

Pine Creek Preservation Association

P.O. Box 11, Waterville, PA 17776

The Pine Creek Preservation Association is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization consisting of property owners and concerned citizens dedicated to preserving the natural and rural character of Pine Creek Valley

2018 Officers

President: Mary Vuccola
Vice-President: Paul Hoffmaster
Secretary: Lou Anne Gasperine
Assistant Secretary: Charlene Sawyer
Treasurer: Donna Pearson

2018 Meeting Dates

April 16.....Regular Meeting @ 7 PM
May 14.....Regular Meeting @ 7 PM
June 18....Regular Meeting @ 7 PM
July 16.....Picnic Planning Meeting @ 7 PM
Aug.4.....Annual Picnic @ 12 Noon
Sept. 17....Regular Meeting @ 7 PM
Oct. 15.....Election of Officers @ 7 PM

Meeting Location

All scheduled meetings are held at the DCNR Facility just north of Waterville on Rt.44. All members, valley residents, property owners, and interested parties are welcome.

2017 Memberships

(Representing approximately 1,100 individuals)

Individual Memberships - 41
Family Memberships - 77
Camp Memberships - 76
Friends of Pine Creek Memberships – 46
Life Memberships – 1
Memorial Memberships - 3

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Typical Activities

Participating or Supporting Member of Key Organizations

- PennFuture
- Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation
- Pine Creek Council of Governments
- Pine Creek Headwaters Protection Group
- Pine Creek Rail Trail Advisory Board
- Pine Creek Watershed Council

Provides Financial Support To Key Organizations

- Black Forest Vol. Fire Co.
- Brown Township Vol. Fire Co.
- Clinton County CleanScapes
- Haneyville Vol. Fire Co.
- Lycoming College - Clean Water Institute
- Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation
- Pine Creek Independent Vol. Fire Co.
- North Central Pa. Conservancy
- Waterville Volunteer Fire Co.

Provides Organizational Input in Support of Key Issues

- Written comments submitted to DCNR concerning the 2017 Forest Resource Management Plan
- Written affidavit submitted to the PA Supreme Court in support of PEDF litigation
- Provided representation on focus groups involved with the development of Lycoming County's Comprehensive Plan
- Provide written comments to state and federal legislators expressing our support or opposition to legislation of importance to our mission

Article 1, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania State Constitution, also referred to as the Environmental Rights Amendment, which was passed by referendum in 1971, states that.....

The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.

Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

The recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision regarding Article 1, Section 27 suggests that the second sentence of the Amendment establishes that the people own the public natural resources not the Commonwealth and the third sentence of the amendment establishes a public trust. It is believed that this would suggest that the trustee (Commonwealth) must act affirmatively to pass such laws as will best preserve the subject of the trust, and secure its beneficial use in the future for the people of the state. This would further suggest that proceeds from the lease of state land and the sale of natural gas and oil are part of the corpus of the trust and must remain part of the trust.