

# Watershed News

A publication of the Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation

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Dear Normanoch Friends and Neighbors,

The GCLWCF has been working hard to protect our lakes and waterways since you received our last newsletter in the spring. We look forward to keeping you informed on a periodic basis about our projects and any pertinent environmental issues with *Watershed News*. We hope you enjoy this issue!

Paul Sutphen, *President*



## Land Acquisition and Preservation

The Foundation has expanded its watershed protection area to include the Northern Paulinskill sub-watershed that includes our beautiful lake and feeder streams that flow from it. The preservation of lands that contain waterways within this watershed are a top priority for us. We are currently pursuing the purchase of a 158 acre parcel that contains a feeder stream to Culver Brook and the Paulinskill, adjacent to Ridge Road.

We have applied for grant funding to help purchase this property, but the Foundation must fund its share of the acquisition costs involved with this project. This is a huge financial undertaking, and to be successful, ***we need to raise at least \$20,000 next year. Please help us reach this goal!***

## Environmental Protection Initiatives

The Foundation, in its brief history, has achieved a strong foothold in important environmental protection initiatives that help our lakes and streams. We have worked to develop programs providing area residents with opportunities to participate:

- In April we co-sponsored the **Earth Day Clean-Up** with the Township
- In May we dedicated the **Rain Garden** at the Normanoch Clubhouse
- In August, working with Rutgers University, we provided free **Instruction** and **Engineering Plans** for **Members' Rain Gardens** for their properties

We are also working with Rutgers University to provide a **Rain Garden Design** for our **Rights-of-Way**. The hope is to help limit the grits and chemicals that can flow into the lake during a rain event.

In parallel, we will be working with the Township to apply for **Grant Funding to Retrofit/Replace the Town's Storm Water Collection System**. This will help to reduce the impact to the lake, particularly where pipes discharge directly into the lake.



*Above: A group of Earth Day participants.  
Below: The flourishing Clubhouse Rain Garden.*



## Our environmental projects would not be possible without your support.

We at GCLWCF are excited about the Foundation's activities and impacts. We need more volunteers to help with projects. Contact us by phone or email to let us know how you would like to help.

**If you wish to continue to receive our newsletter**, please provide your email address via the link provided.

Your donations are so important to help us in moving forward with our mission to preserve and protect the precious waterways in the northern Paulinskill River Watershed.

Please consider sending a generous donation at this time. GCLWCF is a 501(c)(3) environmental charity. All donations are tax deductible.

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## We welcome new Members to our Board:

Danae Dotz, **John Fabian**, Rick Ferruggia, Terry McQuillin, **Scott Myer**, Judy Nylen, and Paul Sutphen



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