



Evergreen wins a \$500 prize at the “Ohio River Watershed Celebration Cruise” on September 22, 2011

Evergreen Conservancy attended the Ohio River Celebration Cruise on September 22 this year. The Networker Cruise offers you the opportunity to meet with watershed groups and environmental professionals, government agency personnel, business and industry leaders, educators, and interested citizens in a fun and educational setting. Evergreen put up a display this year that featured a model that Dan Boone created of a wind turbine that was powered by a fan which got it's electricity from a battery charged by a solar panel. Our display and table model won the prize for the most creative display. Thanks to Dan for his creativity and to the PASEC members who support and help Evergreen in so many ways!



Tanoma Day Event - 2011

We had a beautiful fall day for our 4th annual Tanoma Day Event. There were lots of activities for everyone to take part in. Thanks to Trout Unlimited for offering their fly tying and casting lessons, Ayn Van Dyke for bring her critters, Butch for sharing information about our history, Fat Boy Hot Dogs for feeding us, and to the many volunteers who supplied cookies and cider and helped during the day!



OSM Vista News

Megan Baskerville has just started her Americorps OSM/VISTA year with Evergreen Conservancy and Crooked Creek Watershed. From Manhattan, Illinois, Megan earned her Bachelor's degree in Geography & Environmental Resources from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. In school, Megan was able to focus on a broad range of topics, from city planning to sustainable food systems. Since graduation, she has worked in the environmental education field, working with all ages of children. Megan hopes to aid Evergreen and Crooked Creek develop educational programs, volunteer bases, and anything else that is needed!



OUR MISSION:

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

Environmental Education News

IUP students visit Tanoma

Students from IUP geology and biology classes came to Tanoma this fall to learn about AMD and treatment systems. They learned about the passive treatment system and observed water testing procedures. We are very pleased that professors are using Tanoma as their programs to do field trips.

An art class from Auberle from McKeesport, PA visits Tanoma

The boys from Auberle came out to Tanoma for the day to tie dye t-shirts and make chalk using Iron oxide. We took a walk to look at plants and trees so the guys could take pictures to use later in art projects. We all had fun working together!

Girl Scout Leaders learn about water activities

Cindy Rogers accompanied Adam Cotchen, from the Indiana County Conservation District, in October to do a training session in Blairsville with a group of Girl Scout leaders. Adam gave an informative presentation on macro-invertebrate activities and Cindy did a short presentation on Tanoma and our water monitoring initiative.

Dan Boone and Cindy Rogers present at a Kiwanis Club Meeting in October

Dan and Cindy were pleased to present information about Evergreen Conservancy at a Kiwanis meeting in October. They were very interested in Dan's presentation on renewable energy and our water monitoring initiative. We hope to work with them in the future doing environmental education programs.



Evergreen Conservancy Project Updates

Visit our web site to learn more about these projects... www.evergreenconservancy.org

Tanoma:

Work should be completed by the end of the year to fix the overflow problem and install additional weirs to help with flow. The pipe system coming into the first pond will be changed to hopefully increase the dissolved oxygen levels in the pond.

Water Monitoring:

- Our datalogger water monitoring project is continuing to gain momentum as we continue to install dataloggers and train more volunteers on the data collection process in the field. We have now installed 20 dataloggers and are working with a second group of volunteers to download data on a second loop.
- If you have a creek of concern or would like to volunteer with this project please let us know. We would appreciate volunteers to help with the installations and also to help go out once or twice a month to download the data.
- If you are interested in becoming a water monitoring volunteer with this project, please contact us at info@evergreenconservancy.com. Time commitments vary, and we are looking for volunteers to come on our bi-monthly uploads when their schedule allows!

Evergreen Conservancy – Grant Work

We continue to work on our Colcom and Growing Greener Grants. We are purchasing and installing data loggers. Our web site created by IUP to keep our data is up and running.

Our Sprout Fund /Spring Grant is almost completed. We have purchased a variety of environmental educational materials and put them to work all year with many different groups of children and adults.

We applied for and received a quick response grant from WPCAMR to fix some structural problems at Tanoma. This work should be completed the end of the year, weather permitting. This will hopefully take care of a few issues and help the passive treatment system.

WHAT WE CONSERVE:

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

Supporting Local Biodiversity
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If you believe that we need to protect our planet, visit www.GoodPawsGoodCause.org, an on-line store for good people and good pets!
 10% of every Fur The Earth™ purchase benefits Evergreen Conservancy and The Conservation Fund.
Thanks to GoodPawsGoodCause for their year-end donation to Evergreen Conservancy.



You can help! – Adopt a Bridge

Would you like to adopt a bridge, or part of a bridge, as a donation to support Evergreen Conservancy? Each of the bridges cost \$650. We will put names of contributors on each bridge or a name in memory of a loved one.

Please send contributions to:
Evergreen Conservancy, P.O. Box 0783, Indiana, PA 15701



Iron Oxide Art Initiative – Art Cleans our Streams!

Evergreen Conservancy partnered with the Indiana Arts Council to create art from iron that is removed from the water. Instead of polluting our streams it is being turned in to incredible art projects. This summer we sent out dried iron oxide that we collected and dried to artists in and outside of our county to try to incorporate it into their art. They took the challenge seriously. We have recently received the result of these projects and we were stunned by the variety, creativity and quality of the art work. We received pottery, fiber art, paintings, silk scarves, dyed wool, knitted items, and multi-media works. We debuted these items at the Indiana Free Library's Evening in the Stacks on Friday November 4th. After that they will be in Michael B's Shoe store front window from November 16th until December 6th. On December 7st they will be taken to the Indiana Arts Council's annual meeting for their final viewing. The public will have a chance to bid on all of these items at each location mentioned above. PLEASE COME OUT TO SEE and BID ON THESE ART PIECES. You can see all the pieces on our web site; the bids will be awarded on December 7th. The proceeds will support Evergreen Conservancy and the work we do in Indiana County to protect and preserve our natural resources and provide environmental educational programs.



Join Evergreen Conservancy Today!

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

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Membership Levels:
 _____ \$15: Student _____ \$25 _____ \$45 _____ \$70 _____ \$100
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Additional Donation: \$ _____
 Complete this form and send check to:
 Evergreen Conservancy, PO Box 0783, Indiana, PA 15701



Carnegie Science Center Visits Tanoma



Mike Hennessy and his crew from Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh came to Tanoma to video Cindy Rogers and Dan Boone about Tanoma and our renewable energy project. They even had scripts for us and brought teleprompters to help us with our scripts. Then they did a more relaxed interview about Evergreen Conservancy, Tanoma and our renewable energy project. Evergreen will be included in a larger project for environmental education for kids grades K-6 that they are producing. This show will be taken to different schools in western PA to teach environmental education, renewable energy and other environmental science topics. They will let us know when the show will be debuted at the Science Center and when our interviews will be available on their web site. They were great to work with and really seemed to enjoy being out in the country on a beautiful fall day at Tanoma.

Fall 2011 Trail Clean up

Evergreen Conservancy had cool but rainless day to clean up the Hoodlebug Trail on Make a Difference Day, October 22. We found a full pack of cigarettes, a coffee mug, lots of plastic, and aluminum cans for recycling. We were done by 10:30 a.m. Volunteers included: Carol Cummins, JoAnne Ferraro, John Ferraro, Malcolm Hermann, Paul Hicks, Bob Lankard, Gene Lewis, Tim Slippy, John Somonick, and Carl Trout.

Evergreen Award

Evergreen Conservancy would like to start to give an annual award of recognition to people, groups or businesses in or around Indiana County who show exemplary leadership in protecting or preserving our environment by implementing green practices or doing service in an environmental field. We would like your help. If you know of anyone who might fit the following criteria we would like you to nominate them for our new award. Send your nominations to info@evergreenconservancy.org.

The criteria for this award is:

- New or innovative technology to prevent harm to our environment
- Participation in activities that show a direct positive effect on our environment
- Participation in activities that resulted in the preservation of a historical, cultural or natural resource.
- Participation in activities of notable stewardship of the environment.

Thanks for your help!

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Evergreen Events Calendar:

Festival of lights December 11th –

We need volunteers to man the gate – call 724-349-4333

January 2012, Wednesday the 4th – next Board Meeting – 1005 Oak Street - 2nd floor
 Committee meetings – see web site for dates

Fall Fundraiser Activities

Please come out and support us at the following locations:

- IUP Pot Sale, Robertshaw Building December 2nd & 3rd
- At the Indiana Mall on Saturday December 3rd
- At the 8th Annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale at Unitarian Church on Twolick Drive on November 19th
- If you can't get to any of those locations check out our [web site](#) for sale items and make your Christmas present selections today!!!

