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General News

Pennsylvania Audubon Offers Listing of Native Plant Sales



The Pennsylvania Audubon Society has compiled an online list of native plants sales throughout the state. By planting native plants, homeowners can improve wildlife habitat as well as save water and resources. To learn more about the benefits of native plants, contact your local Audubon chapter or the Pennsylvania Native Plant Society.

For more information: [Pennsylvania Audubon Website](#)

WRCP's 'Keystone WildNotes!' Goes Digital



To better serve its readers with more in-depth stories and to take advantage of the interactive capabilities of the internet, the Wild Resource Conservation Program will no longer be printing "Keystone WILD!Notes." Pennsylvania's only non-game and wild plant news magazine will only be available online. Current subscribers, and anyone interested in subscribing to the quarterly newsletter, can sign up online.

For more information: [WRCP'S Keystone WILD!Notes](#)

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Rachel Carson Building Earns Energy Star Rating



The Rachel Carson Building has become the first state-owned building in Pennsylvania to earn the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star rating. The energy performance of the building rates in the top 25 percent of facilities nationwide. By making energy-saving improvements to the building, the Department of Government Services estimates it will save taxpayers approximately \$8.6 million in utility and operational savings during the next 15 years.

For more information: [PA, Dept of General Services – 3/26/09](#)

PA Applying for Susquehanna River Project Stimulus Funds



The commonwealth is applying to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for stimulus funds to build fish passages on the Susquehanna River and remove several dams from connecting tributaries. The projects will improve fish habitat, provide jobs and create additional recreational opportunities by restoring fish to 471 miles of waterway. The Susquehanna River is the largest river on the east coast and once held the largest and most valuable American shad runs.

For more information: [PA Environmental Digest Article – 4/10/09](#)

EPA Releases New Watershed Management Website



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has created a new "Watershed Central" website to help watershed stakeholders improve their watershed management techniques. The new site provides users with environmental data, watershed models and links to watershed technical resources, funding and watershed mapping applications. A new Watershed Wiki is provided to help users collaborate on information by sharing tools, scientific findings, expertise and local approaches to watershed management.

For more information: [EPA's Watershed Central Website](#)

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General News Events

Many more events are taking place this month that may be of interest to you. Here are just a few:

[Urban EcoSteward Training Series, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy – May 9 \(Pittsburgh\)](#)

[Bike and Learn, Moraine State Park – May 25 \(Portersville\)](#)

[Doing Nothing Doesn't Do Anything!, Friends of Wissahickon – May 27 \(Philadelphia\)](#)

Check out these and other events on [PCEE's Events Calendar](#).