

The Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association, Mechanicsburg Area Environmental Club, and East Pennsboro Environmental Advisory Committee are joining forces in 2011 to clean the Creek. Our goal is approximately ¾ of mile of bank and creek bed per month from May to September. However, this year we are adding a cleanup on March 19th.

Our first Conodoguinet Creek Floodplain cleanup ever:

March 19th (raindate March 26th, then April 2, then April 9th,...) , Saturday, 8:45- 12:00, meeting on North 36th Street right off of Market Street (Carlisle Pike) in Camp Hill.

We will be cleaning the eastern floodplain (creek right) between Orrs Bridge Road and Countryside Lane in Hampden Township.

Before the leaves come out, we are going to pick up litter off the flood plain, not IN the Creek.

Wear long pants, long sleeves and old shoes. Be prepared to tuck your pant legs into your socks. Light colored clothing is preferable, but not absolutely necessary. Dress according to the weatherman's forecast.

We will provide everything else.

If you have any problems locating us, call Paul Garrett (c) 717 514-3546.

May 21st, the Conodoguinet Creek Cleanup. 8:45- 12:00 noon.

We will start off by cleaning the section of the Conodoguinet Creek between the eastern end of Conodoguinet Creek Road and Oyster Mill Road on the Camp Hill Borough's side .

Before 8:45, we will park our vehicles and assemble under the Center Street Bridge. A van will then transport all volunteers to the "entry point". Upon completion, the van will drive us back to our vehicles under the bridge.

Directions to the parking area: Turning North off of the Camp Hill Bypass (Rts.11& 15), at the 21st exit, proceed towards the Holy Spirit Hospital. Pass the entrance to the hospital by about 200 yards. Turn left on to Center Street Penn Drive. Before you get to the Bridge turn right onto Conodoguinet Creek Road. Wind around until you see the bridge straight ahead of you. Park in the gravel area under the bridge.

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Dress appropriately according to the weather forecast (note the air temperature, wind speed and the amount of cloud cover).

Keep in mind, the water could be chilly at first contact in May. Remember, some clothing materials work better than others in cool water to provide comfort.

Sturdy creek shoes or old sneakers are necessary. Choice of footwear is very important. No flip flops.

A hat with a bill that keeps the glare of the sun out of your eyes is suggested. Sunglasses, cameras, and cell phones on a lanyard usually stay dry.

We have gloves, if desired.

***** If the creek is too high, too murky, or running too fast, or adverse weather expected, the creek cleanup will be called off by Friday morning. If you have given paulgarrett40@comcast.net your email address, you will be given notice. You will also receive photos of the event, and be made aware, well-in-advance, of the necessary details of each month's cleanup. We will try again on the 3rd Saturday of the following month, same time...same station.**

PLEASE PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS.

Saturday Cleanup dates in 2011 are: May 21, June 18, July 16th, August 20th, and September 17th.

ASK FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO HELP OUT.