2026 BCPA SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Dear friends and neighbors,

The summer is winding down as the Red Lion Street Fair takes place this weekend, families wrap up vacations, and the back to school sales start! It's been a good few months for Barshinger Creek Preservation Alliance, and while we cannot yet share all of the details, we want to let everyone know that we are making progress, and are so happy with the current trajectory.

Over the spring some of you may have helped with the Give Local York Fest, which was a great success. The Give Local event allowed us to meet and collaborate with other local groups and nonprofits, and network while spotlighting that BCPA is a serious organization that is committed to the Red Lion community. In addition, the generous donations raised through Give Local York for BCPA have been critically important to funding our work to preserve the property. In addition to the GLY campaign, the property has been improved with the planting of a future Paw Paw patch, thanks to the generous support and donation of Heartwood Nursery in Felton! The plants were donated to a Red Lion Junior High School science teacher at the urging of her students, to improve the watershed with native plants. We at BCPA hope that in the years to come, this patch will be a wonderful reminder of hard work, dedication, and persistence necessary to acquire and restore this property.

Another big development for BCPA over the past few months has been the collaboration with another, larger organization to assist us with the acquisition process, applying for major grants, and planning next steps to secure and restore the property. All of the people we have been working with are incredible, and we feel very good about where things are headed. While we cannot divulge all of the details just yet, we have secured a meeting with the Red Lion School Board's Building and Grounds Committee on September 21st to present our acquisition proposal and introduce the key partners who have worked diligently to make this offer to the school board possible.

It is our hope that as we move into the fall, that we can begin to again gather our supporters for an increased public presence and involvement. We will have by this fall applied for several large grants and have formally presented our proposal to the Building and Grounds Committee. We believe that at this time, we will have demonstrated to the Red Lion Area School Board that Barshinger Creek Preservation Alliance and its acquisition of the property at 150 Country Club Road is a win for the district, Red Lion students, our local community, student athletes, and the environment. We want you to be there, and hope to see you at upcoming events and meetings so that we can talk and share more.

As the summer winds down and the crisp air of fall eventually returns, we continue to 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 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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