



ClearWater and the Millbrook Marsh *A Conservation Success Story*

By **Lynn Fosbender**
Land Protection Coordinator

Walking along the stream, surrounded by trees, birds chattering overhead, it is difficult to believe that one is in the middle of an urban area. Millbrook Marsh in State College, PA offers our community an escape from the busy town that surrounds it. The marsh is not only a protected natural area, but also home to a regional nature center, hosting programs for adults and children to learn about wetlands and watersheds. Trails and boardwalks through the marsh offer the opportunity to explore and observe this unique ecosystem. The protection of this 62-acre site and the creation of the nature center is the result of a truly collaborative effort on behalf of ClearWater Conservancy, local governments, and other community organizations.

In 1991, the Centre County Natural Heritage Inventory (CCNHI) was released, highlighting a number of important natural sites within the county. Among them, Millbrook Marsh was identified as "highly significant," being the only sizable example of one of the rarest types of natural communities in the county, a calcareous marsh. The marsh is home to several uncommon species of plants, as well as species of special concern. The 2002 update of the CCNHI reclassified the marsh as an open sedge fen.

In the early 1990s, the site was a priority for the protection efforts of

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Christina Anderson, Program Assistant at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, describes Angelica to Kindergarten students and parents along the boardwalk.

Wetlands Education at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center... through the eyes of a child

By **Molly A. Hetrick**, Recreation Supervisor, Centre Region Parks & Recreation

Take a few moments to think back to when you were a child. Remember how excited you were as the end of the school year approached and the weather warmed. Your class field trip was coming; it was a highlight of the whole year!

Children today can attend wetland education programs at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. This spring, hundreds of students in Kindergarten through Second Grade learned about the wetlands thanks to funding from ClearWater's "Connections" program. Your experience may have gone something like this...

When your bus arrives at the nature center, it pulls into a large field beside an enormous brown barn. The barn looks fascinating and your imagination runs wild thinking of all the amazing things that may be inside. You rush off the bus with your classmates, so excited to be at the nature center that it is hard to stop running around! Finally, teachers and chaperones manage to gather everyone together to begin the program.

You meet the nature center staff and learn about the four learning stations in the Marsh Exploration program - a Marsh

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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, 5:30 – 8 pm

Special Opportunities

September 4, 7:30 pm
Spring Creek Trout Unlimited Member-
ship Meeting, Comfort Suites Hotel

September 5 and October 3, noon
“First Friday” Brown Bag Lunch Series,
Millbrook Marsh Nature Center

September 14, 1 – 4 pm
Centre County History Expo, Centre
Furnace Mansion

September 28, 1 – 5 pm
Spring Creek Day, Millbrook Marsh
Nature Center, 614 Puddintown Road

October 3 – 4
PA Watershed Conference, Harrisburg,
www.pawatersheds.org/
conferences.asp

October 16 – 19
Land Trust Alliance Rally 2003,
Sacramento, CA, www.lta.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers will be needed to plant our
“lawn alternatives” demonstration—a
native wildflower meadow—in early
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calendar for the planting date or call
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Adopt a garden—our demonstration
gardens need someone to look after
them (weed, mulch, etc.). Call Lynn at
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- Maintaining a leadership role in the Spring Creek Watershed
- Creating partnerships with government, private enterprise,
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- Providing to all community members educational resources
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A Note from your President



On Thursday, July 31, ClearWater and the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County (CBICC) joined together to present a Business After Hours at ClearWater's office. One hundred thirty CBICC and ClearWater members were in attendance throughout the course of the evening.

The event allowed us to show off our Conservation Techniques for Watershed-Wise Backyards and Businesses demonstration project while making new friends and connections with members of Centre County's business community. The landscape project, funded by the Western PA Watershed Protection Program, the Canaan Valley Institute, and the PA Association of Conservation Districts, demonstrates how we can landscape the areas around our homes and businesses in ways that are both ecologically sound and aesthetically pleasing. If you haven't had an opportunity to see the improvements that we've made in and around the ClearWater office, please stop by. You'll be amazed at the changes and will be proud to see that, as an organization, we're truly practicing what we preach.

Many thanks go out to the project's funders and to all those individuals (both ClearWater and CBICC) who worked so hard to make the event a success. The Business After Hours was the first exposure to ClearWater for many CBICC members. Everyone I spoke to was impressed to see the extent of what ClearWater was able to accomplish by leveraging grant dollars with a dedicated and enthusiastic corps of staff and volunteers. I was impressed as well, but not necessarily surprised. Our staff, our members, and our volunteers do these same kinds of extraordinary things day in and day out.

If you're already a ClearWater member, you should be proud of what your organization has done and continues to do. If you're not yet a ClearWater member, please join us. Together we can make a difference.

Brian

Success Story

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ClearWater Conservancy, and the landowners were approached to discuss methods for protecting the marsh.

Further support for the protection of Millbrook Marsh came in the form of the Spring Creek Corridor Study, released by ClearWater in 1995. The study recommended establishing a Millbrook Marsh Nature Reserve to protect the marsh's scenic and ecological qualities while providing opportunities for environmental education.

After discovering that Penn State University was planning to sell a farm adjacent to Millbrook Marsh, Don Hamer, then president of ClearWater, approached Penn State to recommend a cooperative endeavor among Penn State, the Centre Region Council of Governments, and community groups to create a regional nature center at the 12-acre site at the farm.

At the same time, ClearWater Conservancy was working with the largest landowner within the marsh, the Clover Highlands Group, to facilitate the donation of their 50 acres to Penn State, thus consolidating the two largest parcels in the marsh under Penn State's ownership in 1996.


The Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee formed in 1997, consisting of representatives from a broad array of agencies and community organizations. Through a state Key '93 grant awarded to ClearWater Conservancy, the Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center worked with the advisory committee to create the Protection and Management Plan for Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. The advisory committee also determined the mission of the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, which is to educate and inspire people about the natural world and to instill a passion for the environment through science, history, culture, and art. The Centre Regional Recreation Authority/Centre Region Parks & Recreation agreed to act as the operating agency for the regional nature center in January 1997, leasing the 62 acres from Penn State at a price of \$1 for 35 years.

In January 2001, under the leadership of outgoing ClearWater president Caren Glotfelty, a conservation easement was recorded on 50 acres of Millbrook Marsh for the purpose of preserving and protecting the present scenic, ecological, natural, educational, open space, and water resource values of the property. This protected area adjoins the 5-1/2-acre Millbrook Marsh Fen, which passed into ClearWater Conservancy's ownership through a generous gift from Doris Niebel

and her family.

Currently, the Nature Center hosts numerous educational activities. Marsh Mondays offer parents the chance to learn with their children, brownbag lunches teach adults about local conservation issues, and day camps offer children nature-oriented summer adventures. School children enjoy spring and fall field trips through ClearWater Conservancy's "Connections" program, and the marsh has become a popular location for community events, such as ClearWater's annual Spring Creek Day.

Building on the success that the nature center has enjoyed in its few short years of existence, the advisory committee is looking forward to the next phase of development at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. With the completion of the boardwalk, marsh observation platform, bird blind, and wetlab this year, plans for a four-season education center and welcome center are taking shape.

ClearWater is pleased to be a part of the strong community partnership that is protecting the wetland ecosystem and supporting the environmental education at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. On behalf of the many marsh stakeholders, we invite the community to explore and enjoy this unique natural and cultural gem. 



A Decade of Discovery 1993-2003

The 10th Anniversary of the Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center

By **Robert P. Brooks, Ph.D.**

Founder and Director

The year 2003 is one of celebration for the Penn State Cooperative Wetlands Center (CWC). Why? Because we have reached our 10th Anniversary!

Although we at the CWC primarily study wetlands, we have never been constrained by the boundaries of that ecosystem. Wetlands are an ecotone, an edge, and an appropriate place to explore both terrestrial and aquatic systems. The CWC's work is highly interdisciplinary - where the biological joins the physical, and where ecological melds with the human dimensions of research and outreach. Studies conducted through the CWC have investigated mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, aquatic macroinvertebrates, soils, water, vascular plants, and their environs. We have tremendous experience in ecological and natural resource field measurements, and the design and implementation of watershed and landscape-level projects.

Throughout the past decade, faculty, staff, and students of the CWC have participated in local, state, regional, national, and international organizations and activities with a focus on the protection and restoration of wetlands and streams and the flora and fauna that inhabit them. Some individuals have been with the CWC since its modest beginnings in 1993. Denice Heller Wardrop, for example, earned her doctorate as a graduate student, and then advanced to her current position as CWC Assistant Director. Other graduates have moved on to academic, agency, and consulting positions throughout the country. All of our personnel are committed to the concepts and traditions of a land grant university like Penn State. We believe that service and outreach should not

be left behind the priorities of teaching and research.

Many of our outreach activities have complemented the ClearWater Conservancy's work. Rob Brooks serves as a member of the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center Advisory Committee along with ClearWater's Executive Director, Jennifer Shuey. Together, they work to ensure that the conservation perspective is adequately represented when decisions about the facility are made. The CWC and ClearWater also worked together to expand and protect the buffer around Millbrook Marsh during the construction phases of the Hilton Garden Inn. Several years ago, the CWC worked with ClearWater to design, fund, and distribute the Spring Creek Biodiversity poster to local area schools

and conservation groups. Along with the poster, the CWC initiated the 'Adopt-a-Wetland' program for Pennsylvania high schools,

and in central Pennsylvania, six schools participated in a pilot program culminating in field monitoring of a wetland adjacent to each school.

Currently, the primary thrust of the CWC is research, focused in these major areas:

- Long-term study and understanding of natural reference wetlands in a watershed context
- Developing design principles and monitoring protocols for wetland creation and restoration sites
- Developing and testing ecological indicators for wetlands, streams, and forests
- Conducting watershed assessments in a diversity of landscapes and regions
- Examining the formation and patterns of sustainable landscapes that support healthy aquatic ecosystems, managed forests, and human communities.

In central Pennsylvania, research is being conducted on the Upper Juniata, Spring Creek, and Penns Creek watersheds, providing CWC scientists with opportunities to compare the condition of streams and wet-

Cooperative Wetlands Center Mission

To conduct, facilitate, and coordinate interdisciplinary research, monitoring, and training regarding wetlands and related resources, with an emphasis in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states.



Rob Brooks (center), Director of the PSU Cooperative Wetlands Center, shows scientists from the Atlantic Slope Consortium a riparian depression reference site in Millbrook Marsh. The Atlantic Slope Consortium, an EPA funded project to develop better indicators of aquatic health, is led by Dr. Brooks and includes preeminent wetland scientists from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, and East Carolina University.

Wetland Facts

Pennsylvania has about 500,000 acres of inland wetlands, accounting for around 2% of its surface area.

Approximately half of the wetlands naturally occurring in Pennsylvania have been lost to agriculture and development over the last three centuries.

The majority of Pennsylvania's wetlands are in private ownership.

Nearly 94% of Centre County's wetlands are within the riparian (stream or river) areas. The remaining 6% are isolated depressions, meaning that they are not connected with a stream or river system. Vernal pools within the Scotia Gamelands are considered isolated depressions.

lands. Also, Tim O'Connell, the CWC's resident ornithologist, has worked with Penn State faculty member and ClearWater board member Carolyn Mahan to document the biodiversity of municipal parks in the Centre Region and Centre County, providing valuable information on conservation value of places like Thompson Woods. Joe Bishop and Mary Easterling have provided GIS and mapping expertise to the community that has benefited watershed-based conservation efforts as well as the recent update of the Centre County Natural Heritage Inventory.

Between 1993 and 2002, the CWC published over 70 articles and reports, advised and supported 18 graduate students, and established a unique and valuable system of nearly 220 reference wetlands in 24 counties of Pennsylvania, including 15 sites in Spring Creek Watershed.

The CWC is administratively located in the Penn State Institutes of the Environment and was hosted during the past ten years by the School of Forest Resources in the College of Agricultural Sciences. As of this summer, the CWC has moved to the Department of Geography in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences. In their new home in Walker Building, the CWC will take advantage of Geography's breadth of expertise in physical and social sciences, particularly spatial analysis, to continue their work. Further information about the CWC and its activities can be found on its website - www.wetlands.cas.psu.edu. We look forward to seeing you around our local watersheds!



Wetlands Education

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Discovery Walk, a Stream Study, a History Station, and a Scavenger Hunt.

The program begins with the Marsh Discovery Walk. The naturalist shows you different areas of the marsh, which is a type of wetland, and patiently explains its characteristics. To you, it looks like a large field dotted with plants and shrubs, paths and streams. Birds fly, butterflies flit, crickets chirp, and there is more to look at than you can possibly take in. Under your feet is soft mud, typical in a wetland, but ahead you see a smooth boardwalk. It reminds you of a bridge and you hope that you will be going that way!

As you walk with your group, looking side to side so you don't miss anything, you pause to watch a baby bunny hop away and a red-winged blackbird swoop overhead. A duck and her ducklings swim quickly by, and maybe that was a snake tail disappearing into the brush! Everywhere you look there are animals and insects.

The naturalist shows you a plant with large, broad leaves and explains that the plant gets its name from the stinky animal it smells like. You think and think, and when a leaf from the plant is passed to you, you take a big sniff. "SKUNK!" you yell. "It smells like a skunk!" The naturalist explains that the plant is called skunk cabbage, a common wetland plant. You also get to smell spearmint, touch a sharp teasel top, and rub your fingers on a cattail stalk.

Next, your group heads toward the stream. You can barely sit still under the sun shelter while the naturalist explains the next activity. You pick up a bright orange net and step into the crystal clear water of Bathgate Springs Run, wading into the shallow water. Bending and gently lifting rocks, like the naturalist suggested, does not sound like fun until you

look closely at the rock. It's alive with creatures! Tiny ones that look like shrimp, smooth flat worms that climb along the bottom, and something with three tails! You can't believe your luck and are proud to add your findings to the collection bins to study and identify later with your classmates.

Finally, tired but happy, you find yourself back on the bus. Not only did you get to explore all around the marsh and search the stream for tiny creatures, you also participated in a picture scavenger hunt. Since you can't read yet, the pictures made it easy to understand what to look for. An ear symbol, meaning to listen, next to the picture of a cricket had you straining with all your might to catch the sound. An eye symbol next to a spider picture sent you off into the tall grass in search of a spider web. You found the tiniest, shiny black spider you have ever seen. You used all your senses throughout the marsh, all except taste. But then the naturalist passed out mints! Mints taste great, and mint grows in the marsh!

Before the end of the program, you also learned about the history of the area and the people who lived in the marsh many years ago. They were called Native Americans, and they used spears to hunt. You held a real spear point in your hand and made a pretty necklace, like the strings of shells the Native Americans used for trading. It was called... Wampum, a hard word to remember, but you did it!

As the bus pulls away and the naturalists wave goodbye, you think about all that you learned today... about wetlands, animals, history, and how important it is to protect wetland areas. You can't wait to tell your parents (and your little brother) what a great place Millbrook Marsh is! Maybe you'll be a naturalist too, you think as you kick off your soggy sneakers and lean your head on your backpack. Maybe someday, you think as you fall asleep, you'll protect wetlands too.



Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, located at 614 Puddintown Road in College Township, offers guided group programs for children and adults. Visitors are also welcome to explore and enjoy the marsh trail and boardwalk network at their leisure. To learn about these and other great programs, contact Centre Region Parks & Recreation at (814) 231-3071 or www.CentreConnect.org/crpr.

ClearWater **Newsbriefs...**

Watershed-Wise Demonstration

The demonstration at the ClearWater office has come a long way since this spring - and we have so many people to thank. Each gave generously so that we can teach others how to install the conservation techniques and why they are so effective and important for minimizing stormwater runoff and increasing urban habitat. Hearty thanks go out to...

...the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Protection Program, Canaan Valley Institute, and the PA Association of Conservation Districts for providing the grant funding for our Conservation Techniques for Watershed-Wise Backyards and Businesses Project.

...the volunteers who during our second workday finished planting our demonstration gardens. Our planting team was Bryce Boyer, Charlie Brown, Bob Donaldson, Beth & Matt Genchur, Angela Mitchell, and Katie Ombalski.

...Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc. for preparing the site by removing pavement, creating the planting beds, and providing materials. Thanks to owner Dan Hawbaker and to Jeff Sturniolo and Don Andrus, Jr. for their on-site expertise!

...Patton Township for being a great landlord—they have been very supportive of our conversion of the office landscape into a demonstration site, and have provided engineering and construction services when we needed them, too!

...Green Horizon Landscape, Kohlhepp Stone Center, and Belgard for providing services and materials for our new walkway—it's beautiful!!!

...Black Bear Nursery for donating and delivering many, many beautiful plants for our rain garden and urban habitat gardens! Special thanks to owner Andy Pollock!

...Green Thumb Services for providing the landscape design for the project! Thanks

for all your help, Keppy!

...the Spruce Creek Company for donating two of their Rainsaver rain barrels—one for our office and another for an After Hours door prize. Check out their rain barrels at www.sprucecreekrainsaver.com.

...Nature's Cover, Stone Valley Construction, and Hanson Aggregates, who all very quickly donated materials and services when we were in a bind!

...T.C. Transport for a great discount on mulch!

CBICC Business After Hours

The event was a wonderful success! We couldn't have pulled it together without the generosity of many in the community. Thank you to...

...Otto's Pub & Brewery for donating a half-keg each of Spring Creek Lager and Red Mo Ale, W.R. Hickey Beer Distributor for donating four cases of beer, and Mount Nittany Winery and Vineyard for donating a case of wine.

...Sweet Emma's Catering for providing exquisite food that went well beyond our very tight budget!

...Michele Ebaugh for the beautiful flower arrangements.

...Service Master, Shuey Construction, and the staff for helping us get the inside of the office ready for our guests.

Grant Award

ClearWater is pleased to announce that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has awarded ClearWater \$50,000 for our new Riparian Conservation Program. This program is being developed to address problems that led to Spring Creek's impaired designation last fall by DEP. Watch for more details coming soon!

Connections

Over 750 students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade participated in field trips to the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center this spring through the Students~Communities~Streams~Connections program that ClearWater coordinates on behalf of the Spring Creek Watershed Community initiative. Thanks to PA DEP for providing Growing Greener funding for this important educational outreach!

Thompson Woods Preserve

ClearWater is seeking funding for the long-term stewardship of the Thompson Woods Preserve. The costs of protecting property are considerable, and they go well beyond the initial purchase price of a piece of land. By holding the conservation easement, ClearWater Conservancy agrees to protect the conservation values of the property and uphold the terms of the agreement in perpetuity.

Your financial contribution will enable us to meet our conservation easement obligations and continue to improve the Preserve and its educational outreach. To pledge your support, call 237-0400.

Planned Giving

A bequest to ClearWater in your will would establish a lasting and meaningful memorial. There are many ways you can make a charitable bequest. It can be as simple as inserting a sentence in your will to bequeath a specific dollar amount or percentage of your estate, such as, "I bequeath ____ to the ClearWater Conservancy of Central Pennsylvania, Inc. (federal tax identification number 25-1413990), a non-profit organization whose present address is 2555 North Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803." Your planned gift to ClearWater Conservancy will help to conserve natural beauty and the environment in the heart of Pennsylvania and leave a legacy for the future.

A NOTE FROM JENNIFER



Hello friends...

Those of you who know me well, understand that I am an indoor naturalist at best. But this year I resolved to try more outdoor activities. Two experiences over the past few months really stand out, and I want to share them with you.

I had the pleasure in May of tagging along on a Connections field trip at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center. I was there to take photos, but I

left with a much greater appreciation for the marsh habitats and the dedication and care with which the Nature Center staff and volunteers teach their budding young naturalists. The students' excitement was contagious, their questions so full of curiosity and inspiration.

It was wet in the wetland that day, but we stayed on the boardwalk and the trails. Later this summer, I was invited to "help" Rob Brooks and Greg Roth site the new bird blind and observation platform out in the middle of Millbrook Marsh. "Where are your boots?" was Greg's first question. Of course, I showed up in the wrong shoes and clothing for mucking around in a marsh, but I gamely jumped in, sinking ankle deep in the cool mud at times. I had never seen the marsh from this angle before - the bottom. The narrow-leafed cattails reached well above my head as Rob blazed a trail through the thick growth. Birds called out overhead in the bright blue sky. Thank goodness for the breeze that every now and again swept through the vegetation, pushing away the humidity.

By September, the boardwalk should span all the way into the marsh's interior, allowing everyone the opportunity to enjoy the marsh in all its splendor and without getting their feet wet! Spring Creek Day will be an excellent time to explore Millbrook Marsh for yourself and learn about conservation and our natural environment.

People appreciate places like Millbrook Marsh for many different reasons and in many different ways. But conservation comes at a price. By contributing or volunteering to ClearWater, you have made a commitment to natural resource protection in the heart of Pennsylvania. Of that, you should be proud.

The Friends of the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center encourage you to join and support operations and development of the environmental, cultural, and historical initiatives offered at the nature center.

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

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Join us for the 21st Annual
Spring Creek Day
and Millbrook Marsh Open House

Sunday, September 28, 2003
Millbrook Marsh Nature Center, 614 Puddintown Road, College Township
1:00 - 5:00 pm

Fun for the whole family!

Activities include nature walks and boardwalk tours, marsh scavenger hunts, edible earth parfaits, educational displays, environmental art, water monitoring demos, fishing activities, and much, much more...

...Plus, live music and food throughout the day

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