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## **WATERSHED UPDATE**

**TCCCC RECEIVES GOVERNOR’S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE FOR FALL BROOK PROJECT:** We are pleased to announce that the TCCCC, on behalf of our watershed coalition and Southwestern Energy (SWN), received the *Governor’s Award For Environmental Excellence* for the Fall Brook Acid Mine Drainage Treatment Projects. This award is open to any Pennsylvania business, farm, government agency, educational institution, non-profit organization, and individual that has created, or participated in, the development of a project that promotes environmental stewardship and economic development in the state. As members of the TCCCC, you are aware of how long we have been working to treat Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) pollution in the Tioga River with a goal of restoring aquatic life and recreational fishing to the Tioga River. Fall Brook is the first of four (4) tributaries that must be treated. This project, funded and constructed by SWN, is the result of the combined efforts of the TCCCC, Hillside Rod & Gun Club, Tioga County Conservation District, Bureau of Forestry, Trout Unlimited, DEP, SRBC, Ward Township, Blossburg Borough, and others. Receipt of this award is recognition of all of the hard work and coordination that is required.

**SAVE THE TIOGA RIVER (STTR):** On behalf of the watershed committee, the TCCCC has been soliciting funds for future projects and operation and maintenance expenses in the Upper Tioga River Watershed. While we solicit businesses, municipalities, and civic organizations primarily in Tioga County, any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Please visit the *Save The River* menu on our website at [www.tcccc-inc.org](http://www.tcccc-inc.org) to view the list of contributors that have donated \$500 or more to the STTR fund. Please click on the “Activities” menu for photos of recent contributors. To date we have raised over \$51,600 toward future projects and operation and maintenance expenses. Our goal is to raise one million dollars to create a sustainable trust.

**FALL BROOK INTERPRETIVE SIGN:** We are working with the Tioga State Forest Bureau of Forestry to develop an interpretive sign for the Fall Brook AMD Treatment Projects. Funding for this project was donated by Repsol Oil & Gas, formerly Talisman Energy. We hope to have the sign in place by late summer.

**BEAR CREEK WATER MONITORING:** Water chemistry and flow data for the Bear Creek tributary was suspended in late fall, 2016 and will start again in April. The Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR) project that reclaimed land at the headwaters of Bear Creek is now complete. It is hoped that the Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) pollution will be reduced in Bear Creek and we expect to see improvements in the water chemistry as a result of this project. Funding for the Bear Creek water monitoring project was provided by a contribution from Shell Oil.

**MORRIS RUN TRIBUTARY:** Data is still being collected on the Morris Run tributary and it is expected that our consultants on this project, Gannett Fleming and Water’s Edge Hydrology, will

have results and preliminary proposals prepared by late spring. This project is funded through the Department of Community & Economic Development Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment Program. Please check our website for updates on this project.

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS:** The TCCCC has been in service to the community for over thirty years. We have operated with the same Officers and Board of Director members for many of these years. It is time for a change. At the Board meeting held September 22, 2016, the Board made a motion to operate with the existing Officers and Board through 2017 and to begin looking for new individuals to serve as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Two Board of Director positions will also be up for nomination.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please email Charlie Andrews at [Charlie@tcccc-inc.org](mailto:Charlie@tcccc-inc.org) and provide your contact information and the position in which you are interested. Please know that the current Officers and Board Members are committed to helping the new Officers and Board Members with the transition. We have come a long way over these many years but there is a lot to do to accomplish the goal of a restored and fishable Tioga River from Blossburg to the Tioga Hammond Dam.

**Existing Officers:**

President – Charlie Andrews  
Vice President – Mike Bogaczyk  
Secretary – Joyce Andrews  
Treasurer – Vacant – Joyce Andrews - Acting

**Existing Board of Directors:**

Chuck Freeberg – Term Expires  
Larry Smith – Term Expires  
Jack Vogler  
Buddy Brooks  
Roy Siefert  
Al Boyer

**MEMBERSHIP DONATIONS:** We hope you will continue to support the TCCCC by contributing to our Membership Drive. Suggested donation amounts remain unchanged but additional contributions are greatly appreciated. These financial contributions are used to help fund the TCCCC Scholarships, office supplies, and insurance. We are an all-volunteer organization. No one is compensated for their time. A Membership form is included with this mailing and can also be downloaded from the website.

**TCCCC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The TCCCC Scholarship Application is available for download on the website. Applications must be received no later than May 1, 2017. Tioga County high school guidance counselors have been notified.

**FUTURE 2017 NEWSLETTERS:** In our on-going effort to reduce costs, future newsletters for 2017 will only be available on the website. If you do not have access to a computer to read the newsletters, please make a note on your Membership Form and one will be mailed to you.

*The Officers and Board of Directors sincerely appreciate  
your interest in and support of the TCCCC!*