



July 5, 2022

Greetings from the Executive Board of Friends of Toms Creek,

It has been quite some time since we have sent an update on our Friends of Toms Creek activities. Covid has kept us somewhat silent but our important work has consistently continued. We would like to take this time to share with you some of the activities that we have been doing and plan to do in the year to come.

1- **Exceptional Value Petition:** Our petition to designate Toms Creek as an “Exceptional Value” stream was accepted for study by the Environment Quality Board (EQB) on July 21, 2020. Testing of Toms Creek was done at various locations by PA DCNR, and we are awaiting a final decision by the EQB. This designation would ensure that our creek receives the highest protections by PA agencies from degradation.

2- **Hikes:** We sponsored a Friends Hike on October 3, 2021, a Sierra Club Hike on October 21, 2021, and jointly sponsored a hike with Healthy Adams County Physical Fitness Task Force on March 27, 2022. Look for more hikes in the near future! **OUR ANNUAL JOINT HIKE WITH SIERRA CLUB WILL BE SEPTEMBER 18, 2022,** and Friends of Monterey Battlefield Park will be a joint host. So, please mark your calendar!

3- **Toms Creek Greenway:** FOTC, with the technical assistance of the National Park Service- Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program, has been working on a new project to design a greenway which fleshes out the details of the Adams County Greenway Plan (2010). This project, now in the planning phase, has its own dedicated web site, [https:// www.tomscreekgreenway.org/](https://www.tomscreekgreenway.org/). Please take a look and see what is happening in this exciting multi-jurisdictional, historical, hiking/biking greenway possibility.

4- **Community Outreach:** As in the past, we will participate in Pippinfest and local events, like the upcoming Appalachian Trail festivities to be held at Red Run Park. We are also leading the outreach plan to advance goals of the Toms Creek Greenway Committee.

Moving forward, we need 1- **VOLUNTEERS** to help in every aspect of our work. From manning booths, to promotional, planning, and fund raising, we on the board cannot do this alone. For more information on how you can volunteer, please click here <http://www.friendsoftoms creek.org/contact.html>, and 2- **DONATIONS**.

Many of the grants for which we have applied are matching grants. This means that we need to match, dollar for dollar, the monies received from the grant. Friends of Toms Creek is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization so your contributions may be tax deductible. **It's easy! Click here <http://www.friendsoftoms creek.org/donate.html>.**

Finally, please participate in the community survey. Click here <https://www.toms creek greenway.org> , then hit the “GO” button

Friends of Toms Creek is alive and well. We hope to see many of you in person for our future events and will keep you posted on our ongoing activities for your health and the conservation of our natural resources.

Come on out and “Speak for the Creek!”

Sincerely,

Jeff Dull, President, Friends of Toms Creek

Our mission is to preserve and protect Toms Creek, a High Quality stream with exceptional values, and the natural, historic, and scenic values of its surrounding territory.



