

# Lecture on American Shad Given to Packed House at CRC's Science on Tap

CRC's Education and Outreach Committee organized another great Science on Tap February 20, 2020, held this year at WaR3House3 in Swarthmore to a packed house. The topic was the American Shad, which, like salmon, lives in the ocean but spawns in freshwater rivers and creeks. Jim Shanahan, a Director of Brandywine Shad 2020, presented the group's research and plans to remove many of the mill dams that began blocking the American Shad in the 1700s.

Brandywine Shad 2020 is a consortium of 12 local, regional and national conservation-minded organizations working together to enable the annual migration of anadromous fish including the American Shad on the Brandywine River. The group hopes to restore the river to its pre-colonial free-flowing state. The organization plans to remove or create a fish passage structure



for dams so that American Shad can be reintroduced to the Brandywine River all the way into Pennsylvania for the first time in 300 years. The project will open 35 miles of river, and talks have begun on modifying additional dams in Chester and Delaware counties. The popular event also featured a variety of donated beer from 2SP Brewery, and seafood snacks from Occasionally Yours.