

Pennsylvania is Growing Greener



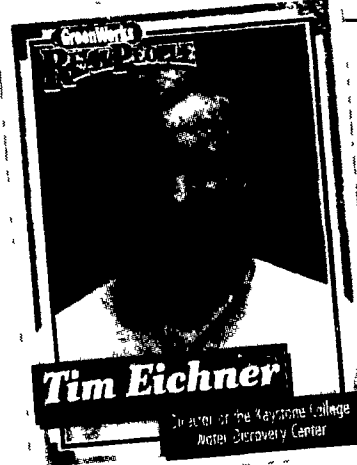
SAVING WATERSHEDS

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The scenic banks of the Loyalsock Creek in Montoursville are the site of a Susquehanna River study by Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute. Funded by a \$20,500 Growing Greener grant, this project brings a Pennsylvania community together to solve its environmental problems.

"This grant is making possible our study of 75 miles of the West Branch Susquehanna River and its major tributaries," says Dr. Zimmerman, Lycoming College Biology Department Chair. "The data will be made available to citizens so they can take better care of their watersheds. The institute will assist townships, watershed groups and others trying to obtain and interpret water-quality information."

Dr. Zimmerman envisions community involvement to identify areas along the river where opportunities for maintaining and improving the river exist. Taking advantage of the resources available, Dr. Zimmerman is working toward the restoration and protection of Pennsylvania's environment.

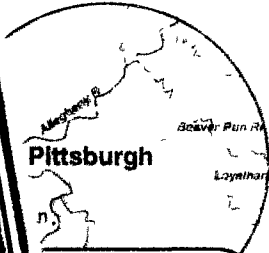


Presenting the need to preserve our natural resources in an interactive and fun way is the challenge to Tim Eichner, director of the Keystone College Water Discovery Center in Lackawanna County.

The Water Discovery Center is an innovative community water and watershed study center. Having received a \$31,430 Growing Greener grant, Tim plans to take advantage of new technology available to improve the center's services.

One such improvement is a Water Discovery Trail Virtual Field Trip on CD-ROM. This advanced technology takes you on a step-by-step, multi-media tour of Keystone's Water Discovery Trail and water resources. The center also loans sampling equipment for those interested in doing their own water quality testing.

Through the center, Growing Greener and people like Tim give the public the tools to take action on water-related issues and watershed activities.



The Stream Team: Pennsylvania's version of an environmental dream team.

Sixty community volunteers and 120 students from six schools make up the Stream Team that has monitored 100 stream sites along the Kiski-Conemaugh River Basin.

With Tom Grote coaching, the Stream Team will be expanding its monitoring program throughout the basin with a \$5,675 Growing Greener grant. The Stream Team will locate sites not currently being monitored, purchase monitoring equipment and begin a public education campaign.

"By adding more monitoring sites, the Stream Team can better plan remediation projects throughout the river basin and continue to improve water quality," says Tom, the project coordinator of the Kiski Basin and Environs Initiative. To Growing Greener, the Stream Team will always be winners.

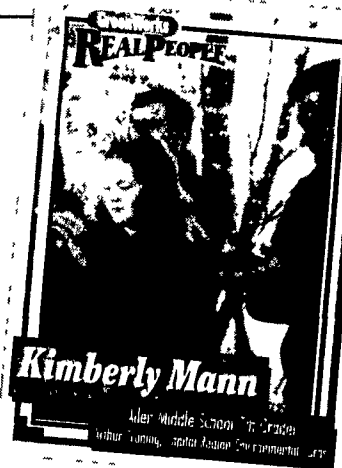
In protecting Pennsylvania's lush resources, we ensure a cleaner and greener environment for generations to come. Twelve-year-old Kimberly Mann proves that you are never too young to start, and 68-year-old Arthur Sconing proves that you are never old enough to stop.

"I am sure that you don't want the next generation to live in a world that has no real outdoors. I know I don't," says Kimberly.

Now, she and her schoolmates from Allen Middle School will have the opportunity to make a difference. So will Arthur Sconing, a member of the Capital Region Senior Environment Corps.

Through a \$19,000 Growing Greener grant, Lower Allen Township, Cumberland County, formed The Yellow Breeches Watershed Alliance to perform a comprehensive assessment of that watershed. Volunteers like Kimberly and Arthur will take an active role identifying priority water quality projects.

"We need programs like Gov. Ridge's 'Growing Greener' to help our work and create alliances," says Sconing. Following their lead, we can ensure that Pennsylvania grows greener for years to come.



Imagine a place with towering trees, beautiful meadows, lush wetlands, and flourishing gardens. Certainly a place like this could only exist in the far reaches of the imagination . . .

or Pennsylvania. The Awbury Arboretum in Germantown reminds visitors just how precious our environment can be.

The 55-acre urban arboretum serves the community not only as a beautiful vista, but also as an outdoor classroom. Nicki Toizer gets to be the teacher.

She is the education manager for the Awbury Arboretum Association, offering environmental education to more than 6,000 children and families a year. Growing Greener has taken the opportunity to aid their efforts with a \$13,000 grant.

With Growing Greener funding, Nicki and the association are able to implement a new watershed-protection education initiative. This project will greatly increase the public's awareness of the Frankford-Tacony Watershed, a heavily urbanized watershed that flows through some of Philadelphia's most deprived neighborhoods.

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