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Preserved Farm Tour

Executive Director, David Hunter along with Assistant Director, Ashley Showers and Design Planner, Rick Royer had the opportunity to join Deputy Director, Kim Fies from the Department of Agriculture on her annual easement monitoring visits. The County has preserved 828 farms that supply crops of feed corn, fruits and vegetables as well as livestock and poultry to the region and abroad. These monitoring visits support the preservation program by connecting with the farm owners and engaging with them to understand their farming operations. The visits provided great insight into the diversified agricultural economy we have in the County. The information captured in the discussions will be incorporated into the County's Ag Study currently underway as well as the 2025 kickoff of the County's Comprehensive Plan update.



County Plans In Action

County Commissioner, Dante Santoni and Assistant Director, Ashley Showers had the privilege of attending the ribbon cutting for Davey's Splash Pad at the Womelsdorf Borough Community Pool on Thursday July 12th. The splash pad project was awarded \$25,000 through the Imagine Berks Strategic Economic Development Action Plan Placemaking Funds to implement projects that captured the goals and themes of the County Greenway, Park and Recreation Plan.

To learn more about the implementation of Imagine Berks you may visit imagineberks.org

You can learn more about the Greenway Plan here: bit.ly/GreenwayRecreation





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Organic Field Day

Friday, July 19th 2024

8:30am - 4pm EDT

Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Every year, more than four hundred farmers, gardeners, and discerning consumers from across the country converge at Rodale Institute's main campus Organic Field Day. Will you be counted in the crowd this year?

Visit 15+ educational stations across our farm detailing our research trials and demonstrating the latest techniques in regenerative organic farming. Explore our living laboratory by walking or enjoying a leisurely wagon ride from site-to-site.

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Get Out and Play: July 20th The Schuylkill River Trail in Berks County

Join Tim Fenchel on July 20th to hear about the significance that the Schuylkill River Trail plays in our region. Visitors will learn about the history of the Schuylkill River Greenways and their programs and projects. The mission of the Schuylkill River Greenways National Heritage Area is to connect residents, visitors and communities to the Schuylkill River and the Schuylkill River Trail by serving as a catalyst for civic engagement and economic development in order to foster stewardship of the watershed and its heritage. Our organization serves as both a National and State Heritage Area and we work up and down the river corridor, in five counties, to connect people and communities to the river, help people tell the story of our region, and celebrate the diverse history and heritage of our region.

Program begins at the White Horse Inn unless otherwise noted.
Suggested donation \$2/person. All proceeds benefit the Trust.



Riverzilla 2024!!

Saturday, August 17th 2024

407 Riverfront Drive in Reading, PA

9am-11am: Park clean up

11am-3pm: kayaking, biking, food, and other fun outdoor activities!

If you have any questions or would like to participate in this year's Riverzilla please contact Joy Falotico at atfellow@schuylkillriver.org or Bethany Ayers-Fisher at Bethany.Ayers-Fisher@readingpa.gov

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PennState Extension

Solar Law Symposium

Tuesday, August 20th 2024

Calling all attorneys and energy professionals! Get ready for the fourth annual Penn State Solar Law Symposium, held virtually. Co-sponsored by Penn State Extension, Penn State's Center for Energy Law and Policy, and the Penn State Center for Agricultural and Shale Law, this event is tailored for those with beginning and intermediate levels of solar law knowledge. Join us for an insightful exploration of gridscale solar development, advancements in merchant-generator photovoltaic electricity production, and groundbreaking Penn State research on the rural impact of solar development. Plus, earn four hours of substantive Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credits. Don't miss out—reserve your spot today!

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