

In 2021 the Harry Enstrom Chapter continued its work on conservation & outdoor recreation based issues. These included activities focused on stream water quality, wildlife habitat support, youth education, and community based projects. Both as a group, and as individual members, these activities included :

1. Planted about 120 tree seedlings as part of a 'wildlife hedgerow' in State Game Land in Greene Co.
2. Supported Envirothon students in Greene & Fayette CO's preparing for competition.
3. Offered Wildlife Leadership Academy scholarships, & family memberships, to successful applicants.
4. Established a fund to award 2 scholarships, annually, for students who are enrolled in a post secondary environmental studies program.
5. Taught classes in science/environment/nature at a childrens summer day camp in Washington, PA. This included sessions on stream water quality, abandoned mine drainages, & climate change. The last session covered the life cycle of Monarch butterflies followed by a milkweed planting in a community garden.
6. Donated perennial flowering plants for a hiking trail in Greene Co & stream side plantings in Washington Co.
7. Monitoring on Pigeon Creek in Washington Co was expanded to include sampling & characterizing 'all' abandoned mine drainages into the lower reach of stream.
8. Organized a community stakeholders group to support a Spring 2022 "Growing Greener Grant" filing for maintenance/upgrade of a passive remediation installation on one of the abandoned mine drainages on Pigeon Creek in the Monongahela/Carroll Twp area. Next meeting off this group scheduled to take place in early 2022.
9. With the Washington Co Fish & Boat Officer, members surveyed & identified issues of severe bank erosion & stream bed siltation in "Delayed Trout Harvest" section of Pike Run in the California area in Washington Co. Follow up identified group based at Cal U potentially interested in co-op on stream remediation projects in Greene & Washington Co's. Plan early 2022 follow up meeting.
10. Members taking part in development planning discussions of Wisecarver Lake Co Park in Greene Co. Anticipate field work role in 2022.
11. Assisted a Greene Co group in organizing/promoting an "Ernst Conservation" mini-conference in "habitat restoration". Specifically re' pollinator meadow plantings along pipeline rights of way.
12. Developed a plan & secured Greene Co Commissioner approval for tree & perennial plantings in Veterans Memorial Park/Waynesburg in memory of the Harry Enstrom Chapter's founder on the 80th anniversary of it's founding. The tree planting is planned for prior to Memorial Day 2022. A stream side perennial flower pollinator planting to follow up.

In addition to the above, we're currently planning, for 2022, a trout stocking in South Fork 10 Mile Creek prior to Opening Day Trout Season ; a late Spring bank clean up on Lake Wilma in S Greene Co ; a late Summer bank clean up on SF 10 Mile Creek. If you'd like to take part in any of the above, please become a member & join our work. If you have a favorite stream, lake or outdoor activity please come join us to help direct our community outdoor activities. Thank you.

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