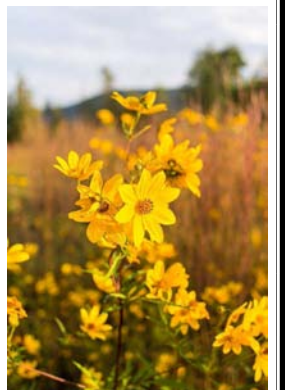
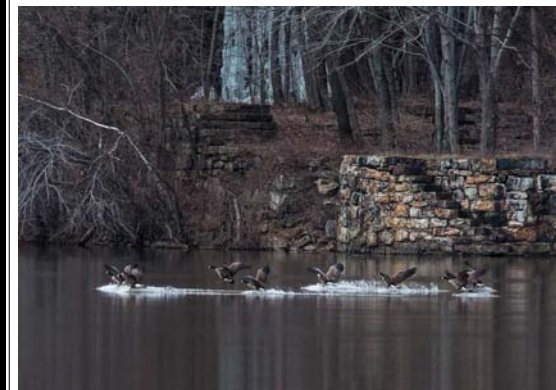


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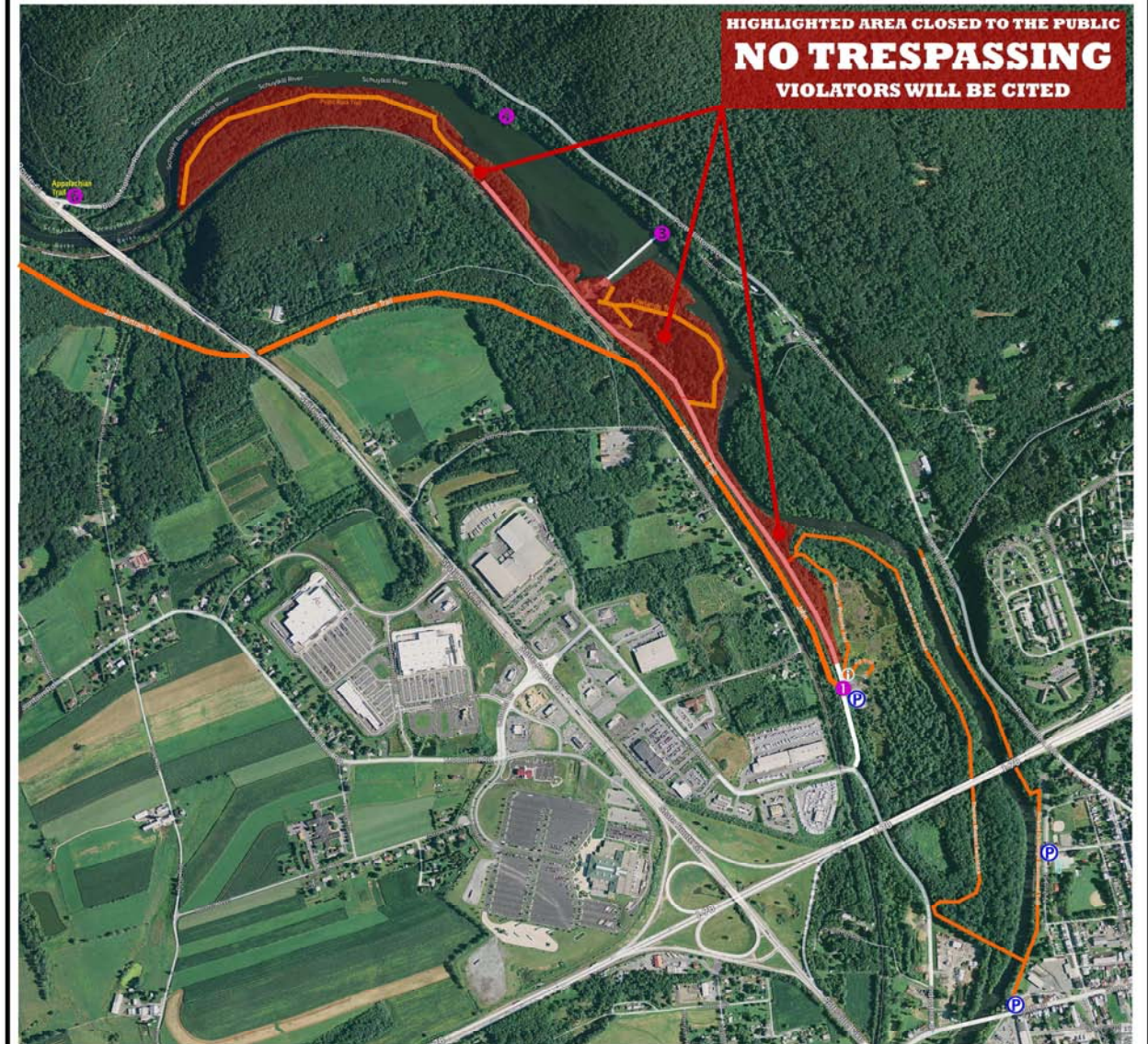
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Map of the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area August 25, 2016

Kernsville Dam Recreation Area Area Trails Map



MAP LEGEND

-  Foot/Bike/Horse Trail
-  Foot Trail
-  Kernsville Dam Road
-  Parking Lot

LOCATIONS OF INTEREST



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Images from the Summer of 2016



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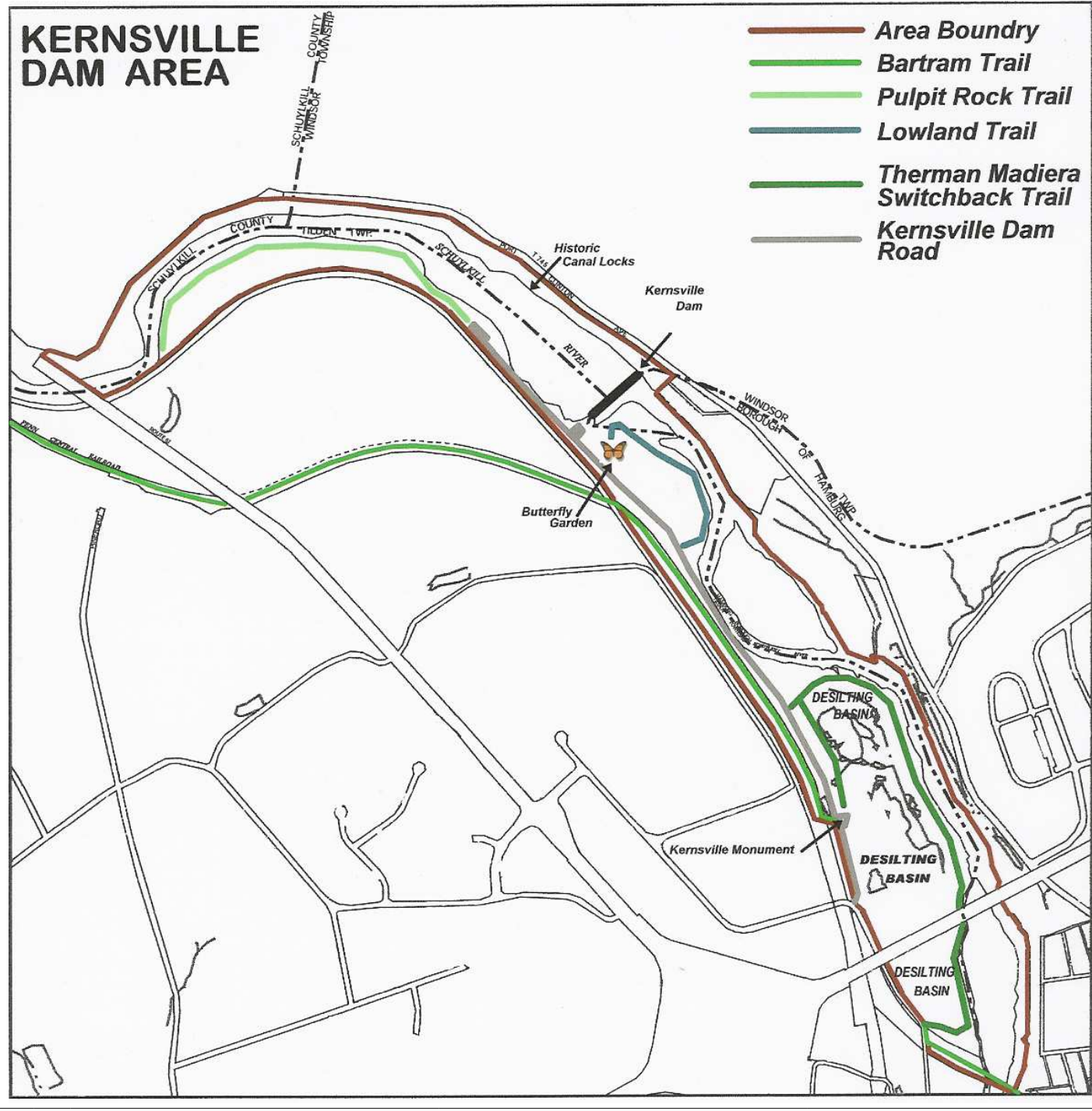
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KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

The Officers and Directors of Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year 2016. Whether you are a long-time member, volunteer or are meeting us for the first time, we hope you find this Annual Report both interesting and informative.



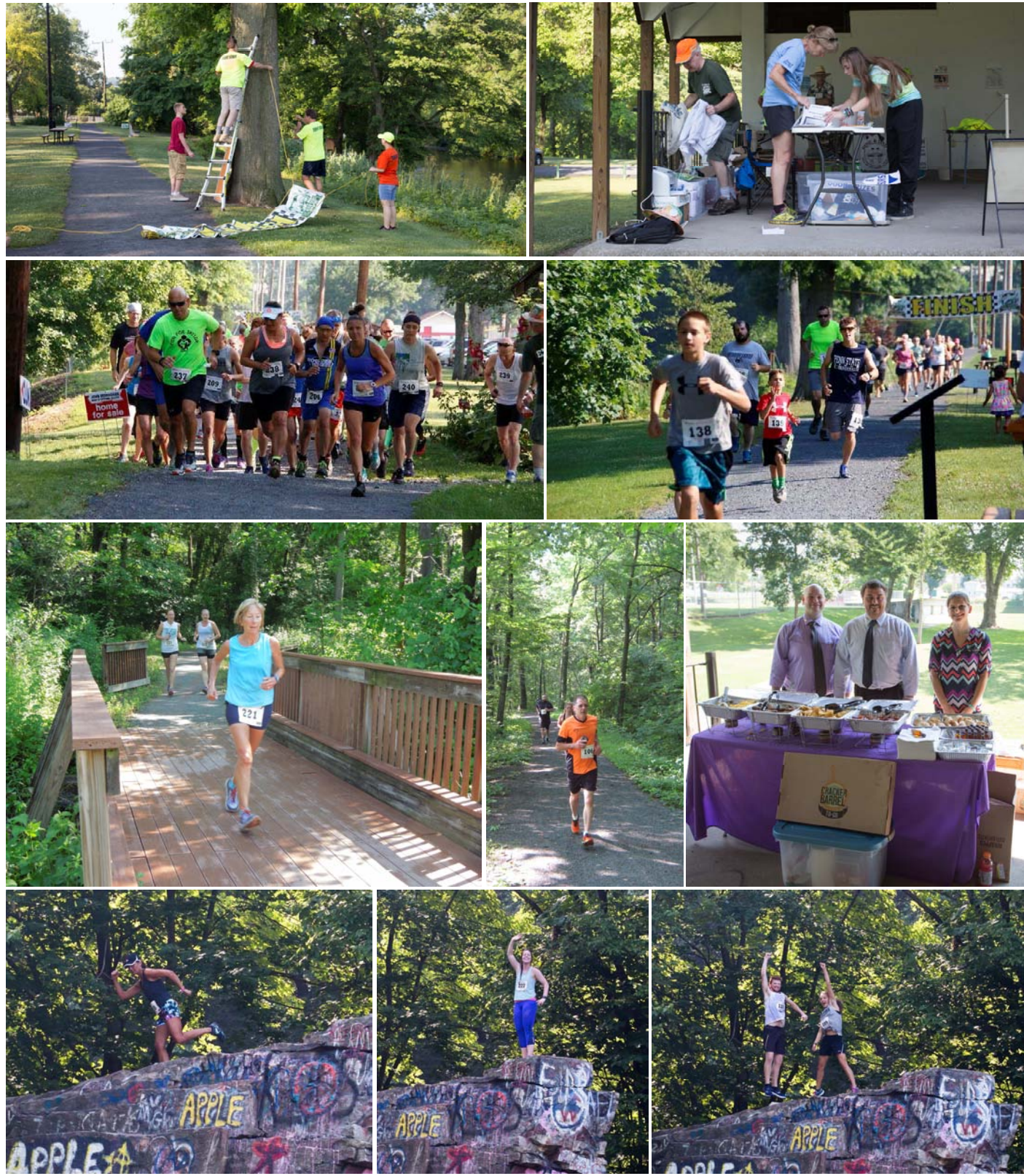
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Taste of Hamburg-er Festival Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race September 3rd



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2016 BMW Trail Race Series "Run To The Rock" Trail Races June 25th



KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

The Kernsville Dam Recreation Area encompasses approximately 252 acres and approximately 2 miles of the Schuylkill River which has been designated as a "Scenic River" by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The Kernsville Dam Recreation Area includes:

- 183 acres in Tilden Township (72.6% of the Area)
- 44 acres in the Borough of Hamburg (17.5% of the Area)
- 18 acres in Windsor Township (7.1% of the Area)
- 7 acres in West Brunswick Township (2.8% of the Area)



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KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

The Kernsville Dam Recreation Area can be divided into several distinctly different areas:
The Desilting Basin

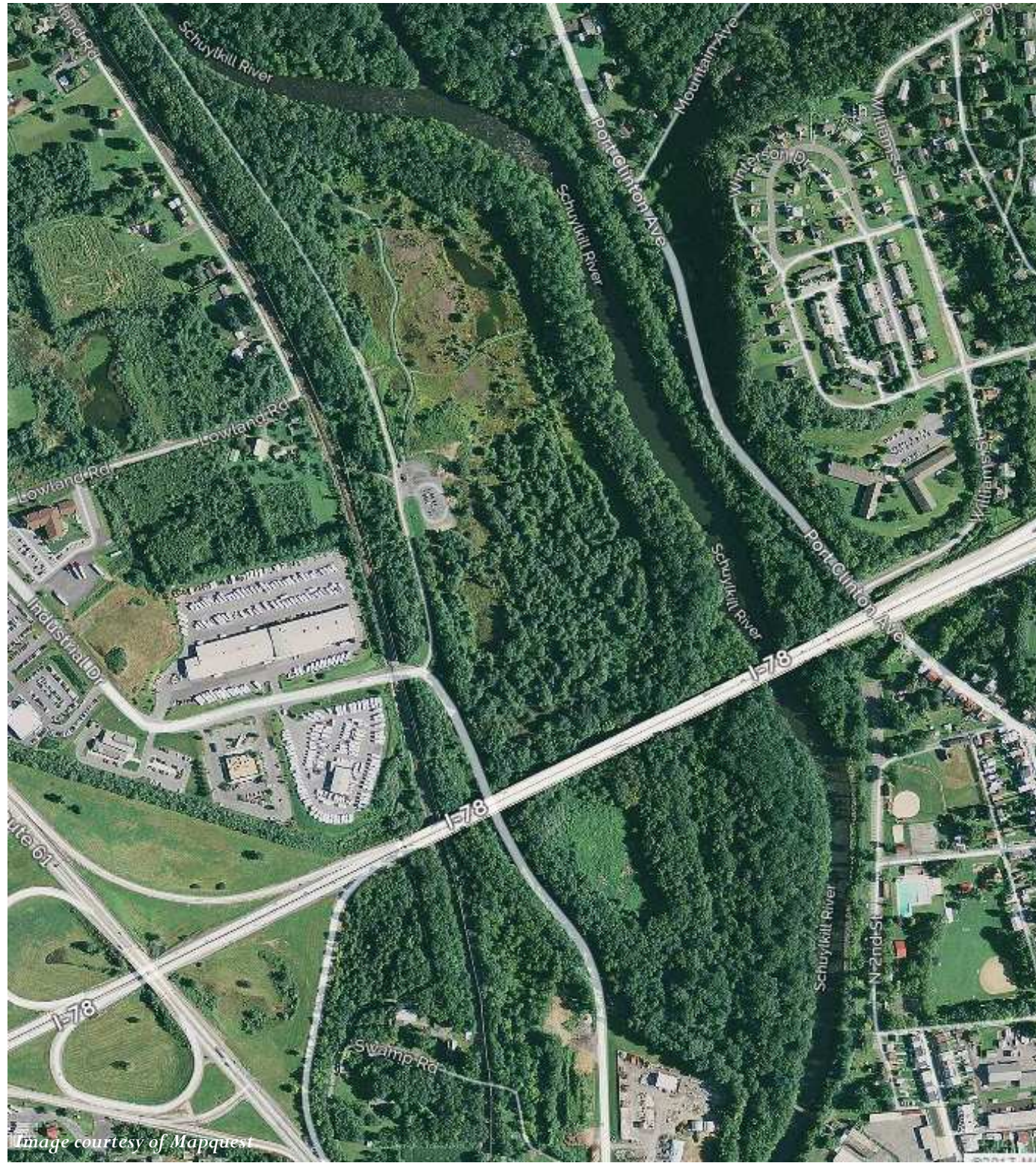


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2016 BMW Trail Race Series "Mad Dash" Trail Races May 21st



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2016 BMW Trail Race Series "Bartram Breeze" Trail Races April 30th



KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

The Area Below the Dam



Image courtesy of Mapquest

The Area Above the Dam & The Northeast Shore of the Schuylkill River



Image courtesy of Mapquest

KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA



Desilting Basin - Area of approximately 85-90 acres

Limited opportunities for improvements due to future use for desilting purposes
I-78 bridge bisects the basin east to west, dividing the undulating wetlands/scrub forest
in the northern half of the basin from the flat grassland in the southern half



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Images from the Kerny 2016



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Walking With Dragonflies August 13th



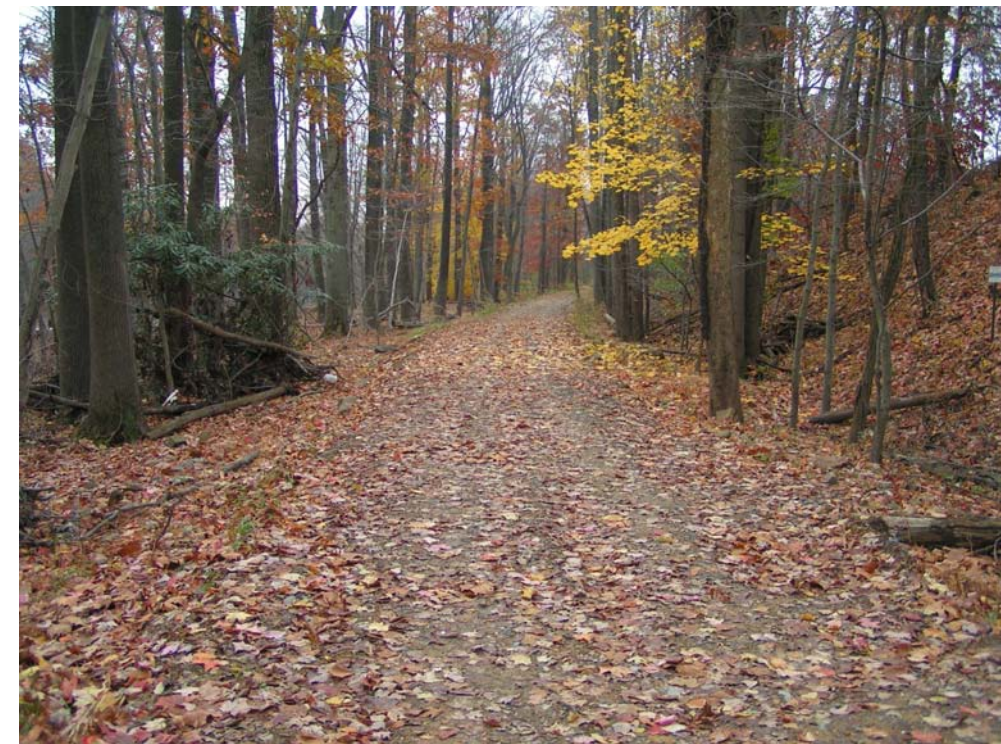
KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



Desilting Basin

Cabela's Wetland Mitigation Project located in the northwest corner of the desilting basin

The Therman Madeira Switchback Trail is located on the outside perimeter of the desilting basin wall along its north, east and south sides



KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA



Area Below the Dam

Area consists predominantly of lowlands and wetlands covered by mature hardwood forests

Two major islands are present in the Schuylkill River

A canoe portage and access point are located in the area below the dam on the western shore



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Blue Mountain Wildlife 15th Anniversary June 26th



Starwatch in Northern Berks July 9th



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Community Event Participation



Bear Creek Festival May 17th



Get Outdoors Day June 13th

KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA



Area Above the Dam

The lower half of the area above the dam is accessed from Industrial Drive by Kernsville Dam Road
 The area near the dam provides an existing parking lot and fishing opportunities
 At the terminus of Kernsville Dam Road is an existing parking lot, picnic area and popular fishing spot



KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



Northeast Shore of the Schuylkill River

The northeast shore is a popular public access point to the Schuylkill River
 The Appalachian Trail crosses a portion of the area between Port Clinton Avenue and PA Route 61
 The northeast shore boasts a river beachfront



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Earth Day Clean-Up April 23rd



Earth Day Clean-Up April 24th



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Spring Invasive Species Walk March 26th



Earth Day Clean-Up April 23rd



KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



The Bartram Trail linking Hamburg and Port Clinton

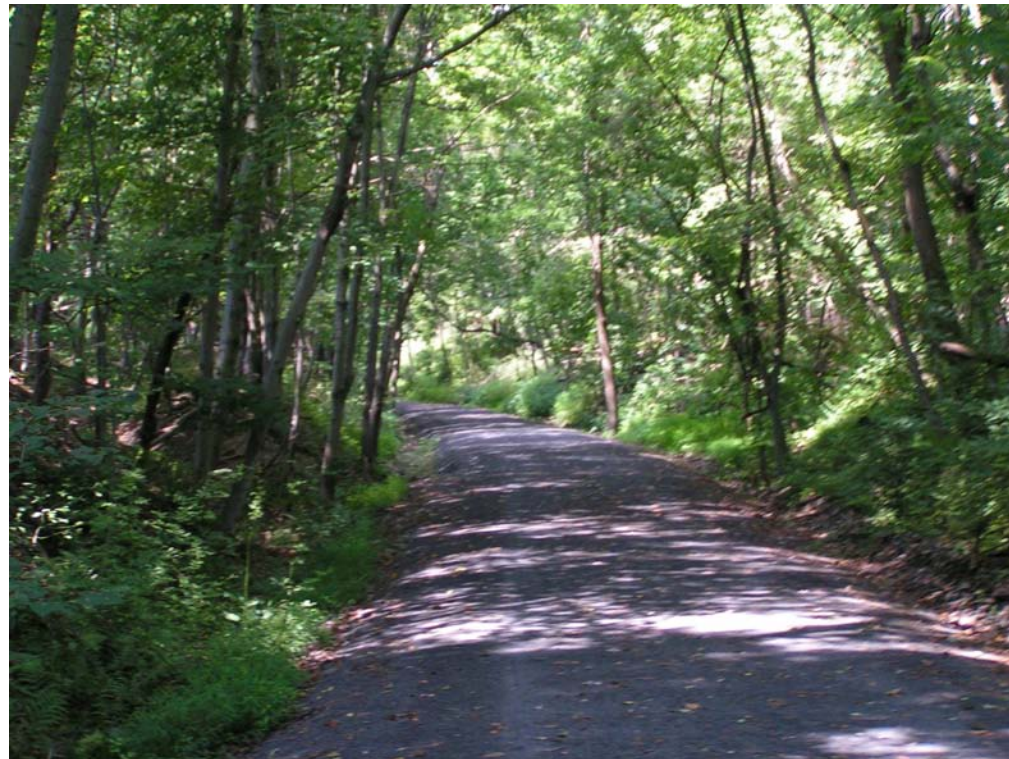
The trailhead at Hamburg is in excellent condition and allows convenient access. The Bartram Trail follows an elevated section of the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way through much of the Kernsville Dam area allowing many scenic views of the surrounding countryside.



KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



Pennsylvania Railroad iron trestle bridge crossing over the Reading, Blue Mountain
 and Northern Railroad in the area just below the dam
 The northernmost sections of the proposed Bartram Trail traverse mixed hardwood and
 conifer forest and feature steeply sloped cuts on both sides



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2016 Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet January 29th



2016 FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP STATEMENTS

2016 Financial Statement

Total Assets January 1, 2016	\$10,160.00
Total Liabilities January 1, 2016	\$0.00
Gifts and Contributions received	\$2,479.00
Membership received	\$1,071.00
Interest	\$0.00
Income from fund raisers/banquet, etc.	\$10,609.00
Total 2016 revenue	\$14,159.00
Special Project Expenses	\$5,083.00
General Expenses (includes, advertising, office expense, donations, insurance, postage/shipping and printing)	\$10,067.00
Total 2016 expenses	\$15,150.00
Total assets December 31, 2016	\$9,169.00
Total liabilities December 31, 2016	\$0.00

All financial records are on file with the Treasurer of Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated and are available for review upon request.

2016 Membership Statement

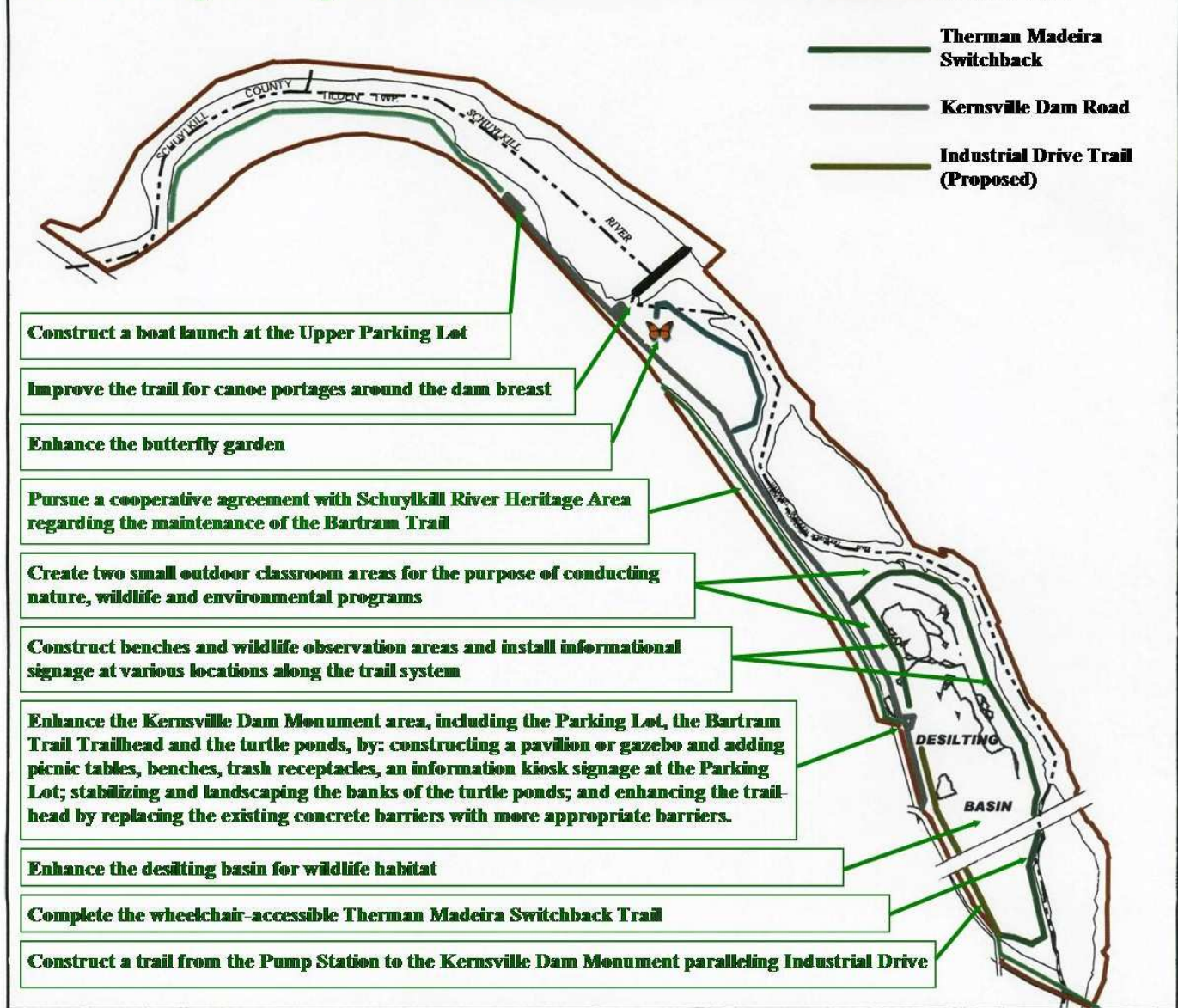
As of January 1, 2016: 124
 Including: 7 Corporate, 1 Donation, 65 Family, 16 Lifetime, 9 Senior, 26 Single, 0 Student

As of December 31, 2016: 131
 Including: 1 Corporate, 6 Donation, 75 Family, 20 Lifetime, 7 Senior, 22 Single, 0 Student

All membership records are on file with the Secretary of Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated and are available for review upon request.

BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED LONG-TERM PLANS AND GOALS

2009 Kernsville Dam Recreation Area Open Space Plan



- 🌿 Pursue a long-term cooperative agreement with Tilden Township, Berks County and the Schuylkill River Heritage Area for the preservation of the natural and historic Kernsville Dam Recreation Area.
- 🌿 Involve youth groups such as Scouts and school Wilderness Clubs in habitat improvement projects and environmental education.
- 🌿 Involve and coordinate the various public and private agencies and organizations, particularly at the local level, that could provide assistance with the above-stated goals.
- 🌿 Promote compatible forms of passive recreation.

Note: All proposed improvements are subject to approval by Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation. Any improvements proposed on land beyond that of the lease agreement will require permission and approval of the controlling interests.

BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED HISTORY

The roots of Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated, go back to the early 1980's. Mr. Ron Cassler founded Hamburg Ecology Life Patrol (H.E.L.P.), which cleaned up the Kernsville Dam area, rebuilt the restrooms, and maintained trash removal and grass mowing on a weekly basis. H.E.L.P. relied upon limited funding and volunteer labor provided by its members. H.E.L.P. was active throughout the 1980's and early 1990's and several members are active participants in Blue Mountain Wildlife today.

In November, 2000, the first series of public meetings presenting plans for intensive development of recreational facilities in the Kernsville Dam area brought together a group of concerned citizens to form the "Friends of the Kernsville Dam". Throughout the series of public meetings the "Friends of the Kernsville Dam" offered several pre-existing alternative sites for recreational facilities as possible ecological solutions. None of these were incorporated into the proposed plans. The "Friends of the Kernsville Dam" circulated a petition in opposition to the proposed plans. Approximately 1,300 signatures were collected. The "Friends of the Kernsville Dam" approached nearby municipalities with the petition to solicit support in opposition of the proposed plan.

On June 29, 2001, the "Friends of the Kernsville Dam" officially incorporated as "Blue Mountain Wildlife, Incorporated" to help solidify existing support to preserve the wild area around the Kernsville Dam and develop alternative locations for recreational facilities throughout northern Berks County. Blue Mountain Wildlife consulted with and received support from nearby property owners and businesses to develop an alternative plan. The Reading, Blue Mountain, and Northern Railroad Company became a corporate sponsor. On October 10, 2001, Blue Mountain Wildlife presented its plan for the preservation of the Kernsville Dam area to various agencies and organizations. Our plan was well received by the local municipalities and by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, the state agency that administers the Kernsville Dam area.

In March 2002, Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated applied for and was granted probationary 501(c)(3) non-profit organization status. BMW representatives attended the Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Expo, the Schuylkill Watershed Congress, Hamburg Sidewalk Sale and Hamburg Heritage Days. Major events included the Earth Day Clean-Up and participation in the Schuylkill Sojourn. Blue Mountain Wildlife also devoted much time and effort in negotiating with Northern Berks Recreation Council and other organizations to provide acceptable solutions to the issues of preserving the Kernsville Dam area while providing additional active recreation facilities in Northern Berks County.

Two Thousand Three saw Blue Mountain Wildlife's first major fundraising event—the Spring Rail Ramble sponsored by the Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad. Blue Mountain Wildlife representatives attended the Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Expo, the Bear Creek Festival, the Northkill Watershed Meeting and Hamburg Heritage Day. Major events included the Earth Day Clean-Up, Tilden Elementary School's Field Day activities and participation in the Schuylkill Sojourn. Blue Mountain Wildlife was granted a lease for the area from Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation. Blue Mountain Wildlife applied for and later received a \$25,000 grant from the Berks County Open Space and Recreation Commission. Blue Mountain Wildlife also launched a new website, www.BlueMountainWildlife.com.

Two Thousand Four saw the completion of Blue Mountain Wildlife's biggest project to date—the construction of the one-mile Therman Madeira Switchback Trail. The second major project of the year, the construction of the Butterfly Garden, began in the spring. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission took up Blue Mountain Wildlife's request to establish a "No Wake" zone on the Kernsville Dam. Blue Mountain Wildlife took the bold step of declaring the desilting basin a "Wildlife Propagation Area", prohibiting hunting and other disruptive activities. Blue Mountain Wildlife representatives attended the Hamburg Hunting and Fishing Expo. Major events included the Earth Day Clean-Up, participation in the Schuylkill Sojourn, the Helping Wheels Unincorporated tour of the Therman Madeira Switchback and participation in Hamburg Heritage Day.

Two Thousand Five saw the establishment of a number of Blue Mountain Wildlife "annual traditions". The first was the Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet. The second was an expansion of the Earth Day activities beyond the Clean-Up, which included trail work, a bird walk and a raptor presentation. The third was the first of many fund-raising races. A 5K Fun Run/Walk was held at the Monument and a 5K/10K Run was held in conjunction with Hamburg Heritage Day.

2016 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated Directors

Gregg R. Adams Director 2015-2017

Gregg spent 20 years growing up on his parents' property off Lowland Road in Tilden Township and has been a resident of Hamburg since 2008. He is a life-long outdoor enthusiast. He currently is a Planner with South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County.



Pat A. Adams Director 2014-2016

Pat is a former teacher with the Hamburg Area School District and a resident of Tilden Township since 1960. She is a life-long outdoor enthusiast and is also on the Hamburg Library Board and the Tilden Environmental Advisory Council.



Neven Dries Director 2016-2018

Neven is a local amateur photographer specializing in landscapes, nature and architecture. He has worked at Deka Batteries for the last 20 years. He has a love of the outdoors. "Blue Mountain Wildlife has shown me a way to help and encourage others to enjoy this fabulous area we call the Kerny."



Dennis Henne Director 2015-2017

Dennis has been a member of Blue Mountain Wildlife since 2002. He has been a Hamburg resident since 1985 and is an avid outdoorsman and conservationist. His interests include railroad and canal history.



Kerry Grim Director 2016-2018

Kerry is a lifelong resident of Hamburg, age 64. He is an avid lover of nature and nature photography. He is thoroughly studying birds at Kernsville Dam Recreation Area, their nesting, use of the land, migration patterns, and their influence by the unique topography of the area. He loves helping at events and sharing photographs of the people and the beauty of the Kernsville Dam area.



Joseph Swider Director 2016-2018

Joewas born in the town of Weirton West Virginia 2/11/1947. He has lived in Hamburg for the past 20 years. He was recruited for BMW by Pat Adams because she saw a need for a tenacious, methodical, individual to keep things in order. He loves the Kerny because as far as a mistress goes she different, new and exciting every time he graces her world with his presence.



James Turner Director 2014-2016

Jim is a resident and Township Supervisor of West Brunswick Township.



2016 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated Officers**Don Waldron President 2016**

Don has been a resident of Tilden Township since 1989 and has been a life-long outdoor enthusiast. He has served as President of Tilden Action Group, a citizens group that was involved with past land-use issues in Tilden Township. He is currently active in various outdoor clubs. He is also currently a Tilden Township alternative delegate to the Northern Berks Recreation Commission.

**Pat Adams Vice-President 2016**

Pat is a former teacher with the Hamburg Area School District and a resident of Tilden Township since 1960. She is a life-long outdoor enthusiast and is also on the Hamburg Library Board and the Tilden Environmental Advisory Council.

**Gregg R. Adams Secretary 2016**

Gregg spent 20 years growing up on his parents' property off Lowland Road in Tilden Township and has been a resident of Hamburg since 2008. He is a life-long outdoor enthusiast. He currently is a Planner with South Whitehall Township, Lehigh County.

**Sue A. Fisher Treasurer 2016**

Sue Fisher is a lifetime Hamburg Area and a Tilden Township resident since 1994. She spent many years as a teenager and an adult enjoying the Kernsville Dam environment. Sue currently operates two businesses out of her home and is a former Reading Company and Conrail employee.



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Other major events included selling Kerny Monster Burgers in the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival and selling ice cream and hosting historical tours of the Kernsville Dam area during Hamburg Heritage Day.

Two Thousand Six saw three major projects come to fruition. After at least three years of discussion and negotiation, the Cabela's Wetland Mitigation project gained approval and was implemented in September. Approximately one-half acre of new wetlands and one-third mile of new trail were constructed in the desilting basin north of the Monument. On May 24, Environmental Education Day brought 120 5th graders from Hamburg Elementary School to the Kernsville Dam area for a number of outdoor educational opportunities. The Northern Berks QUAD Games were inaugurated as the organization's primary fundraiser and brought in approximately 300 participants to the four races. Other events included the Second Annual Membership Banquet on January 12 and the Earth Day/Outdoor Appreciation Weekend on May 20 and 21. On March 22, 2006, Blue Mountain Wildlife completed its 501(c)(3) probationary period and its non-profit status was confirmed and made permanent.

Two Thousand Seven saw the continuation of our successful projects. The Cabela's Wetland Project continued and flourished. On May 11, Environmental Education Day again brought 120 5th graders from Hamburg Elementary School to the Kernsville Dam area for a number of outdoor educational opportunities. The Northern Berks QUAD Games experienced its second year as the organization's primary fundraiser and brought in approximately 300 participants to the four races. BMW also set about updating its 2001 Open Space Plan and made presentations at the four surrounding municipalities inviting them to participate. Other events included the Third Annual Membership Banquet on January 11, the Kutztown Earth Day Celebration on April 19, the Earth Day Clean-Up on April 21, the Bear Creek Festival on May 18 and the Pulpit Rock Beach Clean-Up on November 8. Scout projects included the KDRA sign by Austin Hartman and the Kernsville Monument beautification by Junior Girl Scout Troop 114.

Two Thousand Eight saw another set of projects begin. BMW secured two grants to top the Wetlands Trail and parts of the Therman Madeira Switchback, as well as to construct a footbridge at the Industrial Drive pump station. Work on the Cabela's Wetlands continued. Construction was begun on an information kiosk at the Monument parking lot. An updated draft Open Space Plan was created and comments from all stakeholders solicited and collected. The BMW website was updated by KDS FX Design and BMW took over the domain name and the upkeep of the website. In its third year, the Northern Berks QUAD Games brought two races back to the KDRA and brought in approximately 280 participants to the four races. Other events included the Fourth Annual Membership Banquet on April 25, the Earth Day Clean-Up on April 26, the Bear Creek Festival on May 18 and Environmental Education Day on May 30.

Two Thousand Nine saw the completion of the previous year's projects. The parking lot improvements included the completion of the informational kiosk and the installation of trash barrels. Additional sections of the Therman Madeira Switchback were topped, and the Donald Waldron Footbridge was completed and a dedication ceremony held on October 24th. Eagle Scout candidate Kurt Kissinger constructed an outdoor classroom at the north end of the Cabela's Wetlands. Despite three wet races, the fourth annual Northern Berks QUAD Games brought in 236 participants while earning over \$2,000. Inclement weather also caused the cancellation of the Annual Membership Banquet and forced the relocation of the expanded Environmental Education Day (now including Perry Elementary) to Tilden Elementary School on May 29. Other events included Earth Day Cleanups scheduled on each Saturday in April, the Bear Creek Festival on May 17th and Hamburg Community Days on July 3rd and 4th.

Two Thousand Ten saw a number of circumstances converge, to the great fortune of Blue Mountain Wildlife and the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area. Pennsy Paving Company, which was completing the reconstruction of the State Street Bridge, was approached with a request to assess the repair work needed on Kernsville Dam Road. Pennsy Paving volunteered a day's labor and equipment to repair as much of Kernsville Dam Road as possible, given the materials available. BMW approached several supporters and secured several thousand dollars in donations, with which additional materials were purchased. Two of the worst portions of Kernsville Dam Road were milled and repaved, and the Bartram Trail Trailhead was milled, reconfigured and landscaped. At about the same time, Schuylkill River Heritage Area received a sizeable donation for trail work and decided to use some of it to complete the topping of the Therman Madeira Switchback. Finally, BMW also received a promise of a donation from Tilden Township of a day's labor and equipment to repair

BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED HISTORY

two of the worst sections of Kernsville Dam Road remaining, which is scheduled to be acted upon in 2011. Other projects, events and noteworthy items included: the coordination with the Tilden Township Environmental Advisory Council on two Township-wide Clean-Ups—in April and November; the 2010 Northern Berks QUAD Games, which brought in 245 participants and earned approximately \$3,800.00; the construction of the Environmental and Historical GPS Trail by Eagle Scout Candidate Casey Schneck; the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet, twice postponed due to inclement weather; Environmental Education Day, hosted once again at the Kerny; participation in the Schuylkill Watershed Congress, Bear Creek Festival, Hamburg Community Day and the June Hamburg Art Stroll; and community service volunteered by Penn State senior Alex Sung, Hamburg High School students Corey Fuhman and Nick Meyers, and “Community Explosion” volunteers of Blue Mountain Academy and the Bridge Church.

Two Thousand Eleven saw some ups and downs. Blue Mountain Wildlife was challenged by a number of thefts, acts of vandalism, and repeated flooding throughout the year, but the good outweighed the bad. In the early spring, Tilden Township donated a day’s worth of labor and equipment to the maintenance of Kernsville Dam Road, improving the road near the Upper Parking Lot. On May 12th, BMW and Schuylkill River Heritage Area hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony, officially opening the two miles of Schuylkill River Trail between Hamburg and the Bartram Trail. On July 16th, BMW celebrated its tenth anniversary with a party at the Monument Parking Lot, which drew over two hundred people. The Northern Berks QUAD Games were put on hold for retooling but, due to popular demand, the Dutch Country Bicycle Races were held on July 30th. Other projects and events included: the Annual Membership Banquet on January 28th; a cold and wet Earth Day Clean-Up on April 23rd; a warm and sunny Environmental Education Day on June 3rd; flood-damage repairs to the Therman Madeira Switchback in May and September; the completion of the second outdoor classroom by Eagle Scout candidate Danny Capitelli in May; more road repairs by the Bridge Church volunteers and the Tilden Township road crew in July; a tree planting in the Cabela’s Wetland in November; and volunteer service by Alex Hartman. BMW also participated in Hamburg ThawFest, Central Berks Community Day Fair, Bear Creek Festival, and the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival.

Two Thousand Twelve saw a number of small projects come to fruition. Funding from a “Trails Town” grant allowed BMW to move forward with a pair of signage projects: an informational sign describing the creation of the desilting basin was installed in the fall on the Cabela’s Wetlands Trail and in the late summer and early fall work crews installed the bases for trail name signs. In late summer, Bridge Church Community Explosions helped fill more potholes in Kernsville Dam Road, bringing it up to the best condition it’s been in over a decade. Finally, the January 2013 installation of the raptor nesting pole capped the year-long planning and fabrication effort. The Northern Berks QUAD Games returned to draw 257 participants and a new race, the Dine & Dash, was introduced at the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival. In March, Berks County Conservation District honored BMW with their Conservation Group of the Year. BMW participated in a record number of community events in 2012: the Annual Banquet in January, ThawFest and Earth Day Clean-Up in April; Central Berks Community Day, Bear Creek Festival and Environmental Education Day in May; and Get Outside Day and Tilden Township’s 125 Anniversary in June.

Two Thousand Thirteen witnessed the completion of a number of smaller projects. In January, the raptor nesting pole was erected in the Basin. In April, a permanent gate was installed at the Upper Parking Lot, completing a project that took a year to design, fabricate and install. During June and July, work crews installed the trail signage onto the bases that had been installed in 2012. A game camera was installed near a perennial dumping site in an effort to catch and deter illegal dumping and vandalism. Repair work on the Kernsville Dam Road continued in 2013, with work by BMW volunteers, the Tilden Township Road Crew and Bridge Church Community Explosion volunteers in April, July and September. The Northern Berks QUAD Games returned to draw 188 participants and the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival Dine & Dash Burgers & Trails Race returned for a second successful run. The Basin hosted a “Walking With Dragonflies” tour in August and BMW’s Pat Adams led a tour of “The Moving of the Schuylkill River” in October. Eagle Scout Candidate Charlie Cravotta designed, constructed and installed two bat boxes during the fall. BMW participated in a record number of community events in 2013: the Annual Banquet in January, the Earth Day Clean-Up in April; Central Berks Community Day, Bear Creek Festival and Environmental Education Day in May; and Fun In The Sun Day, Get Outside Day and Let’s Go Camping With Cabela’s Day in June.

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Two Thousand Fourteen saw the end of an old tradition and the beginning of some new. The BMW Race Committee, after many years of struggling with the problems unique to bicycle events, decided to end the Northern Berks QUAD Games at the conclusion of its ninth season. The QUAD Games attendance never exceeded its first-year numbers and the Race Committee decided to try a new direction. On April 12th, BMW joined the Schuylkill Headwaters Association to clean up the beach across from “The Rock”. On May 3rd, BMW and the Tilden EAC coordinated an Electronics Recycle Day at the Tilden Municipal Building. Two “Owl Prowls” were held at the Kerny in 2014, one on June 20th and one on October 3rd. And on September 14th, BMW presented a history of the Schuylkill River as part of the Andulehea Concert presented by the St. John’s Church in Hamburg. With the closing of Kaercher Creek, Berks County Parks and Recreation contacted BMW looking for an alternate location for the “Let’s Go Camping With Cabela’s” Day and BMW happily accommodated the event. In 2014, BMW’s normal activities continued unabated. Repair work on the Kernsville Dam Road continued, with work by BMW volunteers, the Tilden Township Road Crew and Bridge Church Community Explosion volunteers on four days in August and September. The final Northern Berks QUAD Games drew 257 participants and the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival Dine & Dash Burgers & Trails Race drew almost forty participants during its third annual run. The Basin hosted another “Walking With Dragonflies” tour in August. BMW participated in: the Annual Banquet in January; three Earth Day Clean-Ups in April; Tilden Recycle Day, Central Berks Community Day, Bear Creek Festival, and “Let’s Go Camping” Day in May; and Environmental Education Day and “Get Outside” Day in June.

Two Thousand Fifteen also saw its ups and downs. Blue Mountain Wildlife and Berks Parks and Recreation Department started a relationship that opens the Kerny up to Berks Rec programs, bringing more visitors to the Kerny. In February, BMW also launched an online store, www.BlueMountainWildlifeStore.com, to support fundraising efforts. The BMW Trail Race Series took over as BMW’s main fundraising events and drew 203 runners and earned over \$2,300 from the three races in April, May and June. Repair work on the Kernsville Dam Road continued, with work by BMW volunteers, the Tilden Township Road Crew and Bridge Church Community Explosion volunteers during the late summer. September’s Dine & Dash drew 37 participants, its highest total to date. In October, BMW constructed several hundred yards of new trail along the rim of the Monument Parking Lot hill and made repairs to the Cabela’s Wetlands Trail and Monument Parking Lot. BMW also faced challenges from illegal camping, vandalism, vehicular mischief, dumping and other criminal acts. In October and in December trail signage was destroyed and stolen. In 2015, the Kerny hosted “Snowshoeing with Your Sweetie”, the annual Earth Day Clean-Up, “Let’s Go Camping with Cabela’s”, two Invasive Species Walks, Environmental Education Day, a Butterfly Garden Photography class, “Walk with Dragonflies”, and the Fall Clean-Up and Cook-Out. BMW also participated in the 11th Annual Membership Banquet, the Hamburg Arts & Crafts Fest, Bear Creek Festival and “Get Outdoors” Day.

Two Thousand Sixteen was one for the history books. The Annual Banquet was a great success, featuring a well-received Raptor presentation before 36 BMW supporters. Earth Day Clean-Up was a rousing success, collecting over a ton of trash and reinstalling signage, repainting pavement markings, taking down hazardous trees and mowing down swaths of Japanese Knotweed. Work continued on the DS Trail, with a supporter donating \$1,000 to construct 3 benches along the trail. A local girl scout proposed plans for raised gardens at the Monument Parking Lot. The BMW Trail Race Series had its best year yet, registering 234 participants and earning over \$4,200. The fifth annual Dine & Dash registered 38 participants and the BMW crew officiated at both Hamburger Eating Contests at the Taste of Hamburg-er Festival. BMW purchased new hats and t-shirts as fundraisers, and received a new t-shirt design from local artist Dan Christ to replace the dwindling supplies of BMW t-shirts. The BMW stand attended the Hamburg Arts Fest, Bear Creek Festival, Get Outdoors Day, and the Red Creek Wildlife Open House. The Kerny hosted the BMW 15th Anniversary Celebration, two Invasive Species Walks, the Walk with Dragonflies, and the Berks Parks and Recreation programs Spring Macro photography, and Starwatch in Northern Berks. Unfortunately, the spring brought more vandalism, with trail signage being destroyed and the Information Kiosk toppled. But the Kiosk was repaired and new signage planned for. Then, in early July, social media discovered the Kerny. This brought a deluge of visitors to the KDRA, first hundreds and soon thousands every weekend. Volunteer efforts at trash control were severely strained, parking was overwhelmed and illegal and destructive behavior increased. Local officials called for action and, on August 25th, PA DEP closed much of the KDRA to all but maintenance personnel and started revising the license agreement with BMW.