ClearWater News Spring 2004

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# Chocolate Party Posts Sweet Success

## The second year's a charm for the silent art auction

By **Tracey Dooms**
Volunteer Contributor

For the past five years, ClearWater Conservancy's chocolate party has been all about the chocolate — incredible, mouth-watering, decadent chocolate. At this year's event, chocolate was still the centerpiece, but the silent art auction came into its own in both popularity and fundraising success.

"The auction has taken on a wonderful momentum," said Darlene Weener, who coordinated the auction, and co-chaired the event with Kelleann Foster. "It captures people's imagination and generosity."

Any way you look at it, "For the Love of Art & Chocolate" has built on previous momentum to make this year's event, held Jan. 23 at the Penn Stater Conference Center, the best ever. Despite a new dusting of snow, about 400 people attended (up from 300 in 2003), eventually pushing into an overflow room. The event raised over $15,000 (including both ticket sales and auction proceeds) for ClearWater, a huge 50 percent increase over the $10,000 raised last year.

This was the second year for the nature-themed art auction, which already promises to be even more popular next year. The first auction featured 17 pieces by 17 artists and raised $2,100. This year's auction grew to more than 50 pieces by 37 artists, and proceeds more than doubled to $5,500.

Art lovers crowded around displayed works throughout the auction, and bidding was spirited. "Everything sold, with slightly more than half the pieces going for more than market value," Darlene said.

*Danielle Nastal, an art teacher at Park Forest Middle School, shows off her art-auction purchase – a scene of rolling farm fields near Belleville captured by photographer, Elizabeth Pennock.*

Obtaining the art was a lengthy process that began with contacting all the artists who participated last year, as well as others suggested by painter Jennifer Kane, who also contributed one of her own works depicting a landscape she passes on the way to one of her studios. Almost every artist contacted agreed to participate. "People were so generous," Darlene said. "It was very heartwarming."

In some instances, auction organizers had their eye on a particular work that would fit well with the nature theme of the auction and the work of ClearWater Conservancy. For instance, photographer Sue Batcheler got a call from Darlene concerning a photo she took back in 1988. The image depicts the weathered-wood covered bridge over Spring Creek at Spring Creek Park, shrouded in mist, with yellow blossoms in the foreground.

With most artists, though, organizers simply explained the theme of the auction and the goals of ClearWater and left the choice up to the artist. "Most of the artists put a lot of thought into what they were going to donate," said Darlene, who contributed a work of her own —

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# Calendar

## Monthly Meetings

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

Spring Creek Watershed Community Coordinating Committee
**3rd Tuesday, 7 – 9 am**

Stewardship & Resources Committee
**4th Thursday, 7:30 – 9 am**

Spring Creek Watershed Commission
**4th Tuesday, odd mos., 5:30 – 8 pm**

## Special Opportunities

**February 17, 7:30 pm**
Roads that Heal: The Landscape Architect Approach to Place-Based, Collaborative Design, Mount Nittany Middle School Auditorium...

**Also February 18, 8:30 pm**
at 101 Thomas Building, PSU campus.

**February 18, 4:30 - 6 pm**
Watershed Cleanup Day organizational meeting. ClearWater office.

**April 2 & 3**
PSU Green Design Conference in conjunction with the Clean Energy Expo, Bryce Jordan Center.

Pennsylvania Land Conservation Conference, Strasburg, PA. Visit www.conserveland.org.

**April 10**
"Wild About Animals" event, Penn State Ag Arena. Call Robyn at 237-6548.

**April 17, 9 am – 1 pm**
Watershed Cleanup Day. Call Matt at 237-0400 for information.

**April 13, 22, 27, 7 am**
Early morning bird walks, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center or Thompson Woods Preserve. Call 231-3071.

**Ap. 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm**
Knee-High Naturalists, ages 3-6, 1 hour, Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. Call 231-3071.

**April 22,** Earth Day

**April 30,** Arbor Day

**May,** Watershed Awareness Month

**April 30** or **May 1**
Alice Beatty Memorial Arbor Day Tree Planting. Call 237-0400 for details.

**May 1**
Native Plant Sale, Centre Furnace Mansion. Call 234-4779.

**May 8**
George Beatty Memorial Service. For more information, please email GHBeattyMemorial@adelphia.net.

**May 9, 1 pm**
Mother's Day Wildflower Walk, "The Rock" on Rock Road, call 237-0400.

**May 10 – 11**
Goddard Forum, Sustainable Communities, Harrisburg.

**May 16**
Big Spring Festival, Talleyrand Park, Bellefonte. Call Betsy at 355-4611.

## Canaan Valley Institute

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a quilted wall hanging whose contrasting colors capture her mother's love for snow and winter, "as long as she was inside looking out." Jean Giddings offered a collage of leaf prints she created to reflect a summer day near her Julian Woods home, while Don Hamer contributed photos of faraway wildlife from a Tanzanian safari.

The auction featured a wide variety of media, all inspired by nature. Holly Fritchman donated the pencil drawing of plants she created to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center. Jennifer Philoppoff attracted a lot of interest with her whimsical blowfish-topped box for trinkets, sculpted from wood and clay. Marie Wenner's explosion of acrylic colors was inspired by her own flower gardens. Other pieces ranged from a mirror encircled with clay leaves to a handprinted baby outfit to clay bowls that support the "Empty Bowl" fundraiser for emergency food services.

Even while guests were still swooning to the taste of chocolate delicacies and learning marengue dancing, people were already offering to donate works of art for next year's auction. Organizers also are working on booking more space for the 2005 "For the Love of Art & Chocolate," so even more chocolate-lovers and art-lovers can gather in support of ClearWater Conservancy.

# *Our thanks to…*

Our newest Life Members, **Tom & Sara Songer** and **David & Margaret Rockenbeck**.

Fall interns **Allison Kuchta**, **Shannon Schmidt**, & **Anna Kelso**.

**Bryce Boyer** & **Bert Lavan** for monitoring Spring Creek and its tributaries in the bitter cold winter weather.

**Marj Seward**, **Mary Anne Crafts**, **Ernie Hawk**, **Matt Riggle**, **Aaron Stark**, **Don Watson**, & **Pat Houser** for all kinds of helpful office related tasks.

The many, many volunteers, sponsors, contributors, and artists that made this year's "For the Love of Art & Chocolate" such a wonderful success. Special thanks to event co-chairs **Darlene Weener** and **Kelleann Foster**!

**Sue Younkin** and **Molly Hetrick** for helping to develop the 2004 Connections program.

# A Note from your President

On Friday, January 23rd, ClearWater and its members and friends came together at The Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center to celebrate our 5th annual "For the Love of Art & Chocolate" fundraiser extravaganza. I was traveling on a business trip to Portland, Oregon and wasn't able to attend, but have heard from many sources that it was a great party and a wonderful success. This event grows bigger every year, and I'm told that we're definitely going to need a larger space next January in order to comfortably accommodate all of our friends and guests.

Annual events such as "For the Love of Art & Chocolate", Watershed Cleanup Day, and Spring Creek Day are important opportunities for all of us to come together as a community to show our support for the preservation and protection of the natural resources and beauty of this wonderful region in which we all live and work and raise our families.

Hearty thanks go out to our volunteer event co-chairs Darlene Weener and Kelleann Foster, to our dedicated staff, and to all the contributing artists, sponsors, volunteers, members, and friends who worked so hard and gave so generously of their time, talents, and resources to make this event such a success. ClearWater's vision is "Everyone working together to conserve natural beauty and the environment in the heart of Pennsylvania." This year's "For the Love of Art & Chocolate" was yet another great example of how, by working together, we can help make this vision a reality. My sincere thanks to all of you. We couldn't have done it without your support.

Brian

# *ClearWater Newsbriefs...*

## Program Attracts More Grant Funding

The Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program granted $25,000 to support ClearWater's new Riparian Conservation Program and to supplement funding provided by the PA Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener program and the Cheseapeake Bay Small Watershed grants program. ClearWater is partnering with the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited on this project.

The Riparian Conservation Program will kick off in the spring with the creation of a demonstration site on Spring Creek at Eugene Fasick Memorial Park. In cooperation with Harris Township and Centre Region Parks & Recreation, the riparian area along Spring Creek will be planted with native trees and shrubs. Interpretive panels will be created and installed on site to explain how riparian buffers help to improve water quality.

## Fund Reaches Critical Mass

Late in 2003, ClearWater's new Conservation Easement Stewardship Fund met and exceeded its initial $25,000 goal! Managed by the Centre County Community Foundation, this endowment will generate annual distributions to be used for the ongoing stewardship of our conservation easements.

When ClearWater Conservancy accepts an easement, we make a commitment to protect that land forever. To contribute to this fund, contact the Centre County Community Foundation at (814) 237-6229.

## Support For Field Trips

ClearWater is now accepting applications from teachers and administrators in the Bald Eagle, Bellefonte, Penns Valley, Phillipsburg-Osceola, and State College School Districts, and from private and charter schools in Centre County, for student field trips to Millbrook Marsh Nature Center in State College. This year's *Streams~Communities~Students~Connections* outdoor environmental education program was generously funded by the Centre County Community Foundation's Discretionary Grants Fund and the anonymous XYZ Fund.

Scholarship awards are competitive and are intended to offset program fees, transportation, and materials. The *Connections* application deadline is February 27. Call Jennifer at 237-0400 for more information or to obtain an application package.

# ClearWater Demonstrates "Watershed-Wise" Techniques

## Project Participants Await First Full Growing Season for the Landscape

By **Lynn Fosbender**
Land Protection Coordinator

ClearWater staff and volunteers who have been involved in our demonstration project of "watershed-wise" techniques eagerly await spring. We're excited to see how the rain garden, backyard wildlife habitat and native wildflower meadow plantings fill in this year.

The project's success is due to the support of local businesses and volunteers. Many volunteers and donors worked together to convert our office site. Entitled "Conservation Techniques for Watershed-Wise Backyards and Businesses," the project demonstrates ways that each of us can work toward improving the quality of the watershed by decreasing stormwater runoff, increasing groundwater recharge, and improving wildlife habitat.

### The Project Goals

**Decreasing Stormwater Runoff**
Stormwater runoff has become a concern in residential and commercial areas, not only because it causes flooding problems, but also because it pollutes local streams. Impervious surfaces, such as roads, parking lots, and rooftops, cannot absorb stormwater. Rain travels over these surfaces, picking up sediment, pesticides, oil, and nutrients on its way to the storm sewer system. Storm sewers typically take this untreated stormwater to a local body of water. This polluted stormwater runoff is a major source of impairment to our streams, negatively impacting the people, plants, and animals which depend on high quality water.

**Increasing Groundwater Recharge**
Rising demand for water is depleting our groundwater supplies. We can conserve groundwater by reducing our water use and by encouraging stormwater infiltration through the soil, which recharges the groundwater.

**Improving Wildlife Habitat**
Development results in a loss of wildlife habitat through the removal of the vegetation that animals need for cover, food, and migration corridors. Minimizing the removal of wildlife habitat and improving backyard wildlife habitat helps to protect biodiversity.

### The "Watershed-Wise" Techniques Demonstrated

**Rain Gardens**
For the homeowner, a rain garden can simply be a shallow, landscaped depression in the yard, positioned to capture stormwater runoff. Rain gardens are planted with native, water-tolerant plants, and can include a mix of trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses.

By intercepting stormwater runoff, rain gardens help to improve water quality by decreasing the amount of polluted stormwater reaching our streams. Stormwater captured by rain gardens soaks through the soil, filtering pollutants that would otherwise enter our streams. Instead, this filtered stormwater recharges groundwater supplies.

ClearWater Conservancy's rain garden is located at the rear of our building to capture stormwater that runs off of Atherton Street and our parking area. The rain garden was previously a gravel area measuring approximately 400 square feet. Approximately 1,000 square feet of asphalt were removed by Hawbaker to expand the planting area and make way for the rain garden. After the depression was created, the rain garden was planted with native, water-tolerant plants by a crew of volunteers. By capturing stormwater runoff, our rain garden reduces the amount of polluted stormwater reaching our streams and encourages groundwater infiltration.

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*The rain garden gets a workout in 2003's wet summer.*

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# *ClearWater Newsbriefs...*

## In Memory

George Beatty, ClearWater Conservancy President from 1986-1987, passed away at his home in Lemont on January 11, 2004. George was well-known to area conservationists, but his influence in the fields of botany and entomology was worldwide. He was 80 years old.

Following his wife's passing, George established the Alice Beatty Memorial Arbor Day Tree Planting at the ClearWater Conservancy.

A memorial service in George's honor will be held on May 8, 2004. A memorial fund will be established to sustain his legacy. To receive details as they become available, please send your email address or other contact information to GHBeattyMemorial@adelphia.net.

## Congratulations Diane!

Long-time ClearWater member Diane Kerly recently had her yard certified as "Backyard Wildlife Habitat" by the National Wildlife Federation. This is a great example of how environmentally-conscious homeowners can apply Watershed-Wise techniques on their own properties. For more information about this program visit www.nwf.org/backyardwildlifehabitat/.

## Native Plants Needed

The 2004 Plant Celebration will be held on Saturday, May 1 at the Centre Furnace Mansion. If you are interested in donating native plants for the sale, please contact Katie at 237-0400 for more information. You could help by dividing established native plants from your own garden or by propagating new plants from seed. No donation is too small!

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

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**Rain Barrels**
Rain barrels are large containers that are placed at downspouts to capture rooftop runoff and store it for later use, such as for watering flower and vegetable gardens. Rain barrels can either be constructed or purchased. They not only decrease the demand on our water supply and reduce stormwater runoff, but also help save money on water bills.

Rooftops are sources that are often overlooked when landowners think about managing stormwater, but roofs are typically a large component of a property's impervious surface. Rooftop runoff intercepted by rain barrels is prevented from leaving the property and reaching streams.

ClearWater's rain barrel, donated by The Spruce Creek Company, is located under a downspout which receives stormwater from 924 square feet (nearly a third) of our roof. The rain barrel has a spigot to fill watering cans, and also an outlet attached to a soaker hose which waters an adjacent garden bed.

**Lawn alternatives**
Reducing or eliminating lawns will not only save you from the chore of mowing, but will also reduce stormwater pollution, increase groundwater recharge, and provide wildlife habitat. Using alternatives to lawn, such as groundcovers, native wildflower meadows, and woodland gardens, provides more wildlife habitat and requires less watering and chemical application than a lawn. Because lawns form a dense, shallow root mass, they do not allow much stormwater to penetrate them. Using lawn alternatives near streams is especially effective at reducing pollution

entering streams, stabilizing streambanks, and providing wildlife habitat.

The front lawn at ClearWater's office, approximately 3,200 square feet in area, was removed in late summer 2003 and planted with native wildflower meadow seeds. This summer, we expect to see big bluestem, black-eyed Susan, beard tongue, and New England aster, just to name a few of the species planted.

**Backyard Wildlife Habitat**
Providing wildlife with the resources they need, such as water and plants for cover, food, and nesting, not only helps them survive, but also will draw wildlife to your yard for your enjoyment. Plants should be selected to provide food and cover throughout the year. Native, fruit-producing trees and shrubs, such as oaks, serviceberries, dogwoods, and viburnums, provide food for wildlife.

In our backyard wildlife habitat demonstration, trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants offer structural variety to provide different niches for wildlife. An evergreen tree and evergreen shrubs provide winter cover, while fruit-bearing shrubs such as redosier dogwoods, black chokeberries, and blueberries provide food for wildlife. Butterfly weed, bee balm, and false indigo provide nectar for butterflies and hummingbirds.

**Native Plants**
Native plants are those that occur in a particular region without human intervention. Because they have adapted to local physical and biotic conditions, native plants often require less fertilizer and watering than exotic species once established. Also, native plants provide the food and shelter with which native animals have evolved.

Our office site previously had minimal landscaping, with crown vetch (a highly-invasive, nonnative plant), some yews, and a pair of purple-leaf sand cherries framing the entrance. These plants were all removed, with the exception of a very large blue Colorado spruce. Native plants, most of them donated by Black Bear Nursery, were installed by volunteers. See our partial plant list (*on page 10*).

**Impervious Surface Reduction**
Impervious surfaces are those which do not allow water to penetrate them. Examples of impervious surfaces include parking lots, driveways, roads, and rooftops.

By reducing impervious surfaces, stormwater runoff is reduced and groundwater infiltration is increased. For new construction, reducing impervious surface can be achieved by building narrower streets and smaller parking lots, using shared driveways, and eliminating cul-de-sacs.

Alternatives to traditional paving, which often are suitable for overflow parking and low-traffic areas,

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porous concrete, grass paving blocks, gravel, and mulch. By reducing impervious surface, stormwater can be absorbed into the ground, reducing stormwater pollution of streams and flooding.

Our office site's impervious surface was reduced by approximately 2,350 square feet. Approximately 1,000 square feet of asphalt were removed and replaced with the plants of the rain garden, and another 1,350 square were removed where an unnecessary second driveway was located. This area has been replaced with the lawn alternatives demonstration (the native wildflower meadow). We also plan to install grass paver blocks in a small section of overflow parking.

*Bee Balm in the Wildlife Habitat Garden*

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Find out more about these techniques by attending one or more of the workshops being offered this spring. See "Want to learn more?" (*sidebar to right*), and visit our website's calendar at www.clearwaterconservancy.org/calendar.htm for the latest information. Stop by our office for ideas, or visit our website at www.clearwaterconservancy.org/watershed_wise.htm for more information on the project. Working on our own backyards, we can all improve the quality of the watershed by decreasing our property's stormwater runoff, conserving water, and increasing wildlife habitat.

*Funding for this project was provided by the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program, Canaan Valley Institute, and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.*

## Want to learn more?

For more information on these techniques, check out the following project-related workshop opportunities:

**"Beneficial Landscaping Techniques in Centre County Watersheds"**

March 17th, 9 am – 3:30 pm
Patton Township Offices, 100 Patton Plaza, State College
Co-sponsored by the Centre County Conservation District and ClearWater Conservancy, the workshop will include speakers from the Pennsylvania Landscape & Nursery Association, the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and Penn State Cooperative Extension. This workshop is aimed at the landscape trade and municipal staff. Call 355-6817 by March 12 to register.

**"Watershed-Wise Landscaping: A Home Gardeners Workshop Series"**

Spring 2004 (dates to be announced)
ClearWater Conservancy, 2555 North Atherton Street, State College
This series of home gardener workshops will explain some of the techniques demonstrated, such as landscaping with native plants, creating backyard wildlife habitat, and using lawn alternatives. Call Lynn at 237-0400 for the latest details and to register. Keep an eye on the calendar page of ClearWater's Web site at www.clearwaterconservancy.org/calendar.htm for dates.

**"Rain Barrel Construction Workshops"**

July 17th, 10 am and 2 pm
Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, 614 Puddintown Road, State College
Co-sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension, Centre County Master Gardeners, and ClearWater Conservancy, participants at this workshop will learn about water conservation and construct a rain barrel to take home. Call Jim Clark, Extension Educator, at 887-5613 to register.

## Partial List of Native Plants Used at ClearWater's Office

**Trees...**
River birch (*Betula nigra*), Flowering dogwood (*Cornus florida*), Witch hazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*), Black gum (*Nyssa sylvatica*), Red oak (*Quercus rubra*)

**Shrubs...**
Serviceberry (*Amelanchier sp.*), Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*), Redosier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), Inkberry (*Ilex glabra*), Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), Virginia sweetspire (*Itea virginica*), Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*), Arrowwod viburnum (*Viburnum dentatum*)

**Perennials...**
Wild columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*), Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), Butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), Blue flag iris (*Iris versicolor*), Cardinal flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), Bee balm (*Monarda didyma*), Wild bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*), Beards tongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)

# A NOTE FROM JENNIFER

*Hello friends...*

Did you see all of the great upcoming events listed in the calendar? Spring is a great time to shake off the winter snow and head out into the great outdoors. I hope you will join us and our other conservation partners for some fun and educational special events.

Volunteers are the key to success in any good special event. Darlene Weener and Kelleann Foster did such an incredible job with "For the Love of Art & Chocolate"! What would you like to do this year to help out ClearWater Conservancy? Would you like to plan an event... be our webmaster... staff a display... help with office work... plant some trees... give a presentation... assist with fundraising... clean up a sinkhole... organize our photos... These and many more opportunities are available and help us reach so much farther with the money that we raise with grants, memberships, and those great special events. Your contributions of time and talent are important and appreciated.

*...Give me a call!*

# *ClearWater Newsbriefs...*

## MANAGEMENT PLAN ADOPTED

Late in 2003, State College Borough and College Township adopted the ClearWater-endorsed Thompson Woods Management Plan. Special thanks go to authors Dr. Carolyn Mahan and Dr. Tim O'Connell and Thompson Woods Preserve subcommittee members Greg Roth, David Wasson, Mark Whitfield, and Ron Woodhead for a job well-done.

Centre Region Parks & Recreation will use this Management Plan to guide the Preserve's capital improvements and management policies. The Preserve is owned by College Township and State College Borough with a conservation easement held by ClearWater.

## WHAT'S IN YOUR WATERSHED?

ClearWater's annual Watershed Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 17 from 9 am to 1 pm to coincide with Centre Region Park & Rec's Spring Spruce-Up Day and Mount Nittany Conservancy's Climb Up/Clean Up event.

ClearWater's cleanup has amassed an amazing 250 tons of trash and debris since its start in 1997! Volunteers from throughout the County have been focusing attention on sinkhole, stream bank, illegal dumpsite, and roadside trash in their watersheds.

To sign up your group or family for Watershed Cleanup Day or to help organize the event, please call Matt at 237-0400. The first organizational meeting will be held on February 18 from 4:30 - 6 pm at ClearWater.

## ALICE BEATTY MEMORIAL ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING

This year's celebration is still in the works, so please watch the calendar on the ClearWater website for more details. SPE Federal Credit Union is once again generously co-sponsoring ClearWater's Arbor Day activities and is helping to organize an event that will be both educational and fun. To get involved in the planning, call Lynn at 237-0400.

## LOOKING FOR EARLY BIRDS

When you receive your 2004 ClearWater membership renewal letter and remittance form at the end of February, please return your annual dues payment as soon as possible to decrease our need to spend extra time and money on follow up correspondence. Reminder notices are scheduled to be mailed in early April, late May, and the end of October.

## ROADS THAT HEAL

Grant Jones, FASLA, founding Principal of Jones and Jones Architects and Landscape Architects, will give two presentations in February to help the community better understand context sensitive design and its relation to the rural, historical landscape of the South Central Cenre County Transportation Study (*see calendar on page 2*).

Jones has pioneered river and greenway planning, landscape aesthetics, and scenic highway design for the past 30 years. His projects include the Paris Pike, a newly opened highway that runs through the Kentucky Bluegrass Region known for its scenic beauty and historic farms. Context sensitive design, a new principle in highway design, was one of the keys to the ultimately successful completion of what had been a highly controversial project in litigation for 16 years. Paris Pike is the winner of the 2003 Federal Highway Administration's award for environmental excellence.

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