

Report from the President

August 2012

In my final month as President of the Twin and Walker Creeks Watershed Conservancy, I want to thank our members and the residents of the watershed for their continued support. The contributions from our membership sustain our efforts and the growing number of our contributors speaks to a common concern for the protection of our waters.

I also want to thank our board members for their assistance in making my job easier and for their unwavering dedication to our mission to preserve and protect our cherished watershed. Our board is engaged with other organizations dedicated to conservation and preservation, including the Pike County Conservation District and Common Waters, and our involvement with these groups keeps us abreast of important matters, events and happenings at local, county and state levels to strengthen our efforts and our cause.

This past year has been a typically busy one. We continue to diligently test the water quality in our lakes and streams, and I'm happy to report that our watershed is of good quality. We continue to participate annually in Environmental Education Day at the Shohola Elementary School and sponsor or contribute our energies to a variety of programs and workshops. On August 8th we'll be collaborating with the Pike County Conservation District to present "Water Wonders of Pike County" at the PPL Environmental Learning Center at 6:30 PM. Biologist Ken Ersbak will explain the standards that establish a stream's water quality designation and some of the immediate as well as long-term threats to our watersheds.

Our annual meeting open to the public is Saturday, September 29th, 9:30 AM at the Walker Lake clubhouse. Special guest speaker will be Pike County Commissioner Richard Caridi who will bring us up to date and answer questions on existing and proposed gas pipelines in our area.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to present Chet Dawson, who will be assuming the role of President in September. Chet and his wife Pat have been coming to Shohola for 40 years and purchased Pat's parents house for weekend getaways 15 years ago. They have a great passion for protecting our watershed. Best wishes to Chet for an eventful and fulfilling term. Once again, many thanks for your continued support. If you haven't already, please consider becoming a member, and here's wishing you and yours a clean, healthy watershed in which to live, work and play.

Sincerely, Shirley Masuo