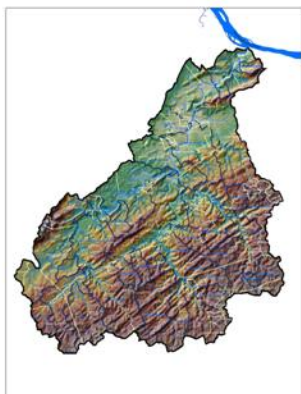




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## *Project Coordinator: Your Resource in the Codorus*

Extensive studies of the Codorus Watershed have resulted in quantitative results that can now be put into action to help improve the overall health and welfare of the Watershed. With this in mind, the Codorus Watershed Endowment of York County Community Foundation will help various groups implement their projects and will also remain a resource for watershed stakeholders.

This new focus for 2008 has led to the hiring of Jake Romig, president of Ecostruction, LLC., as the Project Coordinator and the Endowment's primary

consultant. Former Coordinator Genevieve Ray will continue to provide support to the project on a limited basis compatible with her new role as a York City Council member.

The Endowment is expanding its consultant support to offer technical assistance, grant application preparation and administration, request for proposal assistance, stakeholder involvement, and coordination of local priority setting throughout the watershed. The Endowment will continue to offer grants for watershed projects.

If you would like more

information on the Codorus Watershed Project, please contact Jake Romig at 717-818-4717 or [codorus@yccf.org](mailto:codorus@yccf.org).

Founded in 1961, York County Community Foundation is committed to preserving and enriching the quality of life in York County. Through leadership in advancing, encouraging, and celebrating philanthropy for the public good, we strengthen our community, now and for generations to come. York County Community Foundation granted nearly \$5 million in 2007 and currently has community assets of nearly \$70 million.

**Special points of interest:**

- Keep cows and live-stock out of streams.
- Maintain a riparian buffer.
- Preserve and conserve farmland and open space.
- Call 818-4717 for assistance.

## *The Scoop On Ag BMPs*

BMP stands for Best Management Practices. BMPs are structural and non-structural agricultural practices and/or activities that can and should be used to reduce pollution of the Codorus Watershed and particularly our water resources.

Agriculture plays a major role in the economy of the Codorus Creek Watershed. Pollutants,

especially sediment, from the Watershed's farmland can have a major impact on water quality.

It is important that farms throughout the watershed incorporate BMPs into their operation. Some common ag related BMPs include: livestock fencing, stream cattle crossings, nutrient management plans, and riparian buffers.

For more information about Ag BMPs and which ones might be right for your property, contact your Codorus Watershed Project Coordinator at [codorus@yccf.org](mailto:codorus@yccf.org).



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The Codorus Watershed Endowment Fund at York County Community Foundation was created with a \$2 million payment from Glatfelter as part of a consent decree settling litigation. A nine-person advisory committee was established and charged with developing a strategic action plan that compliments other watershed improvement programs underway.

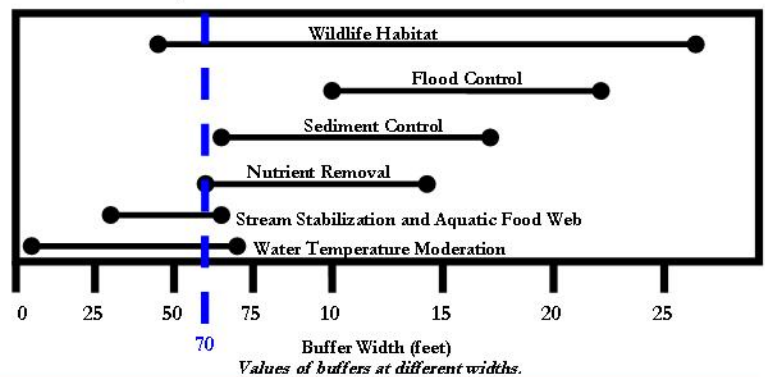
To assist the Endowment in meetings its mission, Ecostruction, LLC, and the firm's founder Jake Romig, are under contract as the Project Coordinator to provide limited services to stakeholders throughout the Codorus Watershed, including individual landowners. Contracting with a firm like Ecostruction, LLC, enables the Endowment to broaden its services and expand its list of stakeholders. To reach the Project Coordinator call 717-818-4717 or e-mail Jake at [codorus@yccf.org](mailto:codorus@yccf.org).

## Riparian Buffers Explained

The term riparian buffer refers to the linear land area adjacent to streams and waterways (wetlands can be included here too). Riparian buffers can come in all shapes and sizes, but in an undisturbed natural environment, these areas are often forested, extend the entire length of the stream or waterway, and are several hundred feet wide on either side of the stream.

People often ask why riparian buffers are important. The answer is simple: they protect our water resources. Buffers have many values depending on their width. Unfortunately, we didn't fully understand the values of buffers until we lost most of them. Too often are we destroying buffers to raise buildings or mow and farm to the edge of the creek.

Buffers control water temperature (which is critically important for most species of native fish), stabilize stream banks, remove nutrients, control sediment runoff, attenuate flooding, and provide critical wildlife habitat. For more information on buffers and what might be right for your property, call your Codorus Project Coordinator today at 717-818-4717.



## Preserving Today, For Tomorrow: Partners Come Together for a Series of Informative Meetings

It's not hard to notice the loss of open space and farmland throughout York County. Much of our valued farmland is being lost to development and urban/suburban sprawl. However, there are several organizations concerned about this issue and they have come together to talk to landowners about the value of farmland and open space preservation.

York County Community Foundation has provided support and funding to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) and the Farm and Natural Lands Trust (FNLT) of York County to hold a series of by-invitation meetings to

discuss this loss of farmland.

Elected officials are also invited to these meetings but will be invited to "special" regional meetings where only elected officials will be targeted.

The meetings are being held in almost every township throughout the watershed and York County to focus on farmland and open space preservation.

Invitees include landowners with 10 or more acres in one parcel in ownership in York County. Landowners will have an opportunity to hear about different programs and incentives for preserving their land for future

generations.

In addition to hearing about preservation of farmland and open space, attendees will also be provided with information about sound watershed management strategies they can implement on their land. The meetings are being held now through the winter of 2009.



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