

Cheltenham Township is Counting on You to Protect the Tookany Creek Watershed

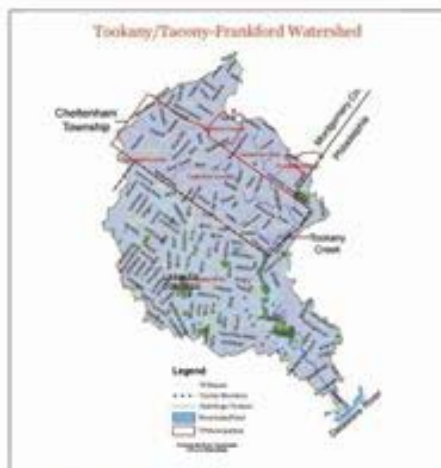


Landowners whose property contains streams or other waterways have something to celebrate! Clean water is a result of a healthy watershed. Cheltenham Township has made great strides in restoring the Tookany Creek Watershed over the past decade. The most important thing you can do as a landowner to keep the Tookany Creek Watershed healthy is to maintain a riparian buffer along the waterway. A riparian buffer is an area of native vegetation immediately adjacent to a body of water. Riparian buffers are extremely important and complex and perform a vital function for our watershed. They provide a multitude of benefits such as:

- Reducing streambank erosion.
- Enhancing fish and terrestrial habitats by shading the water.
- Filtering out harmful chemicals, sediment and pet wastes.
- Contributing leaves and other organic matter to provide both food and cover in the water.
- Increasing wildlife diversity by providing food, cover and an important travel corridor.

What is a watershed ?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a river or body of water such as the Tookany Creek.



For Further Information:

BayScapes: www.acb-online.org
PA DEP: www.dep.state.pa.us
Center for Watershed Protection: www.cwp.org
Natural Lands Restoration Environmental Education Program, Fairmont Park Commission:
www.nlrdep.org
Landscaping with Native Plants:
www.dcnr.state.pa.us
MS-4 Program & Tookany Creek Watershed Management Plan: www.cheltenhamtownship.org
Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds & Rivers: www.pawatersheds.org
Water Resources Education Network:
www.pa.hes.org/wren

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Celebrate the Tookany Creek Watershed



Parking lot near Central Avenue and Tookany Creek Parkway after the streambank restoration in 2003.

**A Management Guide for
Landowners Along Tookany Creek
Watershed's Streams, Creeks,
Ponds & Tributaries.**

