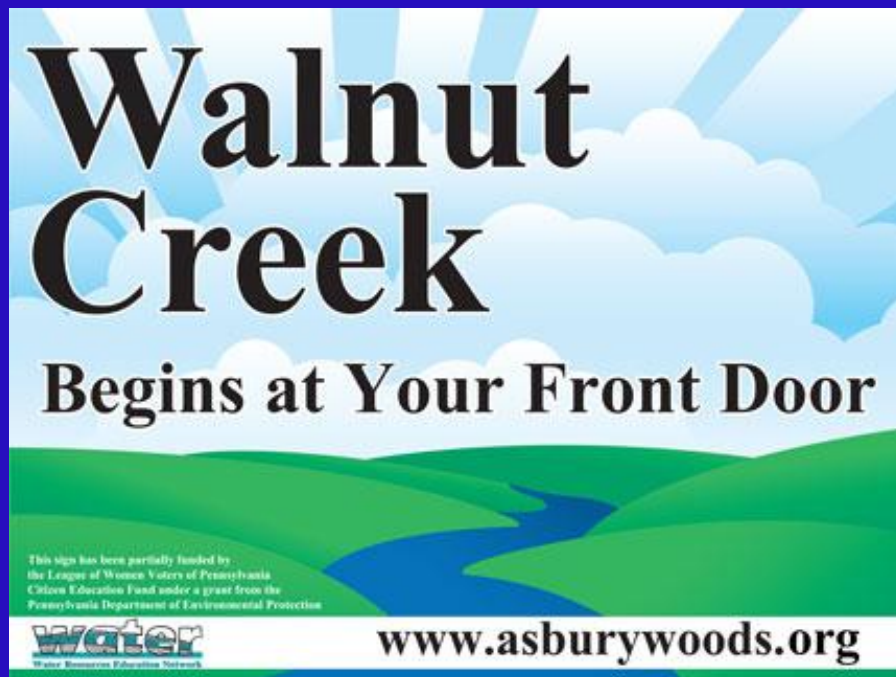


Have You Seen This Sign?



What does that mean, Walnut Creek “Begins at My Front Door”?

We have placed these signs at numerous road crossings of Walnut Creek to raise awareness to the issue of non-point source pollution and the affect it is having on the water quality of the Walnut Creek. Each of us during our daily activities could be contributing to the pollution problem that is growing in our creeks, streams and lake without even knowing it. Some of these pollutants could even be coming from our private properties or, outside our “front doors”.

What is non-point source pollution and where does it come from?

Non-point source pollution is a type of pollution in which the source is difficult to identify. This type of pollution usually enters our water system in small amounts from many different locations. When a contaminant that has made its way to the ground is combined with rainwater runoff it has the potential to make its way to our local waterways.

Am I part of the problem?

Our streams, creeks and lake can be contaminated by many different pollutants, some that are put on the ground intentionally and other that are not. Here are a few:

Fertilizers, Pesticides and Herbicides

Oil, Gasoline and Other Automobile Fluids

Fecal Coliform Bacteria

Dirt and Sediment

Trash and Litter

What can I do to help?

Use fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides sparingly and sweep up sidewalks, driveways and roads after use

Never dump anything down storm drains

Plant over bare spots in your yard

Compost your yard waste

Install a rain barrel or plant a rain garden on your property

Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces

Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway

Check car for leaks and recycle motor oil

Pick up after your pet

Have your septic system pumped and inspected regularly

