

# Watershed News

A publication of the Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation | Fall 2021

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

**GREAT NEWS!** The GCLWCF is excited to announce that it received its last leg of funding for the acquisition of the Culver Lake Golf Course. The William Penn Foundation has come through for us with a grant in the amount of \$160,000. Funding had already been awarded in the amount of \$250,000 from the State of New Jersey Green Acres fund, a \$50,000 donation from Frankford Township's Open Space fund, and a \$150,000 contribution from the Sussex County Open Space fund.



In addition, a stewardship grant from NJ DEP, procured by the Wallkill River Watershed Management Group, will allow for the reforestation of the golf course to include native trees and shrubbery and an area of pollinators. A trail system utilizing the existing cart path of the old golf course will be maintained for activities to include walking, running, mountain biking, nature walks, cross country skiing, snowshoeing and more. In addition, as a result of this property's preservation,

the tributary streams that run through the golf course will be protected from further contamination of pesticides and fertilizers as this water makes its way to Culver Brook and then the Paulins Kill River, a main tributary of the Delaware River.

Your past support is much appreciated, but we still need your help to get to the finish line.

We ask that you continue to show your support through a fully tax-deductible monetary contribution to GCLWCF to help offset the transaction costs associated with this open space acquisition, including survey and subdivision, an environmental assessment, a title policy, legal and consulting fees. **Our goal is to raise \$45,000 for the project. We ask that you please consider helping us close the gap with a contribution now.**

In endless gratitude, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy fall season.

**On a more personal note.** As I look at the GCLWCF's accomplishments over the past year or so I think first and foremost about our trustees and the many hours of work they have logged. They continue to volunteer their time weekly in order to improve environmental conditions within the watershed which will hopefully, achieve all of our goals, of pristine and healthy waters to enjoy.

We recently learned that our own trustee, Terry McQuillin, will be moving from Culver Lake to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Terry has been involved with Culver Lake's water quality committee for many years so it was a natural fit for her to become a trustee of the Foundation.

She composed our newsletters, organized Frankford Township cleanup day and a rain garden seminar, sent thank you notes out to our donors and much more, even spending her own personal time weeding the rain garden at the Normanoch Clubhouse. It's people like Terry that make a difference and she will be sorely missed, both as a fellow trustee but mostly as a friend and community member.

I personally would like to wish Terry, Lee, and her family all the best and to thank her for her service to the GCLWCF.

Rick Ferruggia, President

It has been my great privilege to get to know and work with so many of you folks at Culver Lake who are so passionate about water quality. I have been inspired by you and have learned so much! I especially would like to acknowledge Paul Sutphen for his steadfast leadership in this area.

Lee and I will certainly miss beautiful Culver Lake and all the friends we have made here.

We are moving to a very small lake in Massachusetts where I hope to put my knowledge to good use as a member of their Water Quality team.

Fondly, Terry

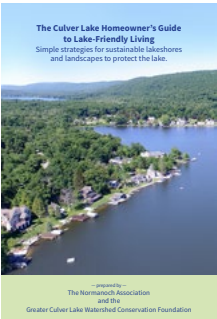
## PROJECT UPDATES

### GCLWCF Storm Water Initiatives.

- Following a decentralized storm water strategy, the Foundation had 50 insert protection devices retrofitted and installed in critical street basins around Culver Lake. Designed to capture and retain suspended solids, this strategy helps prevent phosphorus laden sediment from entering the water and fostering harmful algae blooms (HABs).
- Meeting with engineers and scientific experts to explore different strategies to help mitigate soluble phosphorus from flowing unabated into the lake at critical right of ways (ROWS). This includes the potential use of different phosphorus absorbing media.
- Installation of the Hill Street right of way (ROW) alum drip system. As rainfall flows from the street drains it is treated with drops of alum on its way to the lake. Alum binds the soluble phosphorus, thereby eliminating its capacity to feed the algae that cause HAB blooms. The Foundation is also exploring other potential alum drip locations.



Frankford Township DEP employees installing insert protection bags supplied by the GCLWCF.



**Best Lakefront Practices Booklet.** The long awaited booklet, a collaboration between the Normanoch Water Quality Committee and the GCLWCF, has been printed. A limited number of printed copies are available at the clubhouse and it is also posted on line on both websites. Additionally there is a one page synopsis version available on line in pdf format.

**New Website.** The Foundation, with the help of a grant, is creating a new website aimed at providing all visitors with current information on our projects and opportunities for volunteer involvement, **WE NEED YOU!** We especially need folks willing to work

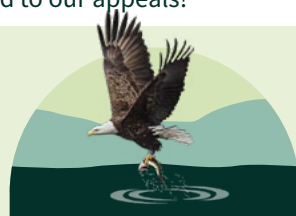
on fundraising goals as well as keeping this new website fresh and updated. Contact any Board member to volunteer, whether it's a little or a lot. Share your talents and follow our activities soon on the new website.

The website will let you know how we are putting your monetary contributions to work within our watershed community as well. Without our contributors, none of the foundation's work would be possible, so please respond to our appeals!

### How can you help the Watershed?

- Plant a Rain Garden.
- Reduce Impermeable Surfaces in your yard.
- Maintain your Septic Tank.

**Send a Generous Gift to the Foundation NOW** to help us preserve and protect the precious waterways and lakes in the northern Paulinskill River Watershed that we love so much. GCLWCF is a 501(c)(3) environmental charity. **All donations are tax deductible.**



Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation

Email: [info@gclwcf.org](mailto:info@gclwcf.org) • Web: [www.gclwcf.org](http://www.gclwcf.org)  
Mail: PO Box 967 • Branchville, NJ 07826  
Phone: 973-250-8122

**DONATE NOW**

**Visit the Website**

Protecting the Lakes and Tributaries of the Upper Northern Paulinskill Watershed