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2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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Leadership Letter

Dear BVA Members,

The BVA is your leader in local watershed conservation and education.

We are thinking big with plans for growth and collaboration with more partners to better serve our watershed community. Today, more than ever, BVA's culture is transforming to keep pace with our ever-changing world. Our goal to improve water quality in the Brandywine Watershed and enhance education programs has never been more important.

Our vision of clean and clear drinking water for all to enjoy will be achieved by addressing the environmental challenges that we currently face, while encouraging bright and curious students to explore and experiment to create solutions for tomorrow.

By bridging our current knowledge and skills with municipalities, county officials and decision makers through our Red Streams Blue program, BVA will shape future policies together to manage our water resources more effectively.

This report highlights some of the ways BVA is leading and redefining watershed conservation and environmental education as we move forward, building on our tradition of innovation. We invite you to read and see for yourself what a difference we are making together.

Frederick J. Smith
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Education Highlights



School Program Thank You Letter

Holly Merker was awarded the Environmental Instructor of the Year for her infectious passion for teaching students of all ages.

Barbara Norris, the Downingtown Educational Enrichment Program (DEEP) teacher at Uwchlan Hills Elementary, was selected as BVA's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Norris fostered deep environmental connections with her students through a specialized curriculum and long-term projects.

Family Nature Day was launched to get families outside, together.

School programs in the fall and spring continued to impress teachers and parents alike while students developed fond memories and new knowledge.



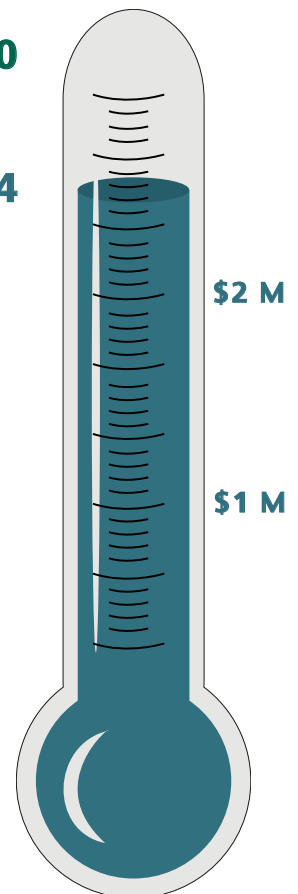
Story Teller Granny Goose visits summer camp

Summer Campers got wet and dirty every day!



Total Goal: \$3,192,300

Raised: \$2,669,764



Many Thanks to YOU!

With a total goal of \$3,192,300, the Make a Splash Campaign has successfully reached 84% of our ambitious goal. By December 2009, generous donors had contributed a total of \$2,669,764 in gifts and pledges towards the Make a Splash Campaign to protect water for future generations.

The new Resource Conservation Building was completed in June and showcases best practices in storm water management. It will create much needed space for our environmental education programs and lay a new foundation for future program development. Other campaign initiatives include:

- Developing and implementing new Watershed Protection/Improvement Programs including Red Streams Blue
- Expanding Environmental Education programs
- Raising our endowment to ensure that relevant existing and new programs can continue and to provide for increased maintenance on facilities



Watershed Conservation

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



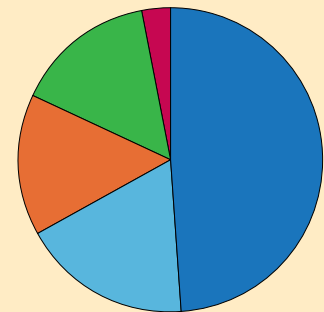
The Red Streams Blue Program moved ahead with new restoration plans and project implementation. Total support for program exceeded \$1 Million.

- Permits were issued for Plum Run and Upper Doe Run restoration projects.
- Completed design and permit application for Radley Run streambank restoration project.

- Assessment and Restoration Plans began for Shamona Creek/Upper East Branch and the Upper West Branch in Honey Brook Township.

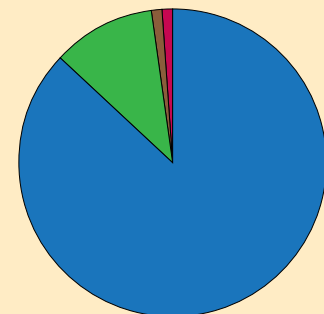
BVA also continued its Local Issues Series for municipal officials with meetings and a workshop on the environmental considerations of dam removal. Convening and hosting the Christina Basin Task Force also continued as well as the annual Brandywine Creek Cleanup and the coordination of 26 municipalities in the Municipal Separate Storms Sewer System (MS4) program.

TOTAL INCOME \$651,629



Programs	49%
Endowment	18%
Membership	15%
Red Clay Valley Association	15%
Misc.	3%

TOTAL EXPENSE \$653,811



Watershed Conservation & Education	87%
Office & Facilities	11%
Fundraising	1%
Misc.	1%

The Association accounts are audited by Whisman, Giordano and Associates. The audit report is available upon request.

The NEW Resource Conservation Building



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Over 1,000 people attended the 4th annual Jam on the Brandywine in support of the Brandywine Valley Association. Ten bands including The Spinto Band, Montana Wildaxe and The Cameltones jammed for the crowd to net over \$20,000 for our watershed organization. Starbucks Coffee volunteers provided beverages and snacks to support the day's fundraising efforts along with Chaddsford Winery and Victory Brewing Company.

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