

# April is “Celebrate Trees Month”!



Have you ever stopped to consider the benefits of the trees that surround us in West Pikeland? Most people know they produce oxygen, but did you know trees are a renewable resource that help prevent soil erosion, provide habitat and food for wildlife, improve air quality, and absorb carbon to help fight global warming? And on top of all those contributions, they're beautiful, too.

The West Pikeland Land Trust thinks trees should be recognized for the value they add to our community— so we've declared April “Celebrate Trees Month!”



photo courtesy Kevin O'Rourke

View of Pickering Creek from the Pickering Creek “Bridge to Bridge” Trail.



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View of Pickering Creek

## “Celebrate Trees” Activities in April

### **WPLT Community Tree-Planting** **Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm** **Corner of Route 113 and Pikeland Road**

Help plant trees at a fun and educational event that includes a scavenger hunt with prizes for kids ages 2 to 10. Darin Groff, Binky Lee Preserve Manager, will be on hand to answer questions about identifying, planting and tending trees. Free refreshments!

- Help plant 5 new large trees on the West Pikeland Township-owned land near the entrance to the Pickering Creek Bridge-to-Bridge Trail.
- Plant 30 saplings along the Pickering Creek to stabilize the stream bank and prevent erosion.

*This project is the result of a partnership between West Pikeland Land Trust and West Pikeland Parks and Recreation Committee. Special thanks to Darin Groff, Natural Lands Trust..*

### **Montgomery School Tree-Planting** **Monday, April 26, 11:45 am to 2:45 pm** **Pickering Grove Park (site of Miss Betty's Camp)**

Help Montgomery School students and volunteers plant 150 trees and shrubs to restore a riparian buffer at the site. The plantings will help keep the habitat healthy by reducing erosion, absorbing excess water, stabilizing soils, and creating food and cover for wildlife. For more information on this event, visit [www.montgomeryschool.org](http://www.montgomeryschool.org).

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### **April Tree-Tender Classes** **From Pennsylvania** **Horticultural Society**

- Montgomery County—  
Oak Lane Day School  
April 1, 8, 15, 6-9 pm
- Delaware County—  
Llanerch Presbyterian  
April 13, 20, 27, 6-9 pm

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## Help Us Celebrate Trees!

- Join the West Pikeland Land Trust for fun and educational **tree-planting** along the Pickering Creek.
- Learn about the importance of trees to water quality
- Walk the **newly improved Bridge-to-Bridge Trail**, made possible by a grant from the PA Department of Environmental Protection to WPLT.

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Pikeland Road

### Great Family Fun!

Scavenger hunt with fun prizes for kids 2-10

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