



# ABRAHAMS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

ACWA Is Educating For The Future  
Summer Newsletter 2009

## West Pittston Cherry Blossom Festival



W A Students Bart Chupka and Mike Cipriani at the ACWA Display

Members of the Abrahams Creek Watershed Association partnered with the Hicks Creek Watershed Association to staff an educational booth at the annual West Pittston Cherry Blossom Festival. Information material on non point source pollution and backyard conservation practices were distributed to festival attendees

### Project Update

Last year the ACWA received a grant to remove the invasive Knotweed along Abrahams Creek. A section of the creek above the catch basin was treated to remove the knotweed. After the Knotweed was treated a dozen trees and shrubs were planted along the creek to reestablish the native vegetation.



View of Abrahams  
Creek 2008

View of Abrahams  
Creek 2009



### ACWA elects new officers

The ACWA recently elected new officers. Vince Holland was elected the new president of the organization. Holland has been instrumental in the ACWA since its inception. "Don't be a water bug, stay dry and join the ACWA to help eliminate the water problems along the creek and in the rest of the community", advise Holland. Other officers are Vice President Jim Blandina, Secretary Eileen Cipriani and Treasurer Dan Gadowski

### Grant Award

The Abrahams Creek Watershed Associate has been awarded a grant from the PA American Water Company. With the funding, the organization will expand efforts to improve water quality, control runoff and prevent creek degradation by restoring riparian buffers along several tributaries within the Abrahams Creek watershed. The project also includes continuing the group's newsletter series to help educate local residents about storm water management, pollution control and issues related to improving the health of the creek. Funding for this project and other initiatives of the Abrahams Creek Watershed would not be possible without the support and assistance of Senator Ray Musto and Representative Phyllis Mundy. "I'm proud of the work the Abrahams Creek Watershed Association has done and continues to do to improve Abrahams Creek and to educate residents about the benefits of a healthy watershed. My thanks to Pennsylvania American Water for recognizing the efforts of the watershed association through the award of the grant, the second from the company in consecutive years," says Senator Musto.

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