



Lititz Run Watershed Alliance

Who Are We?

The Lititz Run Watershed Alliance is a non-profit Pennsylvania corporation, incorporated in November 1997. Since then, the LRWA has received several National and State recognition awards. In 1998, the Environmental Protection Agency recognized the LRWA as one of the twelve best watershed efforts in the nation. In 1999, the LRWA was awarded the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. The Lancaster County Conservation District for outstanding conservation projects has also recognized the LRWA. The LRWA is committed to a comprehensive approach to continual water quality improvement within the Lititz Run Watershed.

What is a Watershed?

Simply stated, it's the land that water flows across or under on it's way to a stream, river or lake. We all live in a watershed. You and everyone in your community are part of that watershed community. How you treat the soil, water, air, plants and animals not only influences what happens in your immediate watershed but also in the larger watersheds downstream. Government at all levels is beginning to think and organize at the watershed level, because it's important to our future. We should all do the same.

What Can You Do To Help?

At Home:

- Landscape your yard with native plants that require less water and fertilizer and also provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Use only the amount of fertilizers and pesticides that lawns and plants need.
- Minimize the use of lawn areas and impervious surfaces in your landscape.

On the Farm:

- Leave crop residues on the fields. This reduces soil runoff and prevents sediment, fertilizers and pesticides from entering streams.
- Practice proper barnyard management.
- Install fencing and stabilized crossings to control stream access of grazing animals.

In your community:

- Protect wetlands that serve as natural buffers against pollution, soil erosion and flooding.
- Learn about the watershed you live in.
- Participate in volunteer opportunities.
- Join and become active in your watershed partnership organization.

