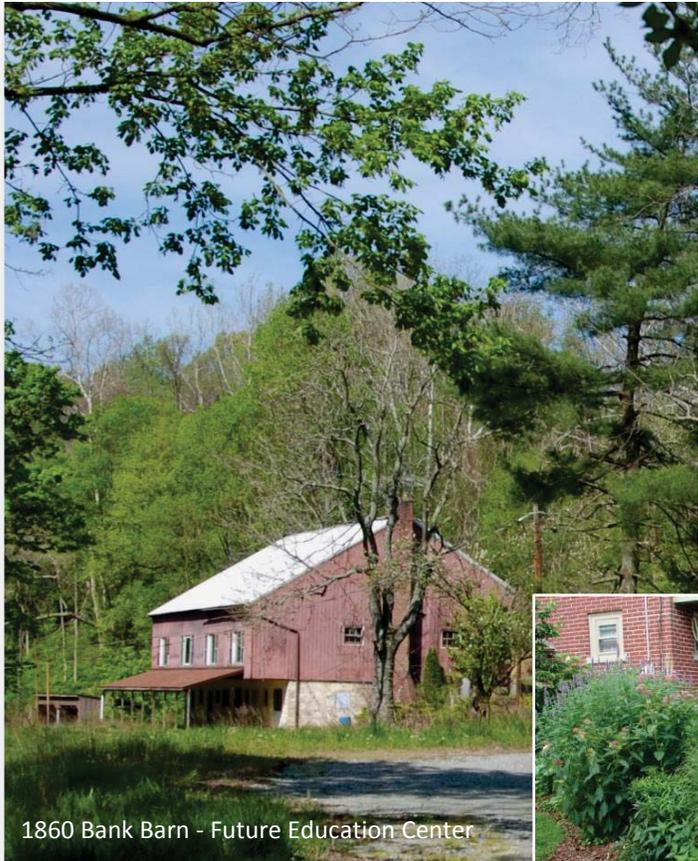


CLIMBERS RUN NATURE PRESERVE



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Mission: The Lancaster County Conservancy exists because clean air, fresh water, and wild places are vital to every generation.



1860 Bank Barn - Future Education Center

Climber's Run "Camp Snyder" is an **80 acre preserve** that is the home of the Conservancy's new environmental center, "*Susquehanna Riverlands Watershed Education Center*".

EDUCATION CENTER: The center will host environmental activities for all ages with a special emphasis on children, offering stream studies to summer camps.

To volunteer contact Mike Burcin:
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Example volunteer tasks:

- ▶ Cleaning of the barn
- ▶ Painting of the kitchen & lower level areas
- ▶ Planting of the new rain garden & mulching
- ▶ Removal of trash around the buildings & parking areas



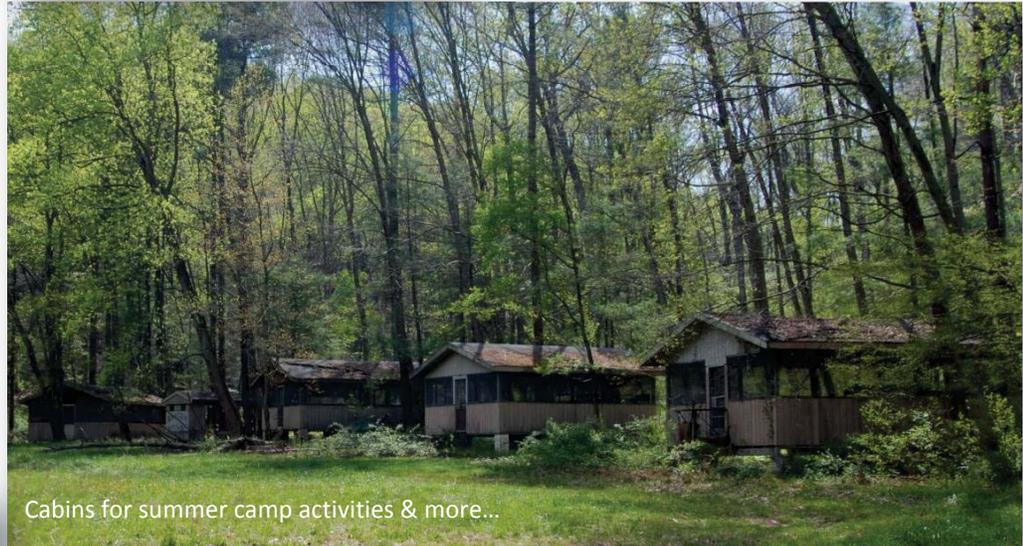
What is a rain garden?
A rain garden is a shallow depression that is planted with deep-rooted native plants. A rain garden captures water runoff from downspouts, driveways, etc. and allows for slow infiltration to recharge the groundwater.



Some Rain Garden Native Plants: swamp milkweed, switchgrass, joe pye weed, New York ironweed, red twig dogwood, etc.

CABINS: Cabins offer students and groups such as Scouts and clubs space to meet and do nature related activities, and provide a safe place to stay out of the weather.

- Example volunteer tasks:
- ▶ Cleaning cabins
 - ▶ Prepping & painting
 - ▶ Repair & maintenance of screens
 - ▶ Build firewood storage area



Cabins for summer camp activities & more...



Being close to nature forms lifelong memories.

TRAILS: Scenic trails offer visitors to the preserve a welcome respite from the daily routine. All ages can walk through Climbers Run exploring nature in search of birds and other wildlife and study or view native wildflowers, shrubs and trees through the seasons.

Example volunteer tasks:

- ▶ Remove debris & invasive plants near trails
- ▶ Creation of new trails with Stewardship Staff
- ▶ Clean up of trash within preserve areas



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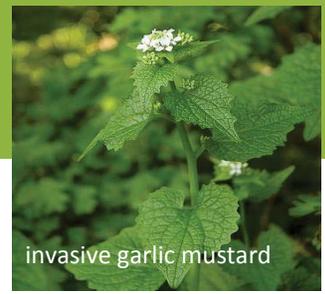
Explore Climbers Run stream for aquatic life.

STREAM: Climbers Run is the stream that runs to the Pequea Creek then flows to the Susquehanna River eventually reaching the Chesapeake Bay.

- Example volunteer tasks:
- ▶ Cleanup of trash & debris within & along stream
 - ▶ Management of invasive species along stream
 - ▶ Build brush piles for wildlife



trash in stream



invasive garlic mustard

SAVING NATURE



The Conservancy and Pennsylvania Audubon hosted a teacher's workshop at Climbers Run through an IU 13 Class.

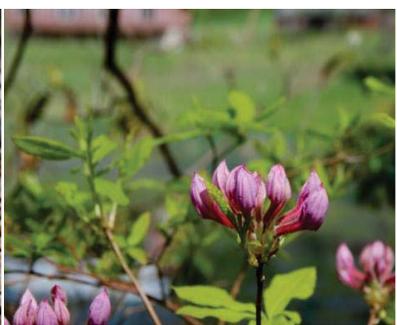
Students learning to perform a stream study.

Below: Observe native plant & animal communities.

Local Boy Scouts put up bluebird boxes.
 Volunteers make a difference!



Partnerships with individuals, schools, businesses, and other non-profits will enhance the education center.



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 Susquehanna Riverlands Watershed Education Center
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