



# ABRAHAMS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

ACWA Is Planting For The Future  
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## Growing Greener Grants

Everything is coming up “green” these days for the Abrahams Creek Watershed Association. The ACWA was recently notified that it and two of its participating municipalities had been awarded DEP Growing Greener Grants. West Wyoming Borough and the ACWA received \$231,000 for a watershed assessment and a storm water project near the Fifth Street pump. Wyoming Borough received an additional \$177,000 for a stream bank stabilization project. “The ACWA has been incredibly successful, in its first year the watershed association has been awarded \$278,000”, says West Wyoming Borough Council member and ACWA Officer Eileen Cipriani. “We have been fortunate to have the support of our state legislators. Senator Ray Musto and Representative Phyllis Mundy have been instrumental in our success”, added Cipriani. Local leaders recognized the need for a watershed in this area, especially after the significant damage from the rain events in 2006.”As Council Chairman in 2007 I fought to form the Abrahams Creek Watershed Association. At that time I did not fully understand what a watershed was or the challenges that we would face. I did know that one of the primary issues was the environment, an issue that I strongly believe in, and that this would be a way to educate the public about the environment. I also believed this was a way to identify water related problems that have plagued our residents for years and find a way to resolve these problems. I am so proud to have had a small part in what the watershed has accomplished in less than the year and a half that it has been established,” says West Wyoming Council Member and ACWA member Dan Gadomski.

WA Environmental Club

## ACWA Planting Project



In November Mary Pat Appel a certified arborist from the Brown Hill Tree Company led the ACWA members and students from Wyoming Area's

Environmental Club in planting 40 trees and shrubs in the watershed. The trees and shrubs were specifically chosen for their ability to survive in the flood prone areas of the borough. Appel also conducted a workshop discussing storm water management control ideas and rain gardening. The workshop focused on what you can do in your backyard to reduce storm water runoff. The storm water from your property collects trash, oil, fertilizer and other pollutants and deposits them in streams.



Josh Longmore, Luzerne Conservation District, Representative Phyllis Mundy, West Wyoming Council member Eileen Cipriani, ACWA member Vince Holland, Shawn Rybka, Luzerne Conservation District

## ACWA Honored

The Abrahams Creek Watershed Members have been awarded the Luzerne Conservation District's Award for Stewardship. The association was honored at a dinner held February 21. Rep Phyllis Mundy presented ACWA officers Eileen Cipriani and Vince Holland a citation for their efforts in the watershed.

## What Can You Do To Improve the Watershed?

- \* Reduce concrete and paved areas of your property
- \* Install a Rain Barrel
- \* Replace your lawn with native plants
- \* Add Compost to your soil
- \* Plant Trees



Gadomski & Holland

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**The Next Meeting of the Abrahams Creek Watershed Association will be March 19 @ 7pm in the West Wyoming Borough Hall**

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