



January 2012

RE: Yellow Breeches Watershed Association
Membership Renewal 2012

Dear Fellow YBWA Member:

In 2011, the Yellow Breeches Watershed Association made significant strides as we worked to address our mission to foster public understanding and sound management of environmental resources in the Yellow Breeches Watershed. We hope that you will again choose to support the organization by renewing your membership through 2012. Your membership support enables the organization to continue the work necessary to meet our goals.

This is an exciting time to be a part of the YBWA, and I want to share a few of the most memorable moments from 2011 with each of you. Some of our important initiatives included the following projects and events:

- **Water quality monitoring.** The YBWA partners each week with our friends and volunteers from the Capital Area Senior Environmental Corps to monitor pH, DO, temperature, alkalinity, phosphates, nitrates, sulfates, and conductivity.
- **Trout Day.** We celebrated the opening day of trout season with our United Water partners at their Raybold Plant by providing fishing opportunities, giveaways, and lots of food for anglers of all ages.
- **Project Clean Stream.** We organized teams to clean litter from four areas in our watershed.
- **Yellow Breeches Creek Youth Sojourn.** During a three-day and two-night adventure on the creek this past June, we introduced 44 teenagers to the recreational and scientific wonders of the Yellow Breeches Creek. Many of you contributed to the success of this first-ever organized youth sojourn in Pennsylvania.
- **YBWA Annual Community Meeting.** In October, representatives of the Appalachian Audubon Society, PA Game Commission, and the PA Natural Heritage Program provided enlightening presentations on the birds, mammals, amphibians and reptiles of the watershed.
- **Stormwater Workshop.** The YBWA partnered with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to sponsor a workshop on design solutions for stormwater management in November.
- **Water Trail Map and Guide.** We are currently updating the Yellow Breeches Water Trail Map and Guide to include new segments to the stream that can be navigated and to provide additional helpful information for recreational users.
- **Water Trail Kiosks.** We continue to maintain informational message centers located at several parks and access points along the water trail.

All of us who live, work, or play in Cumberland, York, and Adams counties should reflect upon the benefits that the resources of the Yellow Breeches Watershed contribute to our quality of life. Please join us as we continue to improve environmental awareness in our community and make a difference for clean water in our watershed. Your continued membership will go a long way in those efforts. As a member, you will receive periodic updates through our newsletter, have the opportunity to network with others interested in protecting the natural resources of the watershed, and be continually informed about activities of the organization.

Please visit our website at www.ybwa.org for additional information, including a slideshow highlighting our 2011 activities. We would love to share our vision and plans for 2012 with your neighborhood association, business, church, or civic group. Please give me a call.

Sincerely,
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