

2021 Quick Reference Guide as Jo Ellen Litz reflects on 30+ years as president of the Swatara Watershed Association

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YHJTL6Uv0LU&list=PL3D0277CEA13FD595&index=43&t=7s>

- **10.19.1970 Swatara Creek Watershed Association Incorporated** and established with encouragement and support from the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce. Some of the founding members were John Feather, Chuck Henry, and Tom Embich.
- Dormant for over a decade.
- **1986 Citizens Coordinating for Clean Water reactivated and adopted the Swatara Creek Watershed Association mission and bylaws** under the leadership of Betty Conner and Betts Shultz.
- **1986** Initially represented by Wiley Parker at Henry and Beaver Law Firm, **SCWA Fought a lawsuit by RIMIRO on the Pine Grove Landfill locating at the headwaters to the Swatara Creek.** Eventually represented by the Civil Liberties Union, RIMIRO concessions included thicker liners, wetlands, and settling ponds to treat leachate. The landfill was permitted in 1990.
- **1988 Jo Ellen Litz elected president of Swatara Creek Watershed Association.**
- Facilitated additional **pollution cleanup incidents:**
 - After being notified by SWA, Fish and Boat Commission and DER walked upstream in northern Lebanon County during a **fish kill to find runoff from a duck farm.** Worked with the Lebanon County Conservation District to attain a Conservation Plan on the farm.
 - **Oil leaks** on the Swatara Creek from the Pine Grove area shut down our water supply.
 - **Litter flowed over the bank from Route 81** into Swatara State Park after an accident. With the help of the Patriot News, SWA tracked down the owner of an overturned truck whose company paid someone to clean up the incident. They were called back, and held accountable to finish the job.
 - **2019 Elizabeth Run beside Keystone Protein.** Inherited/“assumed” a consent order to upgrade a 70,000 gpd waste water treatment plant on Elizabeth Run, which empties into the Little Swatara Creek. To date, three miles of pipe are installed, a large area regraded, and design is complete for a \$23M facility to treat 3M gallons per day of water. An \$11M PennVest loan will help to construct the treatment plant. A DEP meeting is on a fast track to take the next step in compliance. The new treatment plant requires that a new chicken processing plant also be completed to supply enough effluent to operate. B&E operates two other waste water treatment plants, which are in compliance with DEP rules and regulations.
- **Attained Recreational Class 1A for the Swatara Creek in the Scenic Rivers Program.**
- Held an educational **Marcellus Shale Conference at Northern Lebanon High School.**
- **Shepherded other startup conservation groups under the SWA umbrella: Little Swatara Watershed Association, Quittapahilla Watershed Association, Northern Swatara Watershed Association**
- Participated with DEP Secretary John Oliver on the **Capital Steps in a Watershed Awareness Program.**
- **Spoke at DEP conferences** with DEP Secretary Dave Hess on the Swatara Watershed Association.
- Held a **paddle through Swatara State Park, and identified the Vassil Junkyard as a major polluter of the Swatara Creek.** Vassil had removed cabins from the Swatara State Park, and stockpiled tires, oil, and gasoline on his property along the Swatara Creek. His widow eventually sold the land to the State, and the State did remediation. SWA helped to load tractor trailer loads of tires to haul off site. Otherwise, during storm events, the tires floated into Swatara Creek, and SWA picked them up during float trips.

- **1988** Coordinated and conducted the **first Swatara Sojourn** the first weekend in May traveling 30 miles each year, picking up litter along the way. Tires initially accepted by Kettering, then by GLRA.
- Per a recommendation in the Rivers Conservation Plan, **established the Swatara Water Trail** in coordination with PA DCNR, the PA Fish and Boat Commission, and National Park Service. Swatara Water Trail is recognized as an official Water Trail for the State of PA. Renewal takes place with POWR Pennsylvania Organization of Watersheds and Rivers every 5 years. The Trail is also recognized by the National Park Service as a part of the explorer Captain John Smith Water Trail. At first, the trail ran from **Jonestown, Lebanon County through Middletown, Dauphin County PA.**
 - 20 Public Access Points identified every 5-7 miles.
 - 3 Campgrounds identified:
 - Jonestown KOA
 - Swatara Watershed Park
 - HersheyPark Campground
 - Geologic features identified—lava deposits, fossils, limestone outcrops
 - History of the area recorded
 - Union Canal Locks mapped....
 - Three active water companies—Lebanon Water Authority, PA American Water Company, and the Suez Water Company
 - Swatara Water Trail guardians fill map boxes.
 - Watermelon at the Waterworks held annually. Meeting and litter cleanup held annually at boat launch on Swatara Drive, Fish and Boat property.
 - Municipalities are voluntarily including additional launches, and PA Fish & Boat requested another launch in their plans—Shiavoni Park; Emrich Farm; E Hanover, Dauphin....
 - Connections to land trails – 5 (Appalachian Trail, Horseshoe Trail, Lebanon Valley Rail Trail, Schiavani Park Trail, Swatara Rail Trail)
 - Currently in contact with adjoining water trails via the Susquehanna Water Trail
 - Connections to towns – 6 (Hummelstown, Jonestown, Middleton, Pine Grove, Royalton, Union Deposit)
 - Presence of outfitters – 5 (Cocoa Kayaks, Jonestown KOA, Nolt, Susquehanna Outfitters, Swatara Watershed Association)
 - Presence of volunteers and community members – 16 (Audubon Society, Berks County Conservation District, Boy Scouts, Dauphin County Conservation District, Girl Scouts, Hershey/Harrisburg Visitors Bureau, Lebanon County Conservation District, Lebanon Valley Conservancy, Manada Conservancy, Northern Swatara Watershed Association, Quittapahilla Watershed Association, RSVP, Swatara Watershed Association, Trout Unlimited, United Way Day of Caring, Visit Lebanon Valley)
 - Water Trail principles met – 8
 - Robust management structure – 10 (DCNR, Municipalities installing and maintaining launches to date include Jonestown Boro, Derry Township, Hummelstown Boro, Swatara Township in Dauphin County) PEC, POWR, Pa Fish & Boat Commission, Swatara State Park maintains 3 launches, Swatara Watershed Association)
 - Fatal flaws called out by feasibility study (not sure about this, but probably that all launches do not have toilets)
- Created and maintain a **website** www.SwataraWaterahed.org (revamped around 2017)

- All total, **four editions of the Swatara Water Trail map** were printed and distributed free of charge to the public. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF4SpHVbbrk>
- Lobbied for “**Dam Ahead Signs**” on the Swatara Creek. Water Companies responded.
- Lobbied County & DEP for **quick removal of debris blocking bridges** and creating strainers on the Swatara Water Trail
- **Kittatinny Ridge Partnership. Met at a pavilion in Swatara State Park. Study recently completed. Deliverables include a movie.** [Swatara Lebanon ROE Movie 3 6 2020 - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8aZ8y9b-yM)
- **1993** Featured on **Berks Community Television** with **Frank Meiser**, SWA member and retired Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority Director, and Jo Ellen Litz, president of SCWA. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8aZ8y9b-yM>
- **1993 Berks Community Television with Jo Ellen Litz** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wF4SpHVbbrk>
- **2000** Completed a **Swatara Rivers Conservation Plan with Mackin Engineering** using funds from DEP and DCNR. 245 parcels along the Swatara Creek. The Swatara flows through four counties and 46 municipalities, then empties into the Susquehanna River, and eventually the Chesapeake Bay. 71 miles in length over 570 square miles of south-central Pennsylvania, the Swatara is fed by the Upper, Lower and Little Swatara Creeks as well as the Quittapahilla, Manada, Boe, and other Creeks such as Trout Run. In several instances, the Swatara determines political boundaries-- between Jonestown Borough & Swatara and Union Townships; between East Hanover & North Annville; between East Hanover and Derry Townships; between South Hanover & Swatara Townships and Hummelstown Borough; between Lower Swatara and Londonderry; and between Middletown and Royaltown Boroughs in Dauphin County.
- **2000 Mills and Bank Barns book with a grant from the Ressler Mill Foundation.** Recorded historic architecture and locations of mills that diverted water from the Swatara Creek.
- **2002 Little Swatara Watershed DEP/EPA grant of \$175,000 for best management practices to clean up a degraded stream at Wenger Feeds.**
- **2002 Quittie Creek restoration with a \$175,000 US Fish & Wildlife grant. Rock Powel completed the work.**
- **2003 Distributed Niagra Water Conservation Kits with a \$5100 DEP grant.** Used as education via a math equation for students to solve. How many gallons of water will be saved if all of the kits are installed?
- **2005 Completed an Oral History of the Swatara Watershed. Published EELS-Envisioning an Environmental Legacy for the Swatara—books, audio CDs, and DVDs to elected officials, members, media, and as membership incentives.** Supplied historical societies with copies. Funded by Canaan Valley Institute, and included a session with a professional movie director to learn how to take good videos.
- **2005 Expanded the Swatara Water Trail** at the request of DCNR and Fish and Boat Commission. The trail stretched **north running through Swatara State Park to Pine Grove, Schuylkill County PA. Overall, the Swatara Water Trail is 60-miles in length.**
- **2005** Helped to **identify abandoned quarries** for Lebanon County Emergency Management Agency and the PA Bureau of Mining, and hosted filming of and consultation on the **Stay Out Stay Alive PSAs** with DEP Secretary Katie McGinty.
- **2005** Feature articles in the PA Angler and Boater and the Lebanon Daily News. Video clips in the **Our Town Annville** DVD by **WITF Channel 33** and the Lebanon Valley Tourist Promotion Agency DVD.

Environmental Digest article for Dave Hess:

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=1561&SubjectID=>

- **2005** Participated in **Lebanon County's Comprehensive Plan**.
- **2005** Presented at the **Lebanon/Lancaster Watershed Forum**. Also participated in a **Sojourn Congress** in State College.
- **2005** **Toured the Bordner Cabin**, which was slated for demolition in **Swatara State Park**.
- **2006** To save the **Rustic Architecture** of the 1939 hand-hewn log cabin of logs and stone found on the site, negotiated the **first 10-year lease on the Bordner Cabin**. The first order of business was to replace the roof. The community came together—donated shingles from Elk Corporation, the Schuylkill Conservation Corps provided some students to assist... accomplished this goal. Recruited Stewards to visit monthly to educate visitors, sweep, pull weeds, pick up litter, and report or make minor repairs.
[Bordner Cabin - YouTube](#)
- **2006** Registered with **"The Foundation" for Enhancing Communities, a source of grants**.
- **2008** Name change from **Swatara Creek Watershed Association to Swatara Watershed Association**.
- **2008** Sign the **upstream side of bridges** with street names to assist paddlers in knowing where they are on the Swatara Creek. Eagle Scouts Eddy Kosik and Joe Hirneisen partnered on this project.
- **2008** **Jonestown Boat Launch** completed with the help of **Jonestown Mayor George Kaufman**.
- **2008** **George Gress** completed a **Phase 1 Environmental Assessment of 1929 Blacks Bridge Road, Annville**.
- **2009** Established a **Facebook page**. [@SwataraWaterTrail](#) **2130 Followers**
- **2009** Purchased the 33.69 acre **Swatara Watershed Park** (Union Canal Canoe Rental and Cricket Hollow Golf Course) at 1929 Blacks Bridge Road, Annville PA, from Bill and Ruth Wise, turning the hub in the center of the Swatara Water Trail into a public park, 35 campsites, and an access point on the Swatara Water Trail. A retired mortgage allowed for improvements to be made, often with the help of Eagle Boy Scout candidates. Eagle Scout Hall of Fame album on Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Swatara-Water-Trail86311524094/photos/?tab=album&album_id=10151572544779095
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T91VtKNIN3A> :
- **Security** installed; updated 2021
- **2012** Replaced **pavilion roof**, office posts
- **2014** **Boat Launch** installed by Eagle Scout Austin Barry
- **2018** **Entrance gate** installed
- **Porch piers** replaced
- **2020** **Floating dock** installed
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EWAvpte5o4&list=PL3D0277CEA13FD595&index=6>
- 3,341' of **riparian buffer** shades and cools the Swatara, **enhanced with tree plantings 2021**.
- **2010** **Tropical Storm Lee**, a major flood event destroyed the tow van for Swatara Watershed Park. Also lost the lawn mower and picnic tables. The shed floated down the power line and across a feeder creek to the western end of the property. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exg3cownotQ&t=4s>
- **2012** **cleaned up flood debris from the Quittaphailla Creek at King Street in Annville** with the help of neighbors and Landmark homes.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY7g5FFh3P0&list=PL3D0277CEA13FD595&index=80>

- **2012 Drains to Streams Red Devil Duck release at 25th & Cumberland Streets, Lebanon, assisted by Speedwell Fire Company.** All ducks found by Mike Schroeder between the Hearth Restaurant & Ladd Hanford/Enterprise, on the N side of Route 422. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vE-eUHxHdg>
- **2012 Worked with North Annville Township** on bridge replacement and eradication of bamboo from the banks of the Swatara Creek.
- **2014 created a video Swatara Creek, a Watershed at Work**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzW7T01nJYA>
- **2014 Central Penn Business Journal nonprofit Innovation award.**
- **2016 Executed the second 10-year lease on the Bordner Cabin.** 2013-14 **Labor and Industry upgrades** completed under guidance of Mike Willeman included bars on high widows, additional support posts in the basement and under the porch, plexiglass in front of the balcony.... 2018 The Air Force Red Horse unit replaced the sidewalk. The wagon wheels along Rattling Run were also refurbished in 2021.
- **2016 partnered with RSVP Retired Senior Volunteer Program** providing insurance, mileage reimbursement, and volunteers for senior members of our team.
- **2017 Clean Water River Rally on Susquehanna River** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzW7T01nJYA>
- **Coordinated donation of land from Chuck Allwein that was offered to SWA for a boat launch as the location of the Inwood Bridge instead.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojyRlxBW6MU>
- Established the **Food and Brew fundraiser** in conjunction with local restaurants and breweries utilizing clean water from the Swatara Creek.
- **2018 WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATION** is installed @ 1929 BBR. The data is being displayed on the RWQMN webpage. https://mdw.srbc.net/remotewaterquality/data_viewer.aspx SRBC posted the video Jo Ellen created. <https://www.facebook.com/joellenlitz/videos/10216680970112034/>
- **2018 Celebrated the 30th Swatara Sojourn & litter cleanup**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYqfjmybj2w>
- **2018 a 500-year flood washed out the porch foundation under the Bordner Cabin.** In reality, water from Route 81 also cascaded down Aycriggs Falls equating the flow to a 1000-year flood. Josh Eisenhower drew a design approved by DCNR to shoot Pressurized Gunitite to fill in under the porch. Working on raising \$60,000 in funding. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWY6f05Riil&t=374s>
- **2018 Taped Save LWCF Land and Water Conservation Fund series with PEC.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fg2HDEgrDEU&list=PL3D0277CEA13FD595&index=17>
- **2018 COMMON ENEMY RULE:** And I always thought of water as my friend.
<https://www.facebook.com/joellenlitz/videos/10216309847314196/>
- **2018 Visit Lebanon Valley Outdoor Guide features Swatara Creek**
- **2018 Spotted Lanternfly education began.**
- **2018 FEMA 10-year floodplain map** for review and comment
- **Completed Swatara Watershed Park Flooding Protocol** AT 17.15 peak:
 - At 9', notify campers of rising water, & ask them to move their campers to the parking lot or off site at 13'.
 - Open gate to allow unobstructed passage of vehicles Treating mold after a storm: Do not use chlorine bleach, which can cause other problems. Instead, use MOLDSTAT. Spray before removing items as well as after items are removed. Available at Lowes, WalMart, Amazon.
 - Tether: 1. Canoes 2. Shed (Tom will explore tethering shed on a mound where the Wise's were going to build a home.) 3. Toilet 4. Picnic tables under pavilion and at campsites (Keep rope in the office. Bob will donate rope.) 5. If more than 17' are projected, remove mower from shed

and tow off site. 6. Take pictures of the above for documentation. 7. Post “No vehicles on grass” signs.

- Order of closing of Roads to access Swatara Watershed Park: 1. Blacks Bridge Road at 11’; 2. Schoolhouse Road at 15’, but access by Crooked Lane or Groff Road from Jonestown Road is possible; 3. Gravel Hill Road 15-17’.
- Identify Members with trucks to help haul canoes in an emergency:
- **2019 Swatara Trivia**
- **2019 Waiver** is provided under Chapter 105.12 (b) that would allow for **maintenance of an existing stream crossing structure**, if it was **installed before July 1, 1979**. There is no required submission to the PA DEP to prove the date of the pipe to use this Waiver, it is simply done at your own risk. ● The channel can be cleaned 50’ upstream and downstream of the pipe as part of pipe maintenance, with no permit. This would be beneficial at this crossing, downstream of the pipe. During heavy flows this will cause pool water to whirlpool and scour out the banks and fill around the pipe. Cleaning out the channel is a good short term fix.
- **2019 Krall Barn (1770s), in Union Canal Tunnel Park, will feature the Swatara Water Trail GIS layer with the Union Canal Locks** both on the floor of the Barn in a first-class museum as well as on an interactive kiosk that will link to pictures of each lock. The map may be painted, and be preserved under an epoxy coating, or could be in tile, and may be lighted—depending upon the amount of money raised for completion of the interior.
- **2019 Story map with Tri-County Regional Planning webpage. SWA donated images. Other participants include Dauphin County, Manada Conservancy, Perry & Cumberland Counties.**
- **2019 To meet a federal mandate on the Chesapeake Bay**, cooperated with DEP to produce a **plan to reduce pollution in the Swatara Creek & its tributaries.**
- **2019 Encouraged Mike Adams to complete Penn State Extension’s Master Watershed Program**
- **2019 Jo Ellen** was a major presenter at the Plenary Session to the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance. **“Think 7 Generations Ahead.”**
- **MS4 representation in a municipal group**
- **2020 Completed a Return on Environment ROE with the Audubon Society and Keystone Conservation Trust.** Created a movie, and presented at numerous conferences, including the PA Association of County Commissioners, and the Municipal Officials Conference. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U-phU7HNR5E>
- **2020 Dave Hess ROE on Environmental Digest Blog.** <https://paenvironmentdaily.blogspot.com/2020/03/natural-systems-inlebanon-county.html>
- **2020 Fish Out of Water Art Exhibit** added to Swatara Watershed Park. A flood mural also added to Park office.
- **2020 Partnered with Swatara State Park manager Courtney Troutman on the Bordner Cabin** which will appear on State Park maps when a new round is printed. Also improved the Lickdale Boat Launch with signage....
- **2020 Coronavirus forced cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 Swatara Sojourns. Planned to restart in 2022.**
- **2020 Supported Shawn Fabian**, grant approval received for the **boating facility improvements off Fulling Mill Road.**
- **2020-21** During the Coronavirus, **held a successful Sip N Stroll** on the banks of the Swatara Creek at Swatara Watershed Park.

- **2021 worked with HACC students on logos.**
- **December 2021 SWA met with Level 11, Visit Lebanon Valley and the LVRT to explore a joint map and marketing plan.** A joint **Hike Bike Paddle Triathlon** was also proposed as a fundraiser.
- **2021 Partner with Northern Lebanon Rotary to raise \$1500 to place a bench in memory of George Kaufman, Mayor of Jonestown, first Swatara State Park Manager, and founding member of NL Rotary.** George lead creation of the Jonestown Boat Launch, and cleared the way for meetings on the Bordner Cabin.
- **2021 Weather Watcher:** Any residents who live in northern Lebanon County who are interested in becoming a weather watcher for the National Weather Service, should email their interest to: ctp.stormreports@noaa.gov to learn about the requirements needed to become certified.
- **2021 Visit Lebanon Valley series utilizing subtle aspects of our Return on Environment Study.**
 - **Explore the Outdoors** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SzkGhYYvY>
 - **Welcome to the Lebanon Valley** <https://youtu.be/valH29rPEP4>
 - **Spend the Day with Us** <https://youtu.be/cv94uQRtYMY>
 - **Where Will You Go** <https://youtu.be/UtsojmFLymM>
 - **Looking Forward to an Adventure With You** <https://youtu.be/Ni6NJ4HRGPg>
 - **Get Outside, Locally** <https://youtu.be/fZWeFasleEU>
 - **Find Your Fun in the Lebanon Valley**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nn4RXzMJ2qw&feature=emb_title
- **2021 Established shop at Smile.Amazon, & SWA will receive a donation** each quarter.
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/25-1787360>
- **2021 Reinstate Online Store.** <https://www.bohringdesigns.com/swatara-watershed-apparel>
- **Educational Clean Water presentations and interviews** over the years:
 - **Annual Hike and History Tour to the Bordner Cabin**
 - Lebanon Daily News, Berks Country (2016), Merchandiser, Metrotrails, LebTown, UncoveringPA.com, WGAL TV 8, WHTM 27, WLBR 1270....
 - **ENJOY LOCAL LIVING 5 Wonders in Nature** includes Aycrigger's Falls, Box Car Rocks, Dinosaur Rocks, Fossil Beds, and Lava Fields. Also, there's a **LEBTOWN article on Lava Deposits**
https://lebtown.com/2019/08/30/whateactly-is-the-jonestown-volcano/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_term=what-exactly-is-thejonestown-volcano&utm_content=0&utm_campaign=PostPromoterPro&fbclid=IwAR3HSLtdB3EDKvepEC15FGN6djzmzygpjHpEwMS_gRz4QpoGfCaeTxdmS4 Finally, **ENJOY LOCAL LIVING published an article on the M&H, Middletown to Hummelstown or Milk & Honey Railroad & one on the Union Canal**
 - **Acid Mine Drainage wetland installed** for treatment off of Route 81.
 - **Search and Rescue exercises** approved using trained dogs at Swatara Watershed Park.
 - **Elementary, high school, and college level programs** as well as **Train the Trainer for teachers.** Hershey bars tossed to students providing correct answers were great incentives for student participation.
 - Senior complexes like Londonderry Village
 - Bible Schools and camps

- **Flood frequency and severity and low-head dam drowning awareness.** Also, **Memorial Lake needs a new dam breast—30% deficient.**
- **Earth Day booths and presentations**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gB5pkNkmsNg&list=PL3D0277CEA13FD595&index=89>
- **Fort Indiantown Gap Environmental Awards at the Pentagon**
- **Installed Dry Hydrants with Ono Fire Company.**
- **Water testing** led by Tom Embich in cooperation with DEP
- **United Way Day of Caring sites include 1929 Blacks Bridge Road, Annville & Bordner Cabin.**
- **Monitored Williams Atlantic Sunrise pipeline crossing and flooding of Swatara Creek.**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D96AHsFoHHk>
- **Partnerships and promotion of local businesses and farms,** from Hershey Co., Wengert's Dairy (Swiss Premium)...
- **2013 Gannet Flemming educational survey for Northern Lebanon School District municipalities**
- **Established Legacy Giving to SWA—**bequests from conservation minded individuals like Betty Conner to be remembered after they are gone.
- **Established a PayPal account:** https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=sxclick&hosted_button_id=ETAR7NLSKT496
- **Partner and cooperate on numerous studies—Susquehanna River Basin; East Hanover Township, Dauphin County; USGS Ground Water Testing Program.....**
- **Droughts and future water supply.** We have water deficit areas and a growing population. Lebanon is the second fastest growing county in the State.
- **2021 Tree plantings led by Bethany Canner**
- **Artistic paint class of the Bordner Cabin.**
- **2021 was Jo Ellen Litz's last year as president of the Swatara Watershed Association.** She mentored and is succeeded by Bethany Canner, a Master Watershed Steward. Mike Adams is VP.
- **"Good ideas will stand the test of time."** Attempts that also yielded multiple educational outreach and news coverage include:
 - Seeking a **name change for the Swatara Creek to the Swatara River**
 - **2012 sought River of the Year designation**
 - **2013 Researched Unger strip/Union Canal lock parcel to add to Swatara Watershed Park**
 - **2019 Seek historic status for the Bordner Cabin /Millersville College Student Caroline Hamersky.**
 - **2019 Portage on left bank of Swatara Creek at Lebanon Water Authority low-head dam, a possible Eagle Scout Project.** Lebanon Water Authority Engineer Jonathan Beers is interested in partnering on such a project.