

Spring Creek Watershed Commission

Forum on Understanding and Stewarding Water Quantity and Quality in the Spring Creek Watershed

Overview:

The Spring Creek Watershed Commission offered to convene a forum on understanding and stewarding water quantity and quality in the Spring Creek watershed. The purpose of this forum is to bring people together to identify issues and think about what the future might look like for the Spring Creek watershed. This initial forum will help set the stage for additional work in 2018 and beyond on a watershed plan for Spring Creek.

This will be a facilitated forum led by Professor Lara Fowler and her law students who are enrolled in an environmental mediation course at Penn State Law. They will be conducting a series of interviews before the forum; if you would like to talk with them, please contact Lara Fowler at bf10@psu.edu.

Date/Time/Location for Facilitated Forum (all welcome; forum free and open to the public):

- Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:30-8:45 PM (light refreshments will be served)
- Central Pennsylvania Institute of Science (CPI), 540 N Harrison Rd, Bellefonte, PA (parking is free)
- Please RSVP online at <https://pennstatelaw.psu.edu/form/spring-creek-watershed-forum-registration> to ensure we have enough seats, handouts, and food.

Draft Agenda (subject to change):

6:30 PM	Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance- Denny Hameister, Chair, Watershed Commission
6:40 PM	Purpose of forum, review breakout group process- Lara Fowler, Penn State Law
6:50 PM	Facilitated breakout groups- facilitated by Penn State Law students <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What issues or challenges do you see for the future of the Spring Creek watershed?2. What is your vision for Spring Creek watershed in 10-15 years?3. What steps might be needed to get from where we are now to where you would like the watershed to be in the future?4. What does watershed planning look like to you, and how do you or others want to be involved in the watershed?5. Other?
7:50 PM	Report back from breakout groups, discussion
8:30 PM	Discussion of next steps
8:45 PM	Wrap up

Opportunity to Participate Online Through Placespeak

In addition, we have created a way for people to participate in these questions through Placespeak. The vision of Placespeak is to “empower people to make a meaningful impact on the communities where they live, work, and play” by creating an online forum tied to people’s location that allows for online communication and discussions. For more about Placespeak, see <https://www.placespeak.com/about>.

Penn State has paid for a subscription to Placespeak to help provide a way for those wishing to engage online a place for additional dialogue; see <https://www.placespeak.com/en/topic/5684-spring-creek-watershed-study/>. Follow the instructions for creating a profile and logging into the discussion. Contact information and data gathered through this online process will be used only to invite you to further discussions and to inform the Watershed Commission’s future watershed planning process.