

Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association 2010 West Branch of Crum Creek Coldwater Implementation

Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association worked with the Coldwater Plan Steering Committee to craft the various parts of the outreach to streamside landowners, including the invitational letter to landowners, the maps, the agenda, and response form, for the mailing for the June 3 Crum Creek Streamside Landowner meetings. A riparian buffer project was completed at the White Manor Country Club golf course located on the West Branch of Crum Creek as a demonstration site. The site was viewed at the June 3 streamside landowner's meeting. Additional funding was obtained to print 1,500 full color streamside landowner brochures, which were included in the folders for workshop attendees, and to print full color flyers and sub-basin maps for each of the 330 streamside landowners contacted. Additional funding was contributed by Chester County Water Resources Authority, Willistown Conservation Trust, Brandywine Conservancy, Willistown, Easttown, and Newtown Townships.

Two workshops were held: June 3 at White Manor Country Club in Willistown and September 30 at the Newtown Municipal Building. A total of 330 Crum Creek streamside landowners were contacted for the June 3 workshop (50 West Branch and 280 other Crum). An impressive tally of 110 residents participated in the "standing room only" meeting. The hall was packed; many couples and even infants were present. The field view demonstration before the meeting brought 40 of the participants out early. Though there were 20 who were not able to attend, great interest was expressed in future meetings. Thirty five attendees signed up at the meeting for follow-up technical site visits. The meeting was exciting by the wide spectrum it attracted and its success was widely praised.

In 2010 CRC and Delaware Riverkeeper Network followed up with streamside property site visits to 28 interested landowners. Riverkeeper wrote up the recommendation reports, including a map of each property and color copies of the report were mailed to the owner subsequent to the. In our followup conversations with landowners, many indicated they had begun to implement recommendations from the meeting. Fifteen property owners ordered and planted trees for their riparian buffers through CRC technical assistance.

There were twenty-eight attendees of the September 30 workshop to which a DEP representative was a guest. Of the twenty-eight attendees, eight requested site visits. This summer, CRC and Delaware Riverkeeper are in the process of completing the site visit requests from last year..