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## 2013 Annual Membership Meeting scheduled for June 4th – Mark your calendars!

Evergreen Conservancy will have its annual membership meeting Tuesday June 4th at the Tanoma Environmental Education Center with the potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The annual meeting is when Evergreen Conservancy members elect board members and other officers. Two current board members are standing for reelection. Nominations will be received from the nominating committee and from the floor. Besides board members there is a vacancy for a treasurer position. Friends are invited to attend the annual meeting but only members can vote.

The annual meeting is also when members will be able to renew their membership and friends of Evergreen Conservancy will be given opportunity to join.

In addition to review of the past year's activities member will receive a tour of our AMD system- New alternate energy equipment will be pointed out. Some come for the potluck. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the traditional covered dish dinner for Conservancy members and friends. The board will supply hot dogs, rolls, condiments, and drink.

Those attending should bring a covered dish and table service. Bring salads, deserts, or other side dishes appropriate for a picnic. During the 2013 annual meeting the conservancy will recognize the second Evergreen Award winner – the late John Novak. Mr. Novak was nominated by the Crooked Creek Watershed organization. Mr. Novak was involved the original PA DEP construction of the Tanoma AMD system in the early 90s.

Evergreen Conservancy lives because of the efforts of our volunteers, partners, and supporters. We will celebrate and recognize those persons and groups.

Tanoma Outdoor Education Center is located on Rayne Church Road just off Tanoma Road between Indiana and Clymer.

### Evergreen Award

Please think about a person or group that really deserves to be recognized for their stewardship of our environment. You can nominate them at any time. Send us information about that person and why you think they should be given our Evergreen Award. There is a form you can fill out on our web site or contact us for what information we need. We would like to award this award at our June annual meeting.

### Our Region on Parade at the Indiana Mall

April 6 and 7 Cindy, Kelly, Tim, Stacey and Anne manned our table at the Mall and greeted people at the Our Region on Parade. We demonstrated renewable energy with our table top wind turbine.

### Lost and Found

Did anyone lose a Adidas sweat shirt at our Spring program at Blue Spruce Park Lodge?  
It is at the Blue Spruce office waiting to be claimed.



### OUR MISSION:

To advance the preservation, protection and stewardship of Natural, Cultural and Historical Resources in and around Indiana County, PA

### Evergreen's Website

[www.evergreenconservancy.org](http://www.evergreenconservancy.org)

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[About Evergreen Conservancy – crNa11j5J2M](#)

[Tanoma AMD Wetlands – yaGLM4Ob8Ks](#)

[Renewable Energy – S3VOATx0mRY](#)

## Into the Streets

IUP student volunteers came out in force to help at during the Into the Streets volunteer day at Tanoma, They helped fill in a trench for our new aerator, dismantle a bridge to recycle the wood, replace and put up our new story walk and install our aerator! What a full ½ day and they got it all done. Thanks to Cindy Rogers, Kelly Cossey, Dan Boone, Malcolm Hermann, Brooke Esrey, and Circle K Club of IUP for all your hard work!



## Mark your calendars for September 6&7

Folks in Indiana are planning the first ever Northern Appalachian Folk Festival. Evergreen is happy to support this festival as part of our mission in the preservation of our cultural heritage. There will be music, artists, crafts, workshops, vendors, theater performances and food in the community garden and in the downtown Indiana where streets will be closed and the festival will be held. The festival will be unique to the Northern Appalachian region. Stay tuned for more information and visit their website and Facebook page for updates at [www.northernappfolkfest.org](http://www.northernappfolkfest.org).

## Tanoma up-dates

- Two new aerators are now in the first pond and we are working to find out the best aeration schedule and how much the renewable energy system can power.

### Emergency Management Project

We just received all the equipment through the GenOn Grant to do the installations of our real time telemetry logger initiative with Indiana County Emergency Management. We will be working on this project during the next several months. If you would like to get involved with this exciting new project – contact us!

### Water Monitoring:

- We have 32 data loggers in the streams at present. We will be doing spring maintenance and recalibrating all the loggers this spring.
- If you are interested in becoming a water monitoring volunteer with this project, please contact us at [info@evergreenconservancy.com](mailto:info@evergreenconservancy.com). Time commitments vary, and we are looking for volunteers to come on our bimonthly uploads when their schedule allows!

*Visit our web site to learn more about these projects... [www.evergreenconservancy.org](http://www.evergreenconservancy.org)*

### WHAT WE CONSERVE:

Wildlife Habitat • Stream Access • Scenic Vistas • Land in need of Restoration • Working Landscapes • Historic • Cultural Sites

## Environmental Education News

- March 20th, 21st - Cindy, Sally, and Kelly attended meetings for two Indiana Cub Scout groups. They did an activity with the Enviroscope model to teach the two groups about the importance of wetlands like Tanoma!
- March 30th, April 6th - Cindy and Kelly traveled to Jackson Elementary to talk about environmental stewardship for boys' and girls' leadership programs. They talked about what Evergreen Conservancy does and why this work is important, then solved a series of environmental dilemmas.
- April 22nd - Cindy and Kelly tabled at IUP's Earth Day event. They brought along the tabletop wind turbine for a renewable energy demonstration and passed out information about Evergreen to interested students.
- April 23rd - We hosted a program for a home school group with kids of all ages from Indiana at Tanoma for iron oxide tie-dye and a tour of the system led by John Dudash followed by some macroinvertebrate catches! They had a great time, and the tie-dyed bandanas came out great!
- April 27th - The YMCA hosted a Healthy Kids Day. The theme of the event was to provide families with activities they could do during the summer. Cindy, Bob, and Kelly manned Evergreen's booth for the day, and participants stopped by for a renewable energy demonstration - pedaling a bike to provide power a fan - and to make their own pinwheels.
- May 4th - Tim and Stacey tabled for Evergreen at the Crooked Creek Environmental Learning Center's Open House in Ford City. The Open House also featured several area watershed associations and a talk about snapping turtles from turtle expert Greg Levish.
- May 6th - Divine Redeemer School from Ford City brought 4th, 5th and 6th graders out to Tanoma. They made tie-dye bandanas before touring the system with Cindy and testing water with Kelly. We were glad to have them out again this year!
- May 16th - EC did a watershed activity station for Kiski-Connemaugh Stream Team with the 5th grade students from Saltsburg Elementary school at the Blacklegs Memorial Park. It was a beautiful day and the kids sure did enjoy getting wet in the stream!
- May 17th - EC hosted over 50 Marion Center students at Tanoma. The kids learned how the system works and helped do some of the water testing we do at the site. They also took part in activities about watersheds and talked about the importance of keeping our waters clean, because we all live downstream of someone else!



## Join Evergreen Conservancy Today!

Support the all-volunteer Evergreen Conservancy and its mission through your membership.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$15: Student    \_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$45    \_\_\_\_\_ \$70    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100

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Additional Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEW GRANT WORK

- Kelly Cossey and Cindy Rogers attended the award luncheon to accept our Dominion Watershed Mini Grant. This grant was provided by the Dominion Foundation, which is dedicated to the economic, physical and social health of the communities served by Dominion Companies. This grant program was administered by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in its core mission of conserving Pennsylvania's diverse ecosystems through science-based strategy, leadership and collaboration. Congratulations also to Carol Cummins and Aultman Watershed for their award.
- May 23rd Cindy Rogers, JoAnne Ferraro, Sally Thornton, Tim Slippy and John Durdash will attend the Pa Environmental Council award dinner in Pittsburgh to accept our PA Environmental Award. We are proud and honored to have been given this award. We are one of 5 award recipients for 2013 year. See [www.pecpa.org/wpea](http://www.pecpa.org/wpea) for more information about the PA Environmental Council.



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Thanks to GoodPawsGoodCause for their year-end donation to Evergreen Conservancy.



## Seismic Testing Meeting

An informational meeting covering the topics of Seismic Testing, Pipeline Agreements, and Leasing will be held June 19th at 7 pm in the first floor meeting room at the Indiana County Extension, 827 Water Street, Indiana. This is for educational purposes and will be conducted by the Penn State Cooperative Extension. \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. Preregister with the Indiana Coop Extension at 724-465-3880.

## Eagle Scout Project at Tanoma

Kyle Heckert got all the necessary approvals for his Eagle Project. On May 19th we got the ground prepared and on June 1st and 2nd he will be starting our new shed. Kyle will be doing the construction with his volunteers but if you want to help out please come on out those days and lend a hand. Look for Kyle's letter asking for support for his project.

## Records set during spring Hoodlebug Trail Clean-up

A stuffed bear, a guitar hero device, and a one dollar bill were among items gleaned from the Hoodlebug Trail during Evergreen Conservancy's spring trail clean up. But unusual items were not the big news of the clean up: a record number of volunteers and record bags of trash collected. The turnout was amazing because a number of our regulars were unable to come. As usual the weather was cool and threatening but it did not rain. Eighteen volunteers collected 18 bags of trash.

It was good to see a number of trail neighbors and those who came because they saw it in the paper. Thanks to Cindy Rogers, Kelly Cossey Donna Yates, Tim Slippy, Bob Lankard, Bill and Beth Gazza, Doris and Paul Hicks, Mary Pat and Tom Lawson, Stacy Robertson, Anne Kolsar, Vera Bonnet, Bonnie Griffith, Bobby from IUP, Charles Anzalone, Sarah Tarpenning, and Nathan Rector.

## Evergreen Events Calendar:

- June 1 & 2 . . . Work on the Eagle Scout Project at Tanoma
- June 4 . . . . Annual Membership Meeting at Tanoma
- June 15 . . . . Wonders of Water Girl Scout program at Tanoma
- June 19 . . . . Seismic testing educational meeting, Indiana County Extension, 7pm
- August 8. . . . Tentative date Y camp at Tanoma
- August 24 . . . . Renewable Energy Program at Tanoma for Friends of the Parks
- August 24 . . . . Renewable Energy Program at Tanoma for Girl Scouts
- September 29 . . Bugs for Brownies program