

# Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Streams Cleanup

### Cancelled Due to Covid-19

With heavy disappointment, CRC cancelled the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Streams Cleanup for the first time in our history, due to the Covid-19 crisis. The event was to have taken place on April 4. Site coordinators, staff and the Board, along with hundreds of corporate and community volunteers, had looked forward to a morning spent at more than 30 sites in our watersheds. Getting soggy but satisfied, volunteers know that their efforts would remove tons of debris and trash from area streams within 92 square miles of the Chester, Ridley and Crum watersheds. (In 2019, more than 500 volunteers removed about 9.5 tons of trash from streams, creeks and adjacent woodlands.)

“This was both a hard – and easy – decision to make,” said CRC Executive Director Meghan Lockman. “The Streams Cleanup is a critical part of CRC’s mission, but health is our first priority. We simply could not host a large gathering of people for any purpose, legally or ethically. Our sincere hope is that we can make up the outcomes of this event with future efforts when the virus is under control.”

CRC is committed to continuing streams cleanups going forward. Moreover, we are grateful to all the volunteers who signed up for Streams Cleanup Day and the sponsors who stuck with us – and we hope we can count on you for future programs.

“We send huge thanks to the sponsors who made their commitments and stuck to them even though the event was cancelled,” said CRC President Ted Leisenring. “We are so lucky to count them as supporters and this was above and beyond what we expected.”

