

Gathering water from the Tuscarora foot hills and surrounding farmland, Johnston Run creates the border between Peters and Montgomery. It flows past the ball park and the VFW, through Mercersburg Borough and on to the West Conococheague, that joins the Potomac River at Williamsport, Maryland and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay at Point Lookout.



Map of Johnston Run Watershed

Johnston Run Revitalization A Community Affair

- *Report Card* on the health of Johnston Run and its watershed
- Public workshops engaging community members in revitalization activities
- Recommendations for watershed restoration and environmental protection
- Concept design for a stream-side trail
- *Action Strategy* to guide revitalization efforts
- Programs and interpretive facilities to better understand our natural assets
- Water quality and stream flow monitoring programs
- *Financial Strategy* to support and sustain Johnston Run revitalization.



MPMC Core Values:

Healthy Communities—Family Activities—
Pedestrian & Cyclist Friendly Borough &
Townships— Connectivity of People—
Contribution to Community

MPMC Goal:

To build community vibrancy and enhance public spaces by connecting people and places with safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists.

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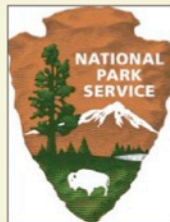
Inspiring our Community to Live Well

Our Mission

The Mercersburg Area Council for Wellness (MACWell) is a non-profit organization which was founded to create and support a groundswell of personal and community commitment to making the Mercersburg area a place that inspires its population to live well.

www.mac4wellness.org

Thank You to Our Partners in this Initiative:



JOHNSTON RUN REVITALIZATION

AN MPMC INITIATIVE



JOHNSTON RUN

REVITALIZATION COUNCIL

This council is working in collaboration with MACWell and local municipalities to restore Johnston Run as a “living waterway”, inspiring our local communities to be stewards of our natural habitats and becoming a model for other communities.



Erosion can be seen along various parts of the waterway.



The Tannery contributed to Johnston Run pollution until the 1980's. The area has been in remediation since then.



Imagine new walkways along clean waterways!



Johnston Run Waterway Revitalization

By participating in this initiative to restore Johnston Run as a living waterway, our community will achieve the following objectives:

- Identify ecologically sound approaches to effectively manage storm water runoff and periodic flooding
- Develop a conceptual plan for riparian wetlands and a stream-side trail
- Establish community programs for environmental education and stewardship
- Improve and sustain water quality and healthy aquatic habitat, and
- Improve the health and vitality of the Chesapeake Bay

A *watershed management plan* will be completed for Johnston Run by KCI Technologies, Inc., a consulting firm experienced in water resources and land management. This will involve assessing the health and function of the stream, the adjoining flood plain, and surrounding lands. KCI will record water pollution and degraded environmental conditions during the winter and spring of 2013.

Based on assessment findings, a watershed management plan will be prepared recommending specific *restoration actions* such as stream bank stabilization and re-vegetation, and *management activities* to sustain stream flows and water quality. From the management plan, an *action strategy* to implement the plan's recommendations will be developed through collaborative public

workshops involving residents, resource experts, and community leaders.

In conjunction with the watershed planning, KCI planners and landscape architects will identify an environmentally-sensitive route for a trail along the run and prepare a conceptual plan for its development. When completed, the trail will provide opportunities for healthy recreation, environmental education, and tourism. *Perhaps most importantly, the trail will help reconnect us with one another and with the natural beauty that surrounds us.*

Community Investment

A critical component of Johnston Run Revitalization is actively engaging and involving borough and township residents, visitors, and community leaders. The revitalization as envisioned will succeed only through the investment of our whole community working side by side committed to a vibrant, healthy Tuscarora Area.

**Learn more about Johnston Run
Revitalization and the vital role you can play:**

Please attend the first Public Workshop
Thursday, February 7, 2013
7:00 to 8:30 pm
Clarence Armstrong VFW Post
20 Veterans Way
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

