

Together we can...

CONNECT



Your support makes these strategic priorities possible

- **Connect** conserved lands and water resources.
- Inspire exploration and love of place by **connecting** people to the outdoors.
- Build a **connected** network of diverse people working together for permanent land and conservation of water resources.

Season 8 (2024) Highlights

- In 2024, **951** (from January - October) adventures were led throughout **68** guided outings at **20** different nearby natural destinations
- New program features added to promote equity and inclusion in the outdoors:
 - Free van transportation for select events
 - Wellness Wednesdays offer varied outdoor activities
 - Outdoor Leadership Cohort
 - Outdoor Gear Library

Centred Outdoors since 2017

- **7,000+** guided adventures led
- **266** events held
- **48** destinations visited
- Many thousands reached digitally!

Rothrock Trail Alliance

- Fundraised and contracted for **7.3** miles of trail at Musser Gap, anticipating construction to begin by the end of the year.



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PROTECT



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- **Protect** priority lands for healthy water, soil, woods, and wildlife as an effective, economical, and long-lasting tool to ensure our region's resilience.

Land Conservation in 2023

- ClearWater's Land Trust Accreditation is **renewed through 2028** by the Land Trust Alliance Commission.
- Conserved the **10 acre site** at Colerain Forges Mansion in Huntingdon County, including 800 feet of Warriors Mark Run.
- The Snyder Family donated a **35-acre** conservation easement on Nittany Mountain in the Roaring Run Biological Diversity Area.
- Staff monitored **4,723 acres**, including **25 conservation easements** held by ClearWater and **11 additional conservation easements** monitored through a partnership with the Centre County Farmland Trust.

So far in 2024

- Acquired a **1.7 acre** meadow along Spring Creek from the Rockenbeck family that adds to the site for ClearWater's Community Conservation Center.
- Partnered with Natural Lands to prepare a Baseline Report on a **667-acre** conservation easement in Northern Huntingdon County.

Since 1980...

- **3,658** acres conserved with conservation easements
- **2,218** acres acquired then conveyed
- **5,407** acres facilitated conservation efforts for
- **55** acres owned
- **11,338 total** acres conserved or protected



Sound Finances
Ethical Conduct
Responsible Governance
Lasting Stewardship

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RESTORE

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- **Restore** and protect the health of high priority water resources, streamside forests, and habitats for people and wildlife.



Stream restoration work & more! 2024

- **1,462** native trees and shrubs planted since October 2023.
- **600** live stakes planted.
- Since the spring, **24** Streamside Stewards have collectively spent **105 hours** volunteering.

Riparian Conservation Program since 2004

- **237** acres of streamside forest restored and stewarded
- **26.5** miles of local stream improved
- More than **40,000** native trees and shrubs currently improving waterways throughout central Pennsylvania and downstream



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STEWARD

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- Provide opportunities for everyone to become a **steward** of their local environment through active engagement, leading to a better understanding of how the health of our region's natural resources impacts all of us.



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Stewards care for the local environment in lots of ways

- **Watershed Cleanup Day 2024**
 - **6,320** pounds of trash cleared
 - **550** volunteers
 - **57** sites
 - Since 1997, volunteers have prevented more than **6 million pounds** of trash from entering our local waterways
- **Golf-Fest 2024**
 - Raised over **\$117,000**
 - Made possible by more than **43** volunteers
- **Art & Chocolate 2024**
 - More than **20+** volunteers
 - **35** local artists featured in exhibit & auction
 - Raised over **\$31,000**
- **Centre County PA Senior Environmental Corps**
 - **30** streams monitored
 - **52** sampling sites
 - More than **60** volunteers
 - As of September 2024:
 - **1,650** hours volunteered
 - **7,700** miles driven





CAMPAIGN TO CONNECT

Summer & Fall 2024

Be a part of ClearWater's bold initiative to transform conservation efforts in our community. Our \$10M campaign aims to connect and protect priority landscapes and streams while enhancing everyone's appreciation and understanding of the natural world.

The campaign is designed to expand our capacity and enhance our impact by:

Creating a New Expanded Home

A dedicated space to support our mission of land protection, habitat restoration, and conservation education.

Showcasing Conservation Work

Located in the Spring Creek Watershed, this facility will serve Centre County and the surrounding regions, inviting everyone to experience and contribute to local conservation efforts.

Strengthening Our Endowment

Building a robust financial foundation to sustain ClearWater's mission for the next 40 years & beyond.

Your support will connect today's efforts with tomorrow's vision, enabling us to serve the community better and protect our natural world.

Together, we can achieve lasting change and foster a sustainable future.



Our Vision

The ClearWater Compass is the organization's long-term and science-based strategic vision to connect, protect, restore, and steward the region's natural resources.

At the center of the Compass is you, a committed community of individuals working together to ensure the natural beauty, vitality, and resilience of Centre and surrounding counties forever.

**Connect, Protect,
Restore, Steward**





ClearWater's Community Conservation Center

We are rebuilding the barn at 1601 Houserville Road on Spring Creek to:

- Collaborate with community partners
- Demonstrate best practices for ecological land use
- Deliver on-the-ground conservation with expanded workshop space & storage
- Offer larger office space to accommodate our growing staff

The Community Conservation Center will:

- Provide a Community Meeting Room (capacity of 44)
- Feature 2700 square feet of Workshop Space
- Provide a Locker Room and Shower
- Use solar power to meet nearly all electric demand
- Employ a geothermal system for HVAC
- Showcase streamside buffer & native garden plantings
- Provide an ADA accessible path to Spring Creek

Since 1980, ClearWater Conservancy has adapted to growing needs in local conservation. We have protected more than 11,000 acres and improved more than 27 miles of streams.

Help us accelerate the scope and pace of our work to nurture a resilient region and planet now and forever.

Your contributions will help build endowments to:

- Perform habitat work on protected lands with rare plants and animals
- Revisit and manage 5- to 15-year-old streamside buffers, addressing invasives and replanting trees
- Foster long-term relationships with landowners beyond Centre County
- Represent conservation values in local and regional planning processes

See more at clearwaterconservancy.org/letsgrow

