2025 BCPA SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear friends and neighbors,

The clocks have been changed and spring is here now. Many of us over the past few weeks have been experiencing song birds singing, the warmth of more sunshine in the afternoons, and the beginning of our children's spring sport season. The property is stirring with signs of life as the pond ripples with activity and the thickets start turning green with new leaves and buds. Red winged blackbirds and Canada geese have been spotted in the wetlands and the occasional blue birds are seen fluttering between the saplings along the creek. We all look forward to what Barshinger Creek Preservation Alliance has in store for this season and for the year to come!

Our organization over the course of the past four months has worked diligently behind the scenes on creating an official proposal for acquisition of the property. We have reached out and had discussions with experts in their field for site preparation, design, environmental impacts, and community green infrastructure. We have been meeting in committees and as a whole nonprofit board to organize our thoughts, pull our strengths, and put together a proposal that is comprehensive of our goals, strategic in our planning, and competitive in our offer. We believe strongly that our acquisition of the property would greatly benefit the community at large through open access to this beautiful green space and the benefits of the land not being developed. We also see this as a huge win for the students and student athletes of Red Lion Area School District as they will continue to benefit from the property through cross country participation, environmental science, stream studies, as well as the appreciation of nature through art and written expression. We hope the district will also be able to conduct their 4th Grade Environmental Days on the property again in the near future. The long term benefits of this property being acquired by the BCPA are profound and wide ranging. As Red Lion roars back to life, we hope our space becomes just another example of how the Red Lion community has grown in a smart and green way that benefits all. Below is the site plan as it currently stands for the Barshinger Creek Green Space. This site plan is only one small slide in a greater proposal that we have shared with the Red Lion School Board. We hope that they will offer us the ability to sit down and begin talking and negotiating about the BCPA acquisition plans with our a local business owner and philanthropist partner's pledge to keep this space green and for the Red Lion community.

We are pleased and excited to share this concept map illustrating our proposal and strategic plan.

We ask that our supporters respectfully contact their school board representative encouraging them to meet with us in good faith negotiations so that we can utilize this property for the best possible use as a community green space. We also ask that you continue to check in with us on our social media and our website www.barshingercreekpa.org for updates, merchandise sales, volunteer opportunities, and other important information. The board of directors here at BCPA are thankful for your support, proud of our efforts, and hopeful for our combined future!

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