

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday 6/9/11 at Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop provided. 5/12/11 meeting attendance: A. Beystore, H. Boylan, C. Deholm, M. Dunn, J. Jones, L. Katrencik, V. Kefeli, B. Kennedy, R. Konik, B. Lupold, M. Malcolm, B. Neely, B. Page, M. Penella, Z. Smith, W. Taylor, B. Wehrle

Fallingwater Partnership with Clean Creek Products

Clean Creek Products (CCP) is excited to announce a partnership with Fallingwater and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC). Our "green pottery" will be available at the Fallingwater museum store beginning in the spring of 2011! It is a privilege for CCP to collaborate with Fallingwater, a renowned historic landmark located in Mill Run, PA.



The breath-taking sight of Fallingwater. Photo courtesy of Harold Corsini.

Fallingwater is the name of a very special and unique house that is built over a waterfall on Bear Run. Frank Lloyd Wright designed the house for the Kaufmann family, the original owners of the Kaufmann Department stores. The main house was constructed from 1936-1938, followed by the guest house construction in 1939. Fallingwater served as a year-round weekend house for the Kaufmann family until 1963 when it was then entrusted to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy by Edgar Kaufmann, Jr.

The Fallingwater property is surrounded by the WPC's 5,000-acre Bear Run Nature Reserve. The architecture is amazing and truly awe-inspiring. A visit to Fallingwater is memorable.

CCP artists have created glazes and patterns that were inspired by Fallingwater. Our artists also are creating unique items that will incorporate a feature of Fallingwater

itself—including items imprinted with ferns from the property!

Please browse our new items available exclusively at the Fallingwater museum shop. For more information about Fallingwater, please visit their website at: <http://www.fallingwater.org/> and be sure to check out our online store at: <http://www.cleancreek.org>.

Final Public Meetings Announced for SRC Watershed Conservation Plan

The last two public meetings for the Slippery Rock Creek Watershed Conservation Plan will take place on:

June 29 at the Boyers Sportsmen's Club at 7 pm

and

June 30 at the Slippery Rock Township Municipal Building at 7 pm

The final version of the plan will be available to the public at these meetings. Anyone is welcome to attend! We have valued the public's input and insight throughout the entire process of creating the conservation plan. Thanks to all who have given us comments, and we hope to see many of you at the June meetings!

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Westminster College students presented their results of their study of the De Sale Phase 1 Passive Treatment System at the May 12, 2011 SRWC meeting. Dr. Helen Boylan is pictured on the far left.

Maliseet Indians Use Invasive Species Recipes from Jennings

We appreciated receiving an email in mid-April from **Sue Young**, who is the Natural Resources Director of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians in Littleton, Maine. Sue explained how she enjoys receiving The Catalyst newsletter and loves the idea of using recipes made with invasive species, which was a part of their "Take Back the Woods: Battling Invasive Species" event which was held at Jennings Environmental Education Center on April 23. **Wil Taylor** generously sent Sue a copy of the recipe book used in the invasive species recipes and we are glad to know the ideas generated by the SRWC are put into practice all across the country.

Before contact with Europeans, the Maliseets occupied much of what is now considered the eastern border line of the U.S. and Canada in northern New England. After the Jay Treaty in 1794, the Maliseets obtained free border crossing rights between the two countries because their villages spanned both countries. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is comprised of some 800 members and is lead by a Tribal Chief. A smaller band of the larger Maliseet Nation of New Brunswick, Canada, the Houlton Band calls the Meduxnekeag River home. The Maliseets are river people who have traditionally been hunters and gatherers in the St. John River basin, of which the Meduxnekeag is a tributary.

Don't Forget to Save the Date! **2011 Ohio River Watershed Celebration**

The 10th anniversary cruise is right around the corner:

Thursday, September 22

Gateway Clipper Fleet, Station Square
Pittsburgh, PA

All ages can enjoy activities and presentations to learn more about
"Our Rivers: Then and Now"

Register online at www.streamrestorationinc.org/rsvp beginning **July 11th at 10 AM**



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SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



Predator-Prey Pathway Puzzle

A predator is an organism that eats another organism. The prey is the organism which the predator eats. When prey are plentiful their predators increase in numbers, reducing the prey population, which in turn causes predator number to decline. The prey population eventually recovers, starting a new cycle. Examples of predators and prey are all around us in nature. Trace the paths below to lead the predator to its prey, and write the prey name in the correct box. If you mail us your completed paper we'll send you a free gift certificate!

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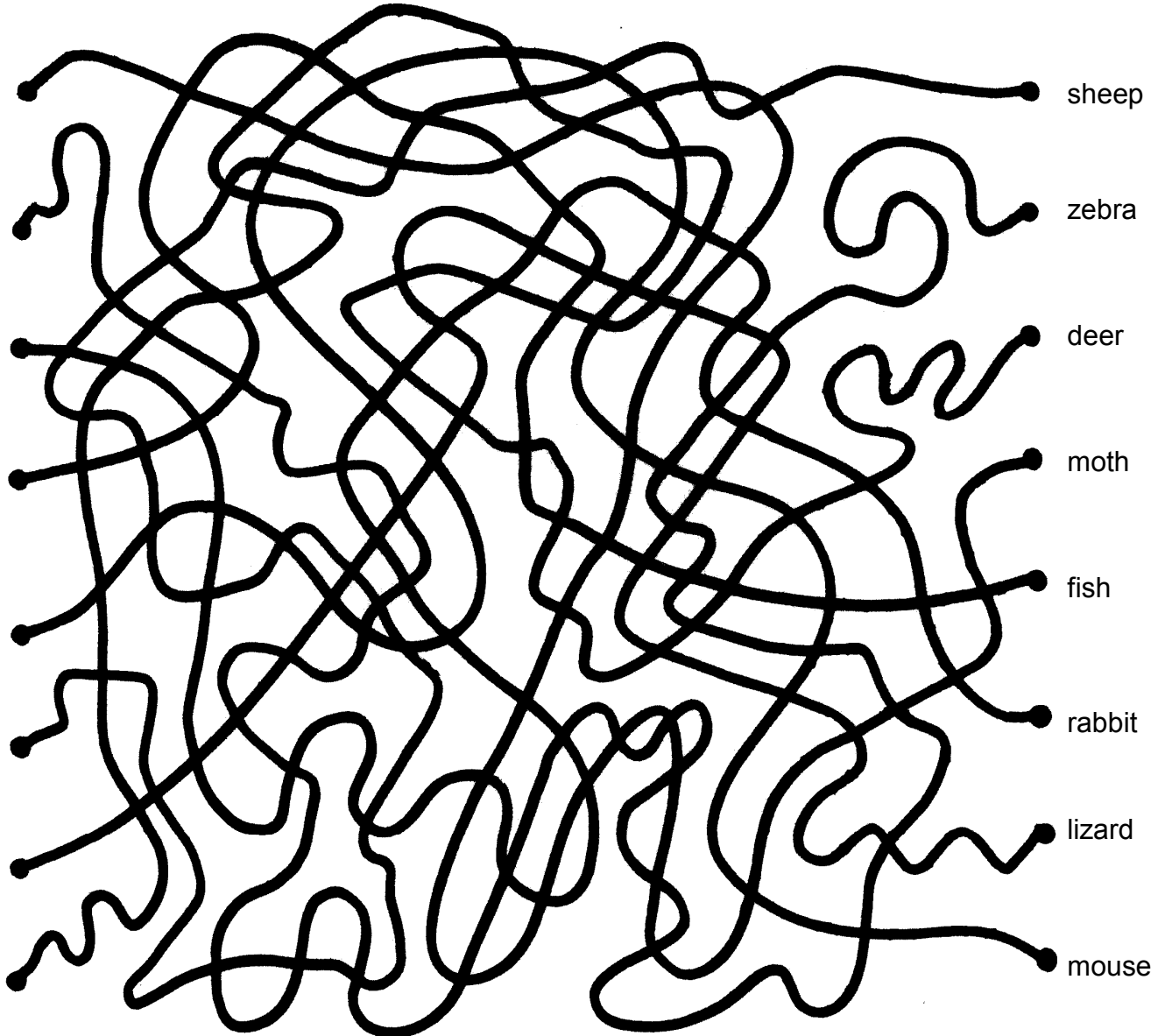
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Accepting the Challenge Digital Version is Here!

Thanks to the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, Accepting the Challenge is now available worldwide!!! You can view and download the book from www.srwc.org/resources/atc/.

As many of you know, Accepting the Challenge has been very popular since the first printing in 2001. Can you believe that about **6,000 copies (!!!)** have been printed and distributed?! Due to the continued popularity and requests for additional copies, author **Wil Taylor** (Manager of the **Jennings Environmental Education Center**), along with the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition, recognized that increased accessibility of the book was needed.

You can imagine how excited we were that the **Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds** was willing to provide funding to develop a digital version!!! How wonderful to be able to provide this excellent resource that covers the history, cause, and solutions to abandoned mine drainage to the general public, teachers, and students.

As we wanted to make the digital copy as user friendly and interactive as possible, **Cliff Denholm** of the SRWC and SRI worked with the **Jennings staff** to further enhance the learning experience by adding links from all italicized words to take the user to the glossary page. Also, the bookmark feature of PDF documents was used to provide an expanded table of contents. Another special feature is the links to all of the organizations mentioned that have websites, as well as links to a number of video clips on the internet about the topics covered. An additional resources page and lesson plans have also be added at the back of the book.

Cliff and JEEC staff spent weeks soliciting and implementing feedback from the public. The draft version was available online at the BioMost website for review. We greatly appreciate every idea and comment which was submitted, most of which were incorporated into the ATC digital version. A special thanks to all of you who sent in comments. Thanks again to the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds for providing this funding!