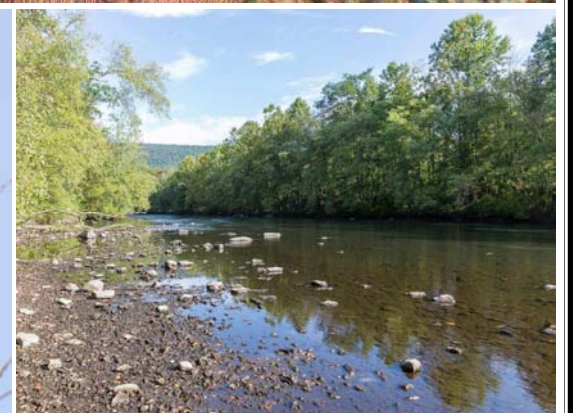
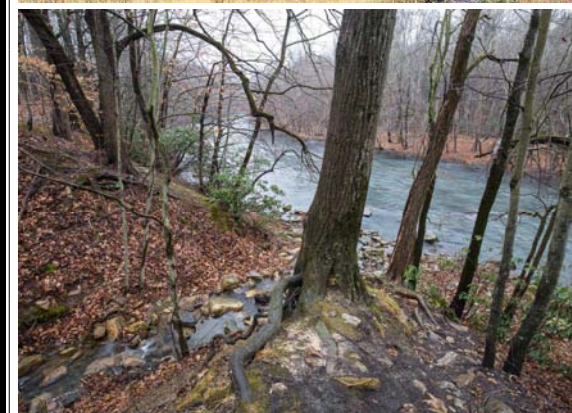
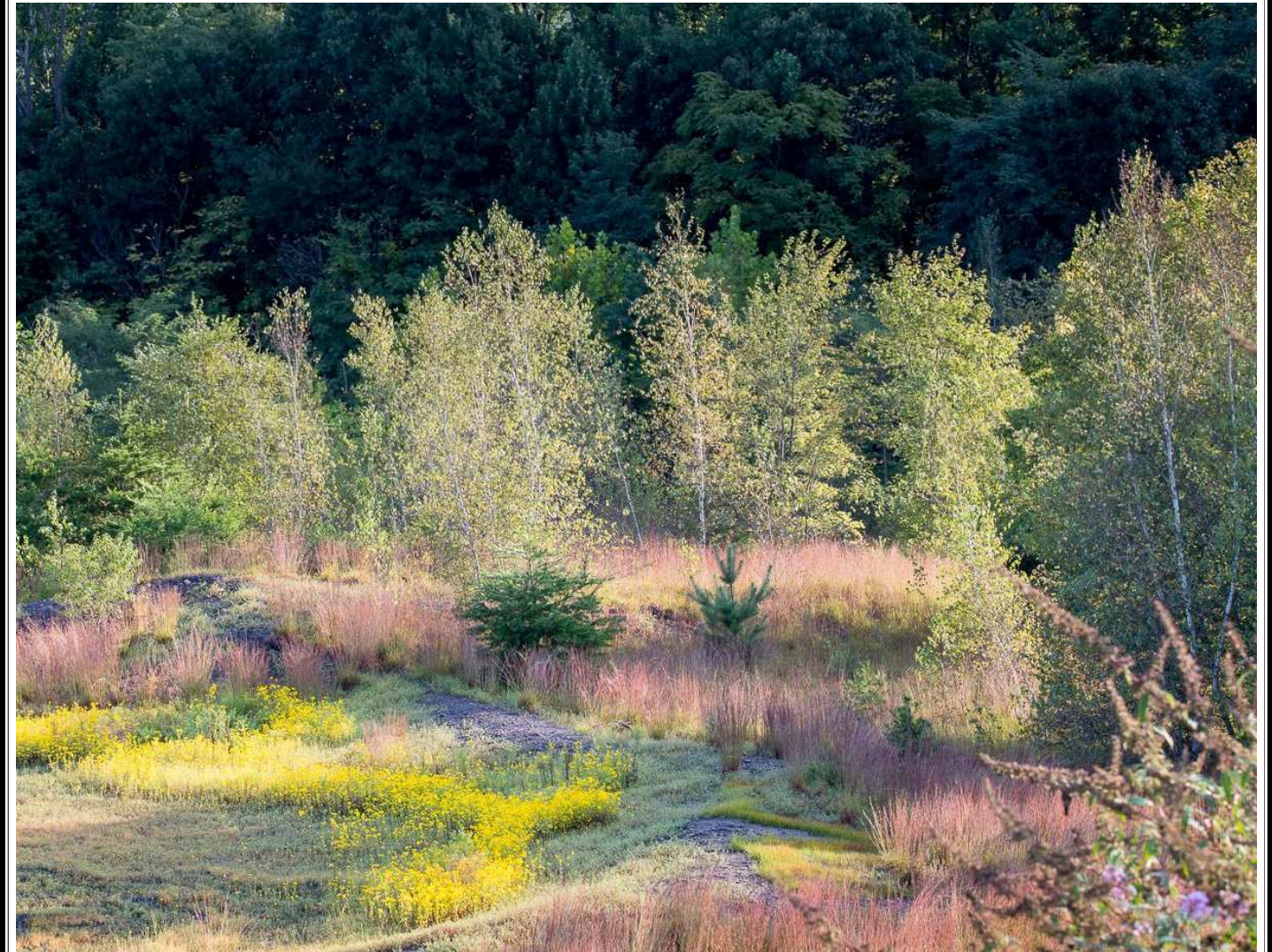


BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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2017 PROJECT IMAGES

**Taste of Hamburg-er Festival Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race September 2nd**



2017 PROJECT IMAGES

2017 BMW Trail Race Series "Run To The Rock" Trail Races June 24th



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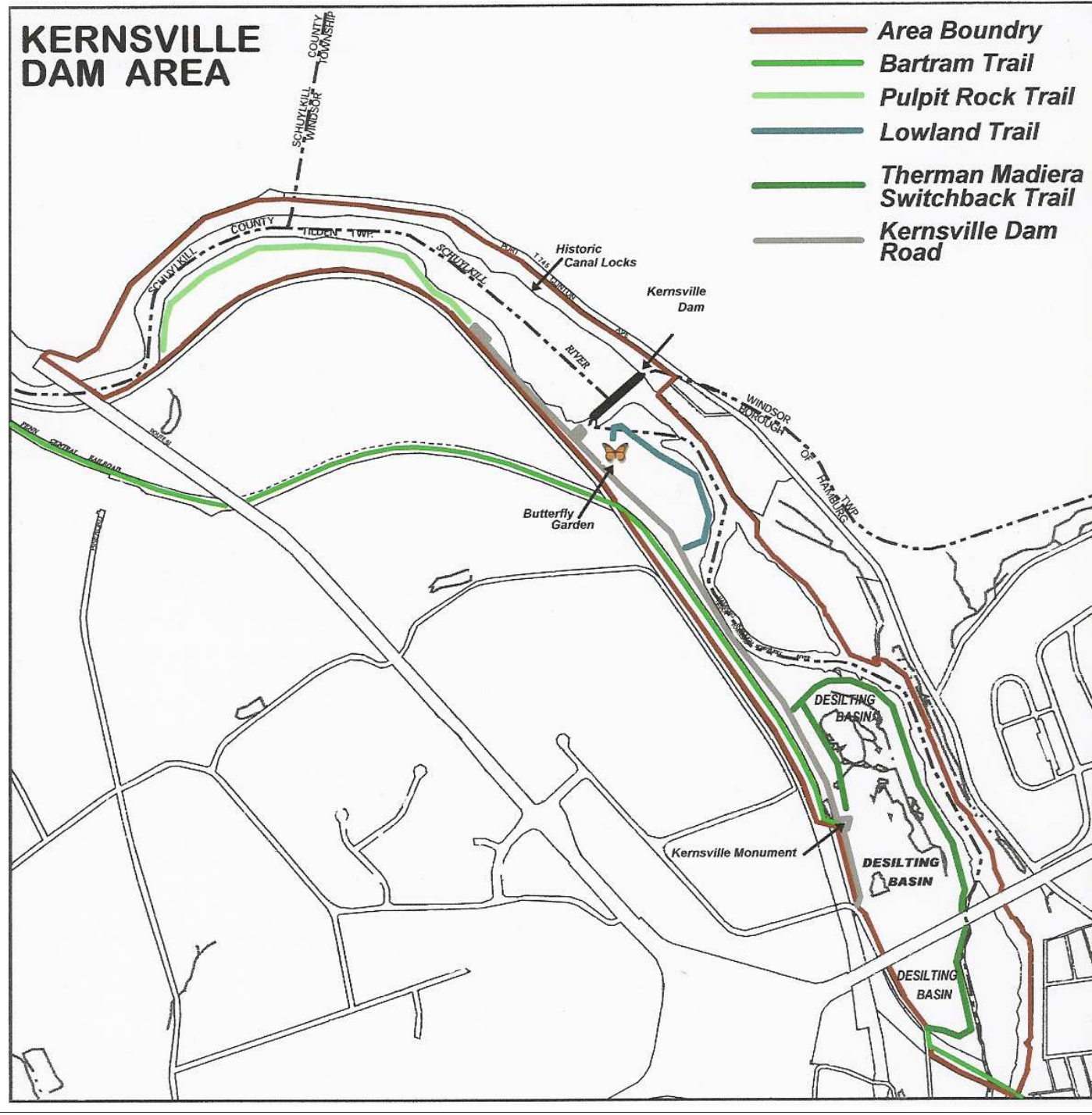
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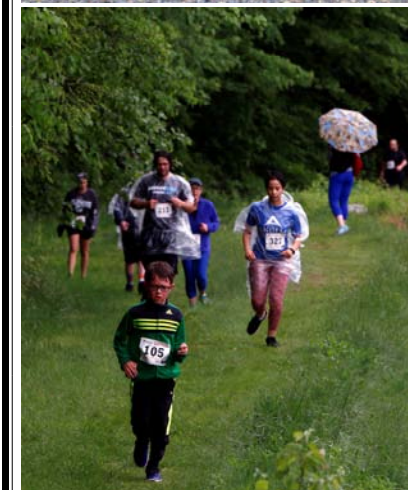
### KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

The Officers and Directors of Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year 2017. 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.



### 2017 PROJECT IMAGES

#### 2017 BMW Trail Race Series “Mad Dash” Trail Races May 20th



2017 PROJECT IMAGES

2017 BMW Trail Race Series "Bartram Breeze" Trail Races April 22nd



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)

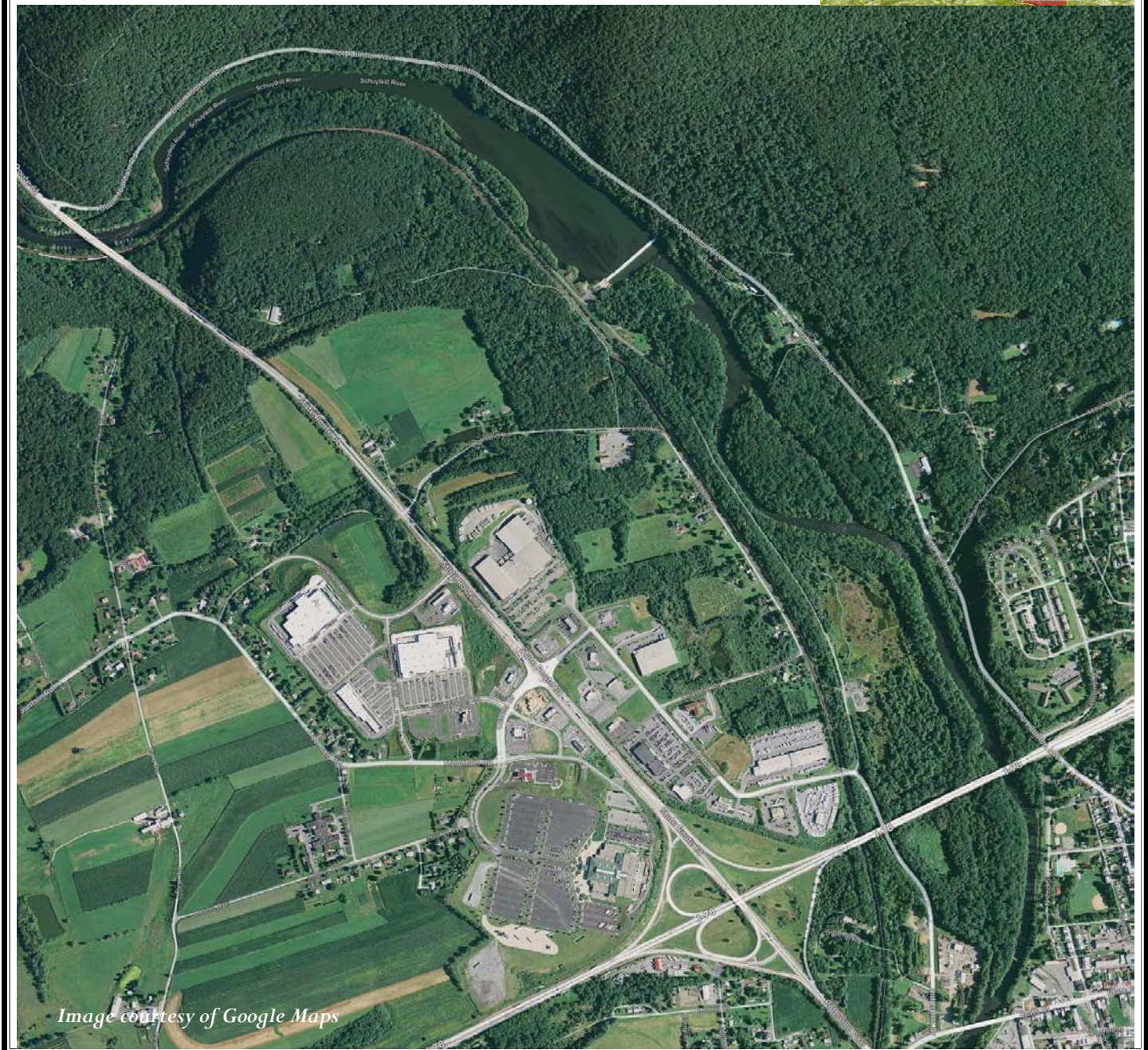


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### KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA

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

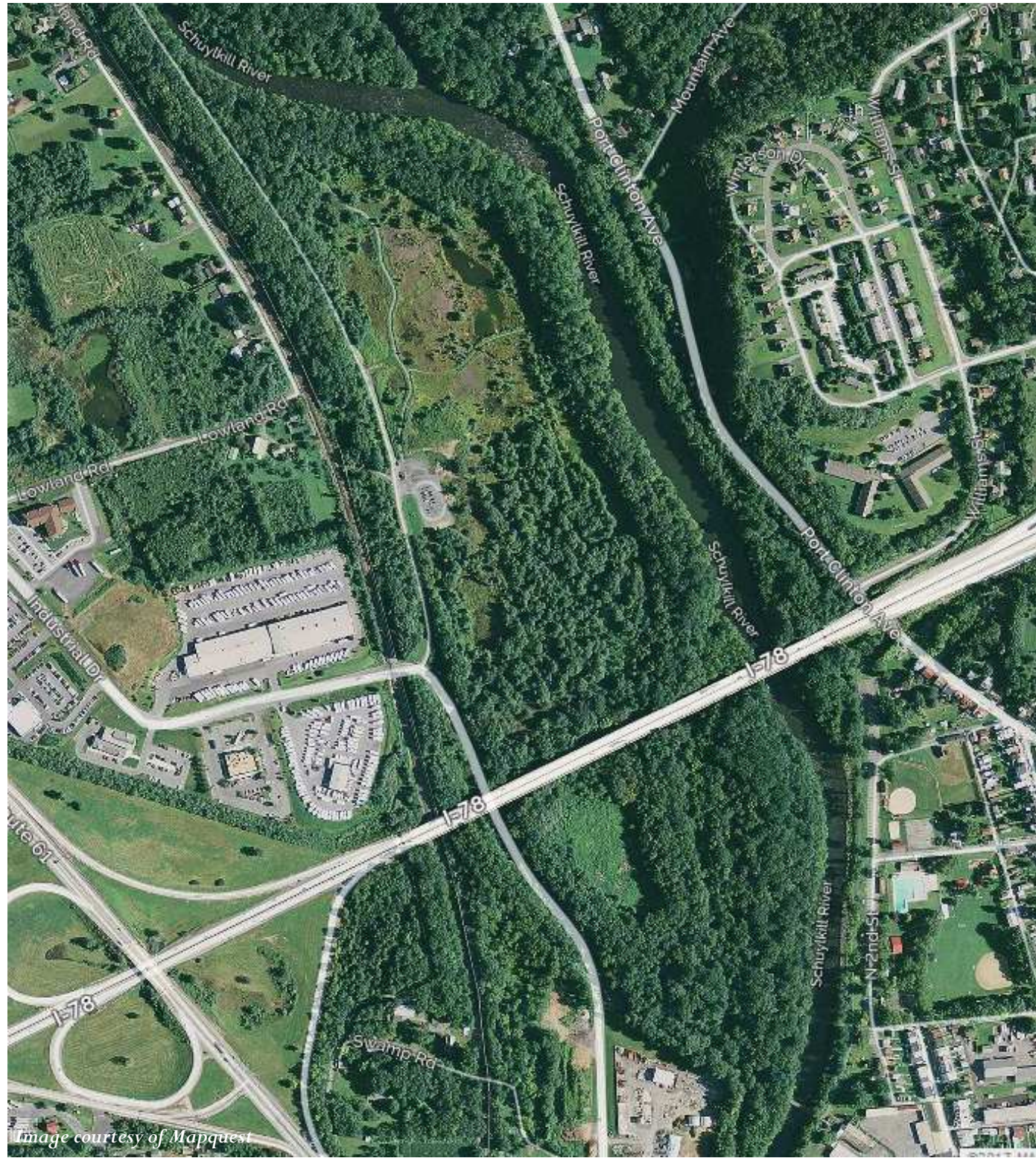


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### 2017 PROJECT IMAGES

#### Starwatch in Northern Berks September 29th



2017 PROJECT IMAGES

**Picnic Table Installation September 12th**



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

This is currently the only part of the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area open to the public. 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



### 2017 PROJECT IMAGES

#### Walking With Dragonflies August 19th





2017 PROJECT IMAGES

Walking With Dragonflies August 12th



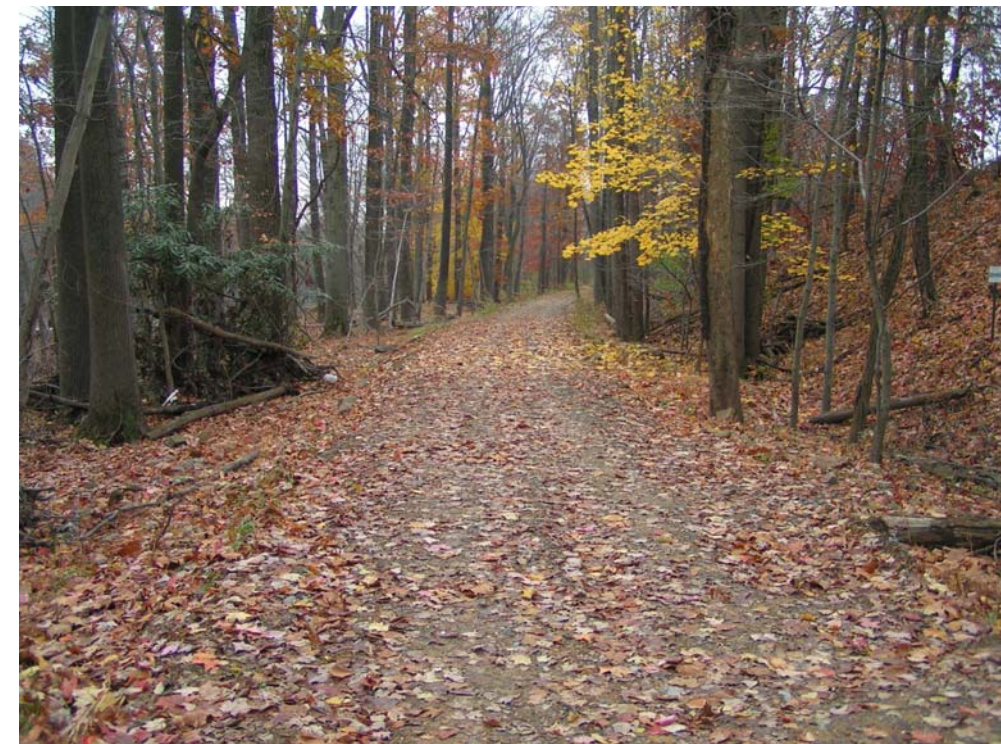
KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



**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 is located on the western side of the dam



### 2017 PROJECT IMAGES

#### Community Event Participation



Hamburg Arts Fest May 20th



Bear Creek Festival June 4th



Get Outdoors Day June 10th

2017 PROJECT IMAGES

Earth Day Clean-Up April 22nd



KERNSVILLE DAM RECREATION AREA



**Area Above the Dam**

Area consists of the dam and the pool of the reservoir.

The area is only accessible via the Schuylkill River.

A canoe portage is located on the western side of the dam



### KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



#### Northeast Shore of the Schuylkill River

The northeast shore is currently off-limits to the public

The Appalachian Trail crosses a portion of the area between Port Clinton Avenue and PA Route 61

The northeast shore boasts a river beachfront



### 2017 PROJECT IMAGES

#### 2017 Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet January 27th



2017 FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP STATEMENTS

**2017 Financial Statement**

Total Assets January 1, 2017	\$9,169.00
Total Liabilities January 1, 2017	\$0.00
Gifts and Contributions received	\$3,658.00
Membership received	\$806.00
Interest	\$0.00
Income from fund raisers/banquet, etc.	\$9,192.39
Total 2017 revenue	\$13,656.39
Special Project Expenses	\$6,556.59
General Expenses (includes, advertising, office expense, donations, insurance, postage/shipping and printing)	\$4,273.20
Total 2017 expenses	\$10,829.79
Total assets December 31, 2017	\$11,995.82
Total liabilities December 31, 2017	\$0.00

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

**2017 Membership Statement**

As of January 1, 2017: 131  
 Including: 1 Corporate, 6 Donation, 75 Family, 20 Lifetime, 7 Senior, 22 Single, 0 Student

As of December 31, 2017: 134  
 Including: 5 Corporate, 4 Donation, 75 Family, 21 Lifetime, 11 Senior, 18 Single, 0 Student

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KERNSVILLE RECREATION DAM AREA



**The Bartram Trail linking Hamburg and Port Clinton**

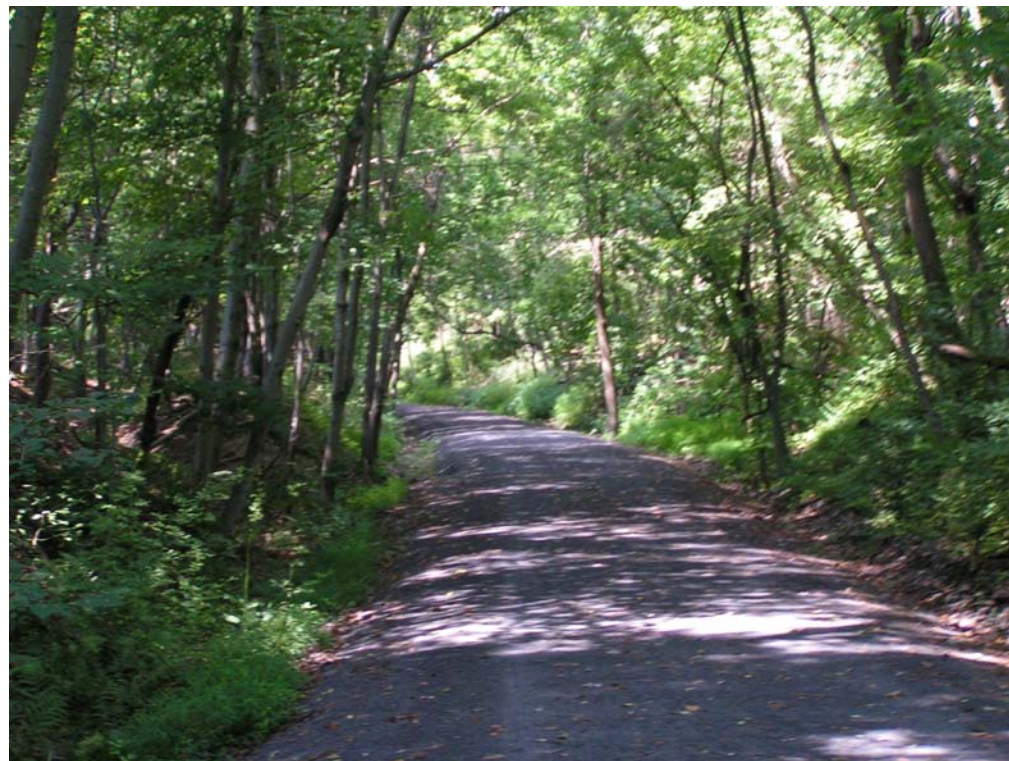
The trailhead at Hamburg is in excellent condition and allows convenient access. The Bartram Trail follows an elevated section of the Pennsylvania Railroad right-of-way through much of the Kernsville Dam area allowing many scenic views of the surrounding countryside.



### 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.



### 2017 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.



**Fred Herman** Director 2017-2019

Fred is a long-time resident of Tilden Township and a Township Supervisor.



**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. 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.



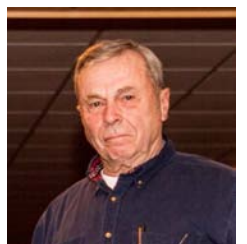
**Joseph Swider** Director 2016-2018

Joe was born in the town of Weirton West Virginia in 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's different, new and exciting every time he graces her world with his presence.



**James Turner** Director 2017-2019

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



2017 OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

**Blue Mountain Wildlife Incorporated Officers**

**Don Waldron President 2017**

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.



**Barry Shollenbeger Vice-President 2017**

Barry, a life-long resident of Tilden Township, grew up within walking distance of the Kernsville Dam. He has spent 30 years as a wild lands fire fighter including 14 trips on western fire details. Dedicated to preserving and protecting wild lands, he is a member of the National Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited and the United Bowhunters. He is active in four different Fish and Game Associations and the PA Forest Fighter Warden's Association.



**Gregg R. Adams Secretary 2017**

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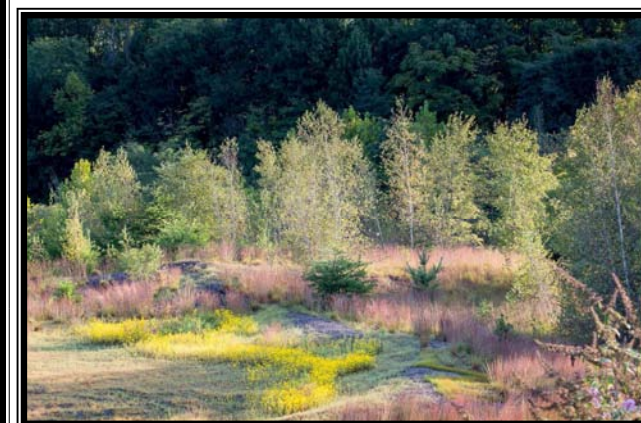
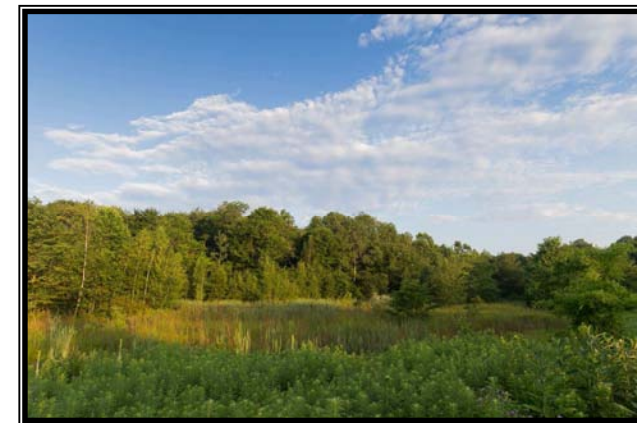


**Sue A. Fisher Treasurer 2017**

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.

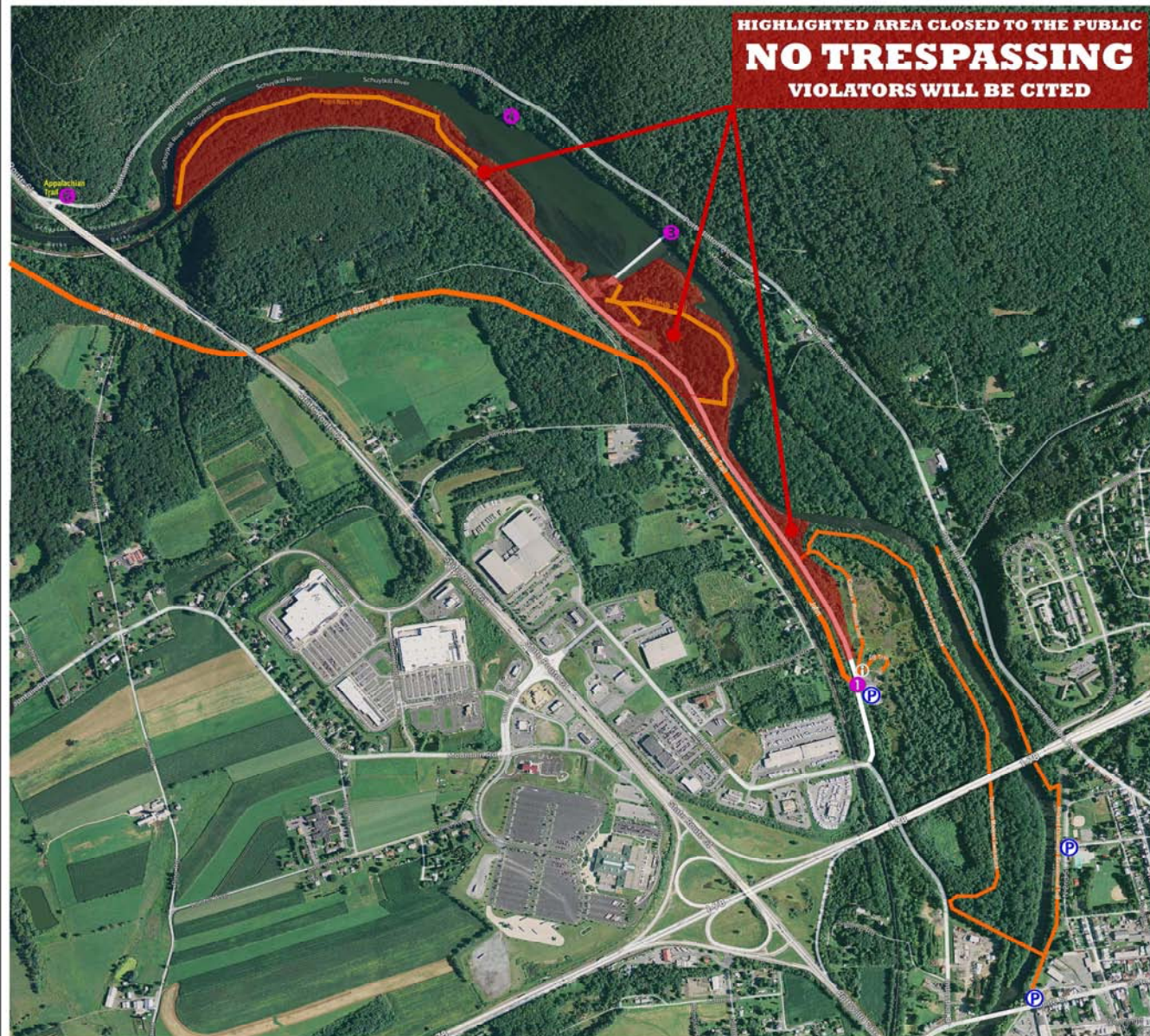


**Images from the Kerny 2017**



Map of the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area 2017

# Kernsville Dam Recreation Area Area Trails Map



**MAP LEGEND**

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

**LOCATIONS OF INTEREST**



## BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED HISTORY

**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](http://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. 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 Macrophotography, 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.

**Two Thousand Seventeen** saw a different Kerny. With all of the Kerny north of the Desilting Basin closed to the public, Blue Mountain Wildlife adjusted its plans and objectives. The Annual Banquet had another successful year and featured a presentation about dam removal. The first race of the 2017 Trail Race Series coincided with the Earth Day Clean-Up, which produced mixed results. The race attracted 52 runners but the Clean-Up only attracted a few people. The next race, the Mad Dash, attracted 54, but the final race, The Run To The Rock, attracted 100 runners, the best participation for a BMW race since 2006. BMW participated in three outside events—Hamburg ArtsFest, Bear Creek Festival and Get Outdoors Day. The Kerny hosted three events—two Dragonfly walks in August and a StarWatch in September. The Taste of Hamburg-er Festival ended with a cold rain, but the Dine & Dash drew 34 runners and the BMW volunteers officiated both Hamburger Eating Contests. Two scout projects were started in the fall: Ryan Kemp rehabilitated Outdoor Classroom #1 and Mckenzie Greenawalt is constructing a butterfly garden near the Monument Parking Lot. Lifetime Member Katherine Wells donated a concrete picnic table to add to Mckenzie's project. There seems to have been little or no progress from the Commonwealth regarding the closing of the Kerny or the renegotiation of the lease. Though there were a number of people cited for trespassing or given warnings, last year's closure resulted in a drastic reduction of the number of visitors to The Rock this year.



## BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED HISTORY

State senior Alex Sung, Hamburg High School students Corey Furhman 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. Tilden Township donated a day's worth of labor and equipment to the maintenance of Kernsville Dam Road. 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. 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 the Dutch Country Bicycle Races were held on July 30th. Other projects included: the Annual Membership Banquet; a cold and wet Earth Day Clean-Up; a warm and sunny Environmental Education Day; 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; more road repairs by the Bridge Church "Community Explosion" volunteers and the Tilden Township road crew; a tree planting in the Cabela's Wetland; 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.

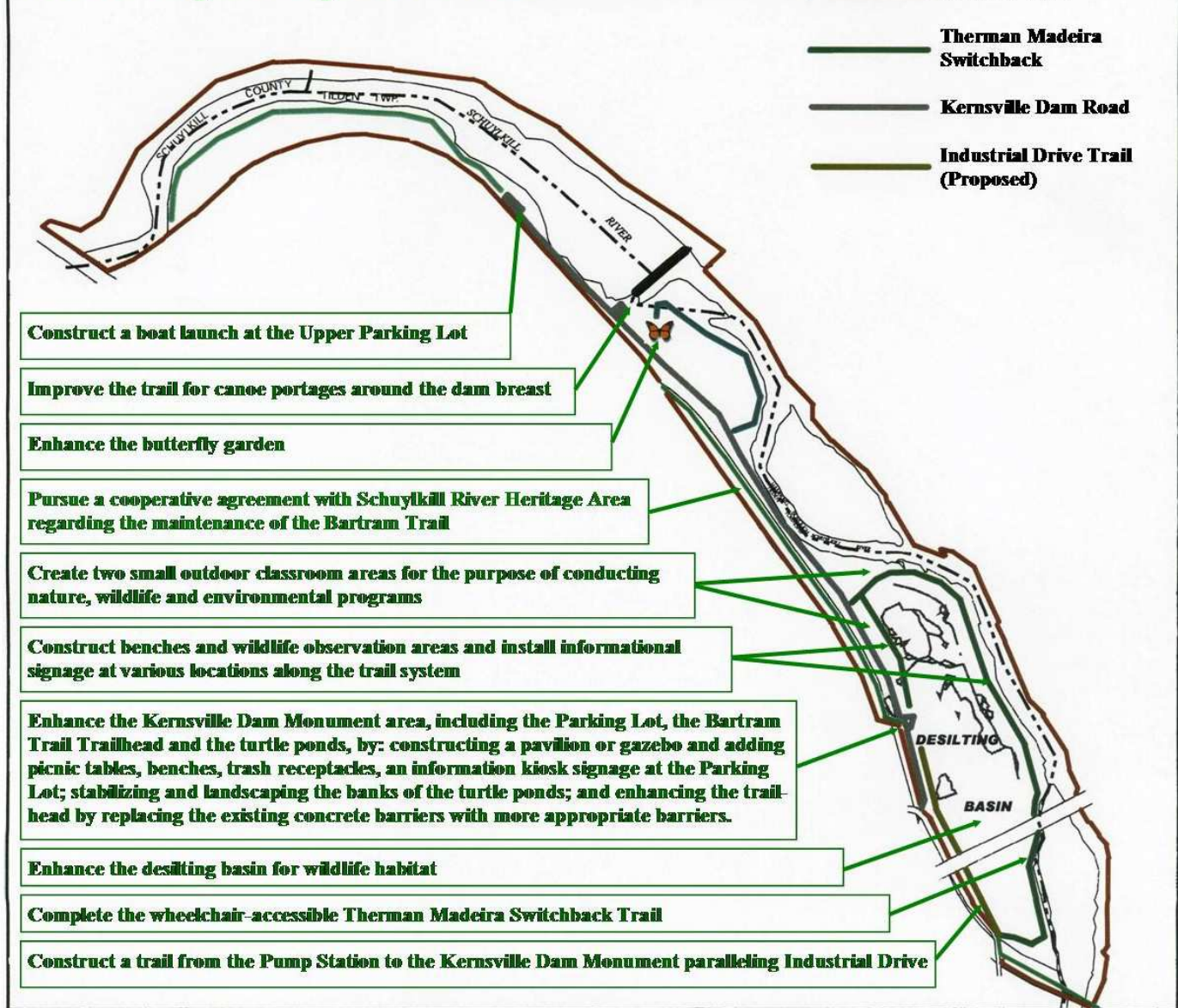
**Two Thousand Twelve** saw a number of small projects come to fruition. Funding from a "Trails Town" grant allowed BMW to move forward with a pair of signage projects. In late summer, Bridge Church Community Explosions helped fill more potholes in Kernsville Dam Road. Finally, the installation of the 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. 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, ThawFest and Earth Day Clean-Up; Central Berks Community Day, Bear Creek Festival and Environmental Education Day; and Get Outside Day and Tilden Township's 125 Anniversary.

**Two Thousand Thirteen** witnessed the completion of a number of smaller projects. In April, a permanent gate was installed at the Upper Parking Lot. Work crews installed trail signage. Repair work on the Kernsville Dam Road continued, with work by BMW volunteers, the Tilden Township Road Crew and Bridge Church Community Explosion volunteers. 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 and BMW's Pat Adams led a tour of "The Moving of the Schuylkill River". Eagle Scout Candidate Charlie Cravotta constructed and installed two bat boxes. BMW participated in a record number of community events in 2013: the Annual Banquet, the Earth Day Clean-Up, Central Berks Community Day, Bear Creek Festival, Environmental Education Day, Fun In The Sun Day, Get Outside Day and Let's Go Camping With Cabela's Day.

**Two Thousand Fourteen** saw the end of an old tradition and the beginning of some new. 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. The Kerny hosted "Let's Go Camping with Cabela's" Day on May 31st, drawing over 300 people. 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 Outdoors" Day in June.

## 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. The grant required 50% matching funds which was to be met through fund-raising, donations and in-kind services. Blue Mountain Wildlife also launched a new website, [www.BlueMountainWildlife.com](http://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 project was completed with the funding from the Berks County Open Space and Recreation Grant secured in the previous year and matching funds from donations of money, materials and time from the organization's many supporters. 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.

## BLUE MOUNTAIN WILDLIFE INCORPORATED HISTORY

**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. 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. The Cabela's Wetland Mitigation project, approximately one-half acre of new wetlands and one-third mile of new trail, were constructed in the desilting basin north of the Monument. 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 and the Earth Day/Outdoor Appreciation Weekend. Blue Mountain Wildlife completed its 501(c)(3) probationary period and its non-profit status was made permanent.

**Two Thousand Seven** saw the continuation of our successful projects. 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, the Kutztown Earth Day Celebration, the Earth Day Clean-Up, the Bear Creek Festival and the Pulpit Rock Beach Clean-Up. 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, the Earth Day Clean-Up, the Bear Creek Festival and Environmental Education Day.

**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. 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. 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. Other events included four Earth Day Cleanups, the Bear Creek Festival and Hamburg Community Days.

**Two Thousand Ten** saw the convergence of a number of favorable events. The worst portions of Kernsville Dam Road were milled and repaved, and the Bartram Trail Trailhead was milled, reconfigured and landscaped. Schuylkill River Heritage Area completed the topping of the Therman Madeira Switchback. Other items included: two Township-wide Clean-Ups; the 2010 Northern Berks QUAD Games, which brought in 245 participants; the construction of the Environmental and Historical GPS Trail by Eagle Scout Candidate Casey Schneck; the 2010 Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet; Environmental Education Day; participation in the Schuylkill Watershed Congress, Bear Creek Festival, Hamburg Community Day and the Hamburg Art Stroll; and community service volunteered by Penn