walt Ebaugh, Carolyn Mahan, Gene Proch, Brian McCullough, Barbara Fisher,

Chris Finton, Max Gill and Ford Stryker for their commitment to the 2001 phone-a-thon.

- Candace Dannaker, Barbara Fisher, Chris Finton, Brian McCullough, Max Gill and Walt Ebaugh for making Spring Creek Rivers Conservation Plan presentations to the municipalities.
- Bob Eberhart, Don Watson, Falene Hamilton, Earnie Hawk, & David Kolasa for delivering Vision 2020 packets to municipalities in preparation for the Jan. 24 "Guiding I-99's Effects: A Discussion and Review for Municipal Officials" meeting.

Thank

ClearWater Conservancy Members in 2001

Thank you for your financial support in the past year! Your continuing support makes it possible for ClearWater to maintain its many efforts to protect our environment and the quality of life in Centre County.

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Newsbriefs:



SPRING CREEK WATERSHED LISTED ON PA RIVERS REGISTRY

The Spring Creek Watershed has been placed on the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation Registry. The official public notice appeared in the Dec. 1 issue of the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Information on the Registry can be found on the DCNR website at www.dcnr.state.pa.us.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PLAN FOR 2002

At about the time that you are reading this newsletter, your Board of Directors is embarking upon some strategic planning for 2002 and beyond at the annual Board Retreat.

The directors were to spend Groundhog Day afternoon discussing the organization's mission, goals and actions for 2002. Specific issues, such as when and how to take positions on community issues, were also up for discussion. The results will be shared in a future *ClearWater News*.

COPIES OF SPRING CREEK RIVERS CONSERVATION PLAN AVAILABLE SOON

Jim Mays, our contact in Greenways and Rivers Partnerships at the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, sends official congratulations to ClearWater for completing a rivers conservation plan for the Spring Creek Watershed. According to Jim, "This plan took major local efforts to complete, but the rewards of resource

protection and conservation will be worth every ounce of energy expended and every dollar spent. This plan will be used as a guide to those who will be making decisions on future resources uses."

ClearWater is making plans to reproduce copies of the plan for municipalities and community groups. Our goal is to provide local municipalities with enough copies for each of their

planning commissioners. In addition, we want to get the plan in the hands of other decision-makers through community groups. To be placed on the municipal and organizational distribution list, please contact ClearWater at 237-0400.

VOLUNTEER TUESDAY

We still need people to help out around the office on Volunteer Tuesdays. Our biggest need right now is help with filing. We appreciate any office help we can get, and there is always something more to do!

NATURAL HERITAGE INVENTORY UPDATE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Local naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts are needed to recommend sites of significant ecological, natural or aesthetic importance to be included in the update of the Centre County Natural Heritage Inventory.

The inventory, a systematic study of the county's biological resources, was first completed by Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in 1991. The report includes maps and descriptions of each site's resources, as well as management recommendations. With more than 60 significant natural her-

itage sites identified in Centre County, the inventory has proven to be a useful tool in municipal and county planning. The Centre County Natural Heritage Inventory can be viewed at the ClearWater Conservancy office.

The update will include new sites as well as those in the original inventory that are suspected to have experienced change. To recommend a new site or a site that should be revisited, please contact Lynn at ClearWater, 237-0400, to be sent a site recommendation form.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MILLBROOK MARSH NATURE CENTER

On Dec. 7, the Centre County Historical Society presented a 2001 award for Excellence in Historic Preservation to the Centre Regional Recreation Authority, Penn State University and Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee for the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center.

George Falkenstern and Ronald Woodhead expressed their appreciation in a letter to the Historical Society and stated, "At a time when community leaders are focused on solving the problems that lay directly ahead, the award reminds us of the success that can be achieved thanks to the combined efforts of community group volunteers, municipal leaders and university staff."

The ClearWater Conservancy currently holds the conservation easement on the Millbrook Marsh property and has two representatives on the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee, Pat Morse and Jennifer Shuey.



The barn at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center.



Hello, friends!

New Year's greetings to all of you. I'm looking forward to another great year with ClearWater Conservancy. Now that I have fourteen months under my belt as executive director, I feel like I have a pretty good handle on the basics of the position. Sure, there are always surprises, new challenges and interesting opportunities; that's what makes it so much fun. But this year I intend to really start to focus my efforts on strategic action planning and the organizational development needed to meet our collective goals.

In January, the Board passed the 2002 budget. We have set some ambitious goals for membership development (both individual and corporate) and foundation support. From the financial standpoint, we would like to start to build an operating reserve to balance our many reimbursable grants.

From an outreach standpoint, we need to continue to educate the people in our community about the importance of the work that we do at ClearWater and enlist their support in our many successful initiatives. Natural resource protection is an important aspect of the quality of life that we all enjoy in central Pennsylvania.

Please do your part to spread the word by passing this newsletter on to a friend before you recycle it. And when you do, take a few moments to tell them why you became a part of the ClearWater family. Please also review the list of our other 2001 members, and make a note to thank them for their generosity on behalf of our environment.

Our members and supporters make our good work possible. Together, we make up the ClearWater Conservancy.

Peace be with you,

Jennifer

Visit us on the web at:
www.clearwaterconservancy.org

If you know someone who would like to become a ClearWater member, or if you need to renew your own membership, please fill out the information below, and mail to: ClearWater Conservancy, 2555 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803.

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VISION 2020 LAND USE PLAN UNVEILING!

Vision 2020 is winding down. We just held our last meeting for municipal officials, and there is only ONE public meeting left!

"The Final Vision Living with I-99: What Your Community Can Do" will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Mt. Nittany Middle School. During this meeting, we will unveil the final Land Use and Sustainability Plan.

The final plan will be a "recipe" to help us achieve the vision for a sustainable future. But this vision won't become a reality without your help! Your support and energy is needed to make sure that these tools are utilized in the decisions that you

and your municipality, organizations or agencies make. Any kind of maintenance of the aspects we cherish about this community or change toward a more desirable future will take commitment, time and resources from all parts of the community. It all starts with YOU! Make 2002 the year that you make a commitment to guiding the future of our local communities.

