



The Bennett's Run Watershed Conservation Plan is a project led by the Brandywine Conservancy with assistance from the Stroud Water Research Center and the Brandywine Red Clay Alliance. By completing this Plan, the Conservancy and its partners hope to engage and inspire watershed residents and other stakeholders to ensure Bennett's Run will be a valued and exceptional natural resource for future generations. Other goals of the Watershed Conservation Plan are to:

- Ensure that the Bennett's Run watershed remains a scenic, healthy, and exceptional place to live, work, and play.
- Enhance and maintain water quality within Bennett's Run.
- Prepare for the impacts of regional climate change on the watershed through increased understanding of anticipated changes and vulnerabilities, while also increasing the watershed's ability to withstand adverse impacts.
- Help guide Pennsbury, Kennett, and East Marlborough Townships' use, management, and regulatory oversight of land and related infrastructure within or bordering the watershed.
- Provide guidance to landowners on activities or actions they might undertake for sustaining the continued health of the watershed.

The long-term success of the Watershed Conservation Plan is dependent on support from, and active implementation by, watershed landowners and stakeholders.

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KEEP YOUR WATERSHED HEALTHY

- **Use native plants!** They require less maintenance and water and attract a variety of beneficial insects and wildlife.
- **Capture and reuse rainwater.** Besides the ecological benefits, this reduces your water bill!
- **Convert portions of your lawn to perennial gardens, wildflower meadows or woodlands.** It's the best way to attract birds and pollinators to your yard and decreases the time, energy, and fossil fuels required to mow!
- **Decrease stormwater runoff by limiting paved surfaces and managing rainwater runoff** through the use of rain gardens, rain barrels, downspout planters, and permeable paving.
- **Mow your lawn less frequently and do not mow along streambanks.** The area along streambanks is known as a “riparian buffer” and is extremely beneficial in protecting and improving water quality and wildlife habitat.
- **Wash your vehicle on grass or gravel** to allow water to slowly seep into the ground, filtering soaps and solids.
- **Make sure your vehicle is maintained to prevent fluid leaks.**
- **Use fewer chemicals** (such as synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and ice melt products) and dispose of them properly.
- **Manage your woodland for long-term sustainability.** Consider having a forest stewardship plan developed for your property, minimize deer browse, and discourage invasive plants that overtake native tree saplings.
- **Clean up after your pets!**

